

# Canadian Optometry Board Exams Information Summary

For students in an ACOE-accredited (Accreditation Council on Optometric Education) optometry program.

Please note: the information listed below can be found on the OEBC website; see the [website](#) for further information/clarification.

ENTRY-TO-PRACTICE EXAM (ETP)	
<b>Exam Fee</b>	See <a href="#">Exam Fees</a>
<b>Student Success Rate</b> (first-time writers)	The average pass rates of first-time writers (since 2017): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Written – 93%</b></li> <li>• <b>OSCE – 85%</b></li> </ul> Please see <a href="#">Exam Pass Rates</a> for more information
<b>Components</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Written Exam</b> — case-based examination assessing candidates’ clinical thinking &amp; decision-making with a heavy emphasis on assessment (31%), diagnosis &amp; planning (28%), patient management (29%)</li> <li>• <b>OSCE</b> — an objective structured clinical evaluation presenting 12 realistic clinical settings, involving a patient, where a candidate constructs the appropriate response; also integrated assessment of technical skills</li> </ul>
<b>Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Written Exam</b> – Candidates must be currently enrolled in their 3rd year (Spring administration only) or final year of their program.</li> <li>• <b>OSCE</b> – Candidates must be currently enrolled in their program’s final year.</li> </ul> <p>Candidates may challenge the Written Exam and/or the OSCE during the Fall or Spring administration. The OSCE and written exams are typically at least 3-4 weeks apart.</p>
<b>Written Exam Delivery</b>	<b>Written Exam</b> – online via remote proctoring, written anywhere (subject to privacy conditions)
<b>Clinical Assessment Locations</b>	<b>OSCE</b> – Montreal, Waterloo, or Hamilton (see <a href="#">Key Dates &amp; Deadlines</a> for more information; candidates are emailed the final exam location 4-6 weeks prior to the exam administration)
<b>Meets School Requirements re. Challenging/Passing Board Exam Components</b>	Yes
<b>Acceptable outcome measure to meet ACOE Standard I</b>	Yes
<b>Languages</b>	English and French
<b>Registration Opens</b>	Opens in late June for the Fall administration (October-OSCE and November-Written Exam). Opens in early January for the Spring administration (March - Written Exam; April/May - OSCE)
<b>Online Registration</b>	Yes, through a custom portal

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<b>Candidate Accommodation</b>	Yes, see <a href="#">Accommodations Policy</a>
<b>Request for Policy Exception</b>	Yes, included in the <a href="#">Appeals Policy</a> . A candidate may proactively request an exception to any OEBC policy. If they are not satisfied with the CEO's decision, they may proceed to stage 2 of the Appeals Policy
<b>Results Issued</b>	Within six weeks of the exam administration
<b>Maximum attempts</b>	Four attempts per component
<b>Rescoring of exam</b>	Yes, see <a href="#">Requesting a Rescore</a>
<b>Appeal Policy to deal with any exam matter</b>	Yes, see <a href="#">Appeals Policy</a>
<b>Information regarding Exam Structure</b>	Yes, see the <a href="#">Blueprint</a> which also contains the Competency Model used for scoring elements
<b>Access to Patient Interaction Scoring Rubric</b>	Yes, see the <a href="#">OEBC OSCE Rubrics Guide</a>
<b>Candidate Guide</b>	Yes, the Candidate Guides for each exam component (found on the <a href="#">Preparing for the Exam</a> webpage)
<b>Candidate Orientation Information</b>	Yes, under <a href="#">Preparing for the Exam</a>
<b>Study Materials Provided</b>	the OEBC <a href="#">Study Guide</a> includes instructions on how to write OSCE cases for practice (this guide is also found on the <i>Preparing for the Exam</i> webpage)
<b>Fee-Based Study Materials</b>	No
<b>TMOD<sup>1</sup> score separate from the overall score</b>	Not currently, however, it can be provided if required by the regulatory authority.