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## Policy Statement:

For entry into the Designated Health Profession of Opticianry, eligibility to challenge the National Licensing Examinations administered by the National Alliance of Canadian Optician Regulators (NACOR) is determined based on completion of a Canadian opticianry education program approved by the College (an “approved opticianry education program”) or completion of the Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) process, including any applicable bridging, within the preceding three-year period.

To be eligible for the Optical Sciences 1 (Eyeglasses) Examination, a NACOR Examination Candidate (a “Candidate”) must demonstrate completion of an approved opticianry education program or of the PLAR process for Eyeglasses. To be eligible for the Optical Sciences 2 (Advanced Practice – Contact Lens) Examination, a Candidate must demonstrate completion of an approved opticianry education program that included contact lens education or of the PLAR process for Contact Lenses.

An eligible Candidate is permitted to challenge the one or both Examinations up to three times without special permission from NACOR or the College, provided all three attempts are made within the aforesaid three-year period.

### 1. Policy Rationale and Purpose:

The National Alliance of Canadian Optician Regulators (NACOR) administers the National Licensing Examinations. NACOR requires that provincial opticianry regulators set eligibility requirements for the examinations. This policy sets eligibility requirements in partnership with NACOR and with respect to the Mutual Recognition Agreement Among Opticianry Regulators.

### 2. Policy Scope:

This policy applies to current and future Examination Candidates for the Designated Health Profession of Opticianry.

### 3. Legal Authority:

- *Health Professions Act*



- CHCPBC Bylaws, Schedule 4
- Mutual Recognition Agreement Among Opticianry Regulators

## 4. Key Partnerships:

- National Alliance of Canadian Optician Regulators (NACOR)

## 5. Definitions:

**National Licensing Examinations** — The Optical Sciences 1 (Eyeglasses) and 2 (Advanced Practice – Contact Lens) Examinations administered by NACOR on behalf of provincial opticianry regulators across Canada

**Examination Candidate** — A person who has applied to NACOR to sit the National Licensing Examination(s)

## 6. Process Check:

- Board Policy Framework
- Safe Spaces Playbook
- Other: Click or tap here to enter text.

## 7. Resources/References:

- Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition Policy
- [NACOR Candidate's Examination Handbook](#)

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