



## Exam Pass Rates

The Optometry Examining Board of Canada publishes aggregate pass-rate information for the OEBC Written Examination and the Objective Structured Clinical Evaluation (OSCE). These reports provide candidates, educators, regulators, and other interested parties with a clear summary of candidate performance over time.

OEBC's examination cycle follows the academic year. Both exam components are offered in Fall and Spring administrations. The tables below summarize pass rates by attempt number, administration period, academic year, and time to pass both components of the OEBC entry-to-practice examination.

Pass rates should be interpreted together with the number of candidates included in each calculation. Smaller candidate groups can produce percentages that fluctuate more significantly from year to year or between administrations.

### How to Read These Tables

- N means the number of candidates included in the calculation.
- Pass rate means the percentage of candidates in the stated group who passed the applicable OEBC exam component or, where indicated, passed both components of the OEBC entry-to-practice examination.
- First-attempt writers are candidates taking the applicable exam component for the first time.
- All writers include candidates at all attempt numbers within the stated period.
- Early writers are candidates who challenged an exam component before graduation, where permitted under OEBC eligibility rules.
- Program Groups, graduates from ACOE-accredited programs in Canada (ACOE-CA), ACOE-accredited programs in the United States (ACOE-US), and other eye care professionals eligible to challenge the OEBC exam (ACOE-NO). The Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) is the only accrediting body for professional optometric degree (OD) programs in Canada and the United States.
- A dash, “–”, indicates that a rate is not reported for that cell. This may occur when there are no candidates in the category or when the number of candidates is too small to support meaningful public reporting.

## OEBC Exam Pass Rates by Attempt Number

Past Five Academic Years

This table shows aggregate pass rates by attempt number for the Written Examination and OSCE over the past five academic years. Results are grouped by the candidate's attempt number for the applicable exam component.

Academic Year	Written				OSCE			
	First-Time Writers	Pass Rate	All Writers	Pass Rate	First-Time Writers	Pass Rate	All Writers	Pass Rate
2025-2026	255	90.2%	271	89.7%	172	88.4%	194	87.1%
2024-2025	180	95.6%	195	94.9%	135	93.3%	154	90.9%
2023-2024	153	94.1%	167	92.2%	117	86.3%	137	85.4%
2022-2023	138	94.2%	147	93.9%	112	84.8%	130	83.1%
2021-2022	138	89.1%	152	88.2%	123	85.4%	163	79.8%

## OEBC Exam Pass Rates by Administration

Past Five Academic Years

This table summarizes pass rates by administration period over the past five academic years. Results are shown separately for Fall and Spring administrations and, where applicable, for early writers.

Administration	Written				OSCE			
	First-Time Writers	Pass Rate	All Writers	Pass Rate	First-Time Writers	Pass Rate	All Writers	Pass Rate
Spring 2026	<b>113</b>	<b>87.6%</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>86.7%</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>84.8%</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>85.7%</b>
Fall 2025	<b>142</b>	<b>92.3%</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>92.3%</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>89.2%</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>87.6%</b>
Spring 2025	73	97.3%	85	96.5%	56	94.6%	67	91.0%
Fall 2024	107	94.4%	110	93.6%	79	92.4%	87	90.8%
Spring 2024	58	93.1%	67	89.6%	72	91.7%	82	90.2%
Fall 2023	95	94.7%	100	94.0%	45	77.8%	55	78.2%
Spring 2023	58	93.1%	63	93.7%	88	88.6%	93	87.1%
Fall 2022	80	95.0%	84	94.0%	24	70.8%	37	73.0%
Spring 2022	9	66.7%	22	72.7%	100	90.0%	116	87.1%
Fall 2021	129	90.7%	130	90.8%	23	65.2%	47	61.7%

**OEBC First-Time Writer Pass Rates by Academic Year**

Academic Years 2021–2022 to 2025–2026

This table shows first-time writer pass rates for each academic year. First-time writer pass rates are reported separately for the Written Examination and OSCE.

