



Attention California State Board of Optometry Applicants and Schools of Optometry – Access to Licensing Requirements (Posted 4/23/2020)

The California State Board of Optometry is committed to supporting those seeking licensure this summer/fall and impacted by stay-at-home orders in reaction to the community spread of COVID-19.

Scheduling of NBEO Part III Clinical Skills Examination:

The National Center of Clinical Testing in Optometry (NCCTO) in Charlotte, NC has extending its temporary closure through May 3, 2020. NCCTO hopes to reopen examinations on Monday, May 4, 2020. Given the nature of the situation, please note that this date is subject to change.

Scores for tests taken in May, June, and July and will be released to the Board no later than September. The Board will work judiciously to process complete application packets (transcripts, passing score on the CLRE, and completed LiveScan) as NBEO scores are received. For questions related to administration of the Part III examination, you may click [here](#) to contact the NCCTO.

The Board implores student applicants to complete quickly the following requirements, which are currently open and available within California. Please follow physical distancing and employ personal protection equipment when appropriate.

Open PSI Testing Sites:

In response to a request from the Board, select PSI testing sites have been opened in response to demand for essential testing. Various days are available at the sites below:

- Atascadero, CA
- Agoura Hills, CA
- El Monte - Santa Fe Springs, CA
- Lawndale, CA
- Redding, CA
- Riverside - Mission Grove, CA
- Sacramento, CA
- San Francisco, CA
- Santa Clara, CA
- Santa Rosa, CA
- Ventura, CA
- Visalia, CA

Please visit the BreEZe website to register for the California Laws and Regulations Exams <https://www.breeze.ca.gov>. The Board is working to shorten processing to 5-business days (rather than the typical 14-business days).

Please note: gatherings of 10 or more are prohibited and mandatory social distancing is being followed. PSI will only have one proctor working and a maximum of 8 candidates testing. One slot will be available for walk in testing at each location.

Active LiveScan Locations:

After successful completion of the law exam, a live scan fingerprint background check is required. A list of active live scan sites can be found here:

https://www.optometry.ca.gov/formspubs/livescan_active.pdf

For further information, please email the Board: optometry@dca.ca.gov