



Smart Glasses & Eyewear Policy

1. Purpose

To protect the integrity of OEBC examinations by prohibiting eyewear that may enable recording, communication, display of information, or external assistance.

NOTE: Requirements in this policy apply to both the Written Exam and OSCE. Sections 3 and 4 state that the requirements in those sections apply only to remote-proctored examinations and OSCEs, respectively.

2. Prohibited Eyewear

The following are strictly prohibited during the examination:

Any eyewear that contains or supports electronic, digital, or communication functionality, including but not limited to:

- Built-in cameras
- Microphones or speakers
- Displays or projection systems
- Wireless connectivity (Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, cellular)
- Recording or streaming capabilities
- Touch controls, buttons, or sensors
- Charging ports or power indicators

This includes commercially available smart glasses, AR glasses, or modified eyewear with embedded electronics.

3. Remote Proctored Written Examination

3.1 Candidate Cooperation

Candidates must comply with all proctor instructions regarding eyewear inspection, including:

- Holding eyewear close to the camera
- Rotating eyewear to show all sides
- Removing eyewear upon request

3.2 Proctor Authority

Proctors are authorized to:

- Visually inspect eyewear via camera
- Request removal of eyewear if smart functionality cannot be ruled out
- Escalate concerns to a supervisor

Failure to comply may result in termination of the exam.

4. Objective Structured Clinical Evaluation (OSCE)

4.1 Candidate Cooperation

Candidates must comply with all exam staff instructions regarding eyewear inspection, including:

- Providing eyewear for a physical inspection
- Rotating eyewear to show all sides
- Removing eyewear upon request

4.2 Exam Staff Authority

Exam staff are authorized to:

- Visually inspect eyewear
- Request removal of eyewear if smart functionality cannot be ruled out
- Escalate concerns to a supervisor

Failure to comply will result in escalation to the Chief Examiner, who has the authority to terminate the attempt.

5. Determination Standard

Eyewear will be classified as smart glasses if any electronic component is visible or reasonably suspected, including:

- Camera lenses
- Indicator lights
- Control surfaces
- Charging interfaces
- Unusual frame bulk consistent with embedded electronics

Final determination rests with the supervising authority.

6. Consequences of Violation

The provincial regulatory authorities are OEBC Members. Confirmed misconduct is reported to Members, who all have a “good character” requirement as part of registration.

7. Prohibited Eyewear at Remote Proctored Written Examination

If prohibited eyewear is identified:

- The candidate must immediately remove the eyewear or,
- The exam may be paused, invalidated, or terminated
- The incident may be reported for further review under exam misconduct policies.

8. Prohibited Eyewear at In-Person Examinations (OSCE)

If prohibited eyewear is identified at on-site registration:

- The candidate must immediately remove the eyewear, which will remain with their personal belongings for the duration of the examination.

If prohibited eyewear is identified during the examination:

- The candidate must immediately remove the eyewear, continue the exam, and the exam staff will report the matter to the Chief Examiner.
- Upon completion of the exam, the Chief Examiner will determine if some or all stations are invalid.
- The Chief Examiner will report the incident to the CEO for further review, under exam misconduct policies.

9. Candidate Responsibility

Candidates are responsible for ensuring that any eyewear worn during the exam complies with this policy. Claims of medical, vision, or convenience needs do not override security restrictions. Candidates may seek exceptions under OEBC's Accommodations Policy.

10. No-Exception Clause

No smart or electronic eyewear is permitted, regardless of whether features are disabled, powered off, or claimed to be inactive, unless prior approval has been obtained under OEBC's Accommodations Policy.

11. Acknowledgment

By beginning the examination, candidates acknowledge and agree to comply with this eyewear policy.