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)	
Exam Fee	See Exam Fees
Student Success Rate (first-time writers)	The average pass rates of first-time writers (since 2017): • **Written – 93%** • **OSCE – 85%** Please see Exam Pass Rates for more information
Components	• **Written Exam** —case-based examination assessing candidates' clinical thinking & decision-making with a heavy emphasis on assessment (31%), diagnosis & planning (28%), patient management (29%) • **OSCE** — 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
Eligibility	• **Written Exam** – Candidates must be currently enrolled in their 3rd year (for the Spring administration only) or final year of their program. • **OSCE** – Candidates must be currently enrolled in their program's final year. Candidates may challenge the Written Exam and/or the OSCE during the Fall or Spring administration (the two components do not have to be taken at the same administration). The OSCE and written exams are typically at least 3-4 weeks apart.
Written Exam Delivery	**Written Exam** – online via remote proctoring, written anywhere (subject to privacy conditions)
Clinical Assessment Locations	**OSCE** – Montreal, Waterloo, or Hamilton (see Key Dates & Deadlines for more information; candidates are emailed the final exam location 4-6 weeks prior to the exam administration)
Meets School Requirements re. Challenging/Passing Board Exam Components	Yes
Acceptable outcome measure to meet ACOE Standard I	Yes
Languages	English and French
Registration Opens	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 - OSCE)
Online Registration	Yes, through a custom portal

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Candidate Accommodation	Yes, see Accommodations Policy
Request for Policy Exception	Yes, included in the Appeals Policy. 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
Results Issued	Within six weeks of the exam administration
Maximum attempts	Four attempts per component
Rescoring of exam	Yes, see Requesting a Rescore
Appeal Policy to deal with any exam matter	Yes, see Appeals Policy
Information regarding Exam Structure	Yes, see the Blueprint which also contains the Competency Model used for scoring elements
Access to Patient Interaction Scoring Rubric	Yes, see the OEBC OSCE Rubrics Guide
Candidate Guide	Yes, the Candidate Guides for each exam component (found on the Preparing for the Exam webpage)
Candidate Orientation Information	Yes, under Preparing for the Exam
Study Materials Provided	Yes, study materials for both components can be found on the Preparing for the Exam webpage.
Fee-Based Study Materials	No. Materials are offered at no cost.
TMOD[1] score separate from the overall score	Not currently, however, it can be provided if required by the regulatory authority.