Administration	Written				OSCE			
	Early Writers	Pass Rate	Other First-Time Writers	Pass Rate	Early Writers	Pass Rate	Other First-Time Writers	Pass Rate
Spring 2026	54	90.7%	59	84.7%	–	–	–	–
Fall 2025	–	-	–	–	129	89.9%	10	80.0%
Spring 2025	15	100.0%	58	96.6%	–	–	–	–
Fall 2024	–	-	–	–	69	94.2%	11	72.7%
Spring 2024	1	100.0%	58	91.4%	–	–	–	–
Fall 2023	–	-	–	–	34	82.4%	11	63.6%
Spring 2023	–	-	–	–	–	–	–	–
Fall 2022	–	-	–	–	11	72.7%	13	69.2%
Spring 2022	–	-	–	–	–	–	–	–
Fall 2021	–	-	–	–	15	60.0%	8	75.0%

## OEBC First-Time Writer Pass Rates by Program Group

Academic Years 2021–2022 to 2025–2026

This table shows first-time writer pass rates for the Written Examination and OSCE by program group for each academic year. For each exam component, the table reports both the number of first-time writers and the corresponding pass rate.

Program groups are included to provide additional context about candidate performance across broad educational pathways. Results should be interpreted alongside the number of candidates included in each calculation, as smaller groups may exhibit greater year-to-year variation than the overall candidate population.

The “All” row includes all first-time writers for the applicable academic year. The remaining rows show results by program group.

Academic Year	Program Group	First-Time Writers Written Exam	Written Exam Pass Rate	First-Time Writers OSCE	OSCE Pass Rate
2025-2026	All	255	90.2%	172	88.4%
2025-2026	ACOE_CA	147	93.9%	104	89.4%
2025-2026	ACOE_US	103	84.5%	60	85.0%
2025-2026	ACOE_NO	5	100.0%	8	100.0%
2024-2025	All	180	95.6%	135	93.3%
2024-2025	ACOE_CA	130	97.7%	99	96.0%
2024-2025	ACOE_US	39	87.2%	25	80.0%
2024-2025	ACOE_NO	11	100.0%	11	100.0%
2023-2024	All	153	94.1%	117	86.3%
2023-2024	ACOE_CA	122	95.9%	86	91.9%
2023-2024	ACOE_US	18	83.3%	19	57.9%
2023-2024	ACOE_NO	13	92.3%	12	91.7%
2022-2023	All	138	94.2%	112	84.8%
2022-2023	ACOE_CA	113	97.3%	86	94.2%
2022-2023	ACOE_US	18	77.8%	20	50.0%
2022-2023	ACOE_NO	7	85.7%	6	66.7%
2021-2022	All	138	89.1%	123	85.4%
2021-2022	ACOE_CA	114	92.1%	96	88.5%
2021-2022	ACOE_US	17	76.5%	19	78.9%
2021-2022	ACOE_NO	7	71.4%	8	62.5%

### Time to Pass Both Components of the OEBC Entry-to-Practice Examination

By Graduation Year

This table shows the percentage of candidates in each graduation year who passed both components of the OEBC entry-to-practice examination before graduation and within specified post-graduation time periods. This table is intended to show completion of the examination series over time, rather than performance on a single exam component.

Graduation Year	Before Graduation		Within 6 months		Within 12 months		Within 24 months	
	cohort	% Pass All	cohort	% Pass All	cohort	% Pass All	cohort	% Pass All
2026	156	95.5%	156	95.5%	156	95.5%	156	95.5%
2025	115	98.3%	117	99.1%	119	97.5%	119	97.5%
2024	109	89.0%	112	94.6%	121	87.6%	128	82.8%
2023	93	89.2%	99	92.9%	101	91.1%	102	90.2%
2022	108	89.8%	117	94.0%	118	93.2%	119	92.4%
2021	88	79.5%	108	88.0%	114	83.3%	118	80.5%
2020	96	87.5%	116	87.1%	116	87.1%	117	86.3%
2019	183	86.3%	189	89.4%	195	86.7%	196	86.2%
2018	80	85.0%	109	89.0%	112	86.6%	113	85.8%