The National Board of Examiners in Optometry® (NBEO) continuously strives to provide high quality examinations. We would like to share a few organizational updates as the new year begins.

**Part III Clinical Skills Examination (CSE®) restructuring continues**

Substantial progress has been made on the Part III exam restructure over the past year, and this project will continue in 2020. The restructure task force has been extremely active in generating a preliminary exam blueprint which is expected to be finalized by the end of the year. Further details regarding the goals and methodology of the restructure can be found in an article published in the December edition of *Optometry and Vision Science*. Additionally, an upcoming job task analysis (JTA) will provide the optometric community an opportunity to give critical feedback that will contribute to the exam’s content. The JTA will be distributed later this month. Click [here](#) for more information about the job task analysis.

**Updated website planned for summer 2020**

NBEO is preparing to update our website in the summer of 2020 to make it more user-friendly. Watch for details in the coming months at [www.optometry.org](http://www.optometry.org).

**National Center of Clinical Testing in Optometry expansion complete**

NCCTO® renovations are complete with the addition of four examination lanes and more locker space. This addition has allowed for more flexibility in candidate scheduling.

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**Laser and Surgical Procedures Examination**

The Laser and Surgical Procedures Examination (LSPE™) went live in the fall of 2019. We will be entering the second administration year beginning in August 2020, with registration opening in March. For more information about LSPE, click [here](#).

**Part I, II, and III Examination fees increase effective February 15th**

NBEO continues to take its commitment to fiscal responsibility seriously while balancing organizational expenses and initiatives. As a part of NBEO’s strategic plan to best serve the public, the organization annually reviews the examination fee structure during its overall financial review. Accordingly, NBEO has determined that exam fees will increase by $100 for the Part I, II, and III exams effective February 15, 2020. NBEO is still able to keep total examination costs lower than other health professions (shown in the chart below).

![National Licensing Examination Fees by Profession](image)

*The amount displayed is the total cost to complete the exam sequence from information publicly available as of 1/13/2020

**Canadian to US exchange rate as of 1/13/2020

***Regional exam pricing subject to change

****The amount displayed is the total cost with the exam fee increase.

The table below shows which examinations will be affected in 2020.

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Thank you for your ongoing support and the opportunity to serve you in 2020!

**About the NBEO**

Established in 1951, the National Board of Examiners in Optometry® is an independent, non-governmental, non-profit organization whose examinations are universally accepted for optometric licensure in the United States and accepted internationally. The NBEO’s mission is to serve the public and profession of optometry by developing, administering, scoring and reporting results of valid examinations that assess competence.