

FORAC-FAROC Statement of Support for the Optometry Examining Board of Canada – June 2025

Since 1995, the [Optometry Examining Board of Canada](#) (OEBC) has established a psychometrically valid and defensible assessment to ensure entry-to-practice competence in optometry in Canada. The OEBC exam is developed by the profession, for the profession and is administered in both of Canada's official languages. OEBC's members are the ten provincial optometry regulatory authorities, which are each tasked with protecting the public in their respective province by ensuring that optometrists are competent to provide safe, quality care upon initial registration and throughout their career. Passing the OEBC exam is a requirement for entry-level registration with a provincial regulatory authority to practice optometry in Canada.

The OEBC offers a comprehensive assessment of the present and evolving scope of practice for the profession. Laser and minor surgical procedures exams have also been developed to further evaluate the competencies required for performing limited injections and surgical/laser procedures on the human eye and surrounding areas.

The Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) ensures that optometry programs offered in Canada and the United States meet or exceed predetermined standards. The Canadian schools of optometry are accredited by the ACOE.

FORAC-FAROC fully supports the contents of a [press release](#) recently issued by OEBC and posted on its website, which addresses public statements made about its examinations. The Canadian regulatory authorities, represented by FORAC-FAROC, have full confidence in OEBC's governance structure and in the processes it implements to develop, maintain and administer a psychometrically valid and defensible assessment of competence in optometry in Canada.