

## **Spectacles Skill Examination**

Candidates for the National Optician's Practical Skill Examination will be required to perform the following tasks as assigned. Candidates have 60 minutes to complete all 3 tasks.

### **SPECTACLES Examination**

1. Measurement of Monocular Pupillary Distance
2. Measurement of Objective Segment Height
3. Neutralization of Spectacles

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# Spectacles Examination Candidate Checklist



## HOW THE SPECTACLE EXAMINATION IS SCORED

There are two possible results for the task included in the Skill Examination:

Pass: You have successfully completed all tasks.

Fail: You did not successfully complete the required tasks; you must retake only those tasks.

To pass any individual task, a passing score must be achieved. To successfully complete the entire Skill Examination, an individual must pass all tasks as assigned. Passing percentages for the tasks range from 70 – 100%.

To evaluate the accuracy of results, the tolerance ranges indicated for each of the required categories have been established by a panel of opticianry experts. To receive a passing score all required results for the task must fall within the published tolerance ranges. Otherwise, a “fail” will be assigned for the specific task.

### Non-Scored Items:

In addition to scored items, all candidates receive sample questions. While they are not identified or scored, these items are being tested for possible inclusion in future examinations.

### Examination Timing:

#### *Spectacles*

Initial Simulated Examination - 60 Minutes

#### *Spectacles Retest(s)*

1. Measurement of Monocular Pupillary Distance - 10 minutes
2. Measurement of Objective Segment Height - 10 Minutes
3. Neutralization of Spectacles – 40 Minutes

## SPECTACLE EXAMINATION PREPARATION

**It is highly recommended to prepare for the exam in the following manner:**

1. Review the National Optician’s Practical Examination tutorial carefully.
2. Review the tutorial again the day before the exam.
3. Read, understand, and commit to memory the Candidate Checklist.
4. Understand what is expected of each task.
5. Practice the skills with co-workers or another optician.
6. Consult with co-workers or an optician to critique your skills.

### **Taking the exam:**

1. Take your time.
2. Read the instructions, scenario, and expected results carefully and completely.
3. Be methodical in performing each task.
4. Read dials carefully.
5. Double-check your findings.
6. Restart the task if you are dissatisfied with your final results.
7. Always record your results and press the submit button when satisfied with your data or results.

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