

NBEO 2021 Changes and Announcements

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The National Board of Examiners in Optometry® (NBEO) would like to express our sincere appreciation to all those who assisted in fulfilling our mission in 2020. As we settle into 2021, we would like to share several organizational updates.

Part III Restructure: Patient Encounters and Performance Skills (PEPS) Examination

Significant progress has been made in the development of the new Part III examination. Last year, we released the exam’s model and blueprint and have since completed two pilot test studies. This new exam will complement the Part I ABS® and Part II PAM® exams in assessing a candidate’s competency to enter the independent practice of optometry. A short video providing additional information about PEPS can be viewed on our website, [here](#).

New NBEO symbol and website released

In October 2020, NBEO revealed a new symbol and website. The website offers a more user-friendly platform, while maintaining the level of detailed information site visitors are accustomed. To view and read the meaning of our new symbol click [here](#).

Part I, II, and III examination fees increase effective February 15, 2021

NBEO continues to take its commitment to fiscal responsibility seriously while balancing organizational expenses and initiatives. As 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 \$35 for the Part I, II, and III examinations effective February 15, 2021.

The table below displays which examinations will be affected in 2021.

NBEO Part Examination	Will NOT Affect	Will Affect
Part I ABS®	March 2021	August 2021 and test dates thereafter
Part II PAM®	April 2021	December 2021 and test dates thereafter
Part III CSE®	August 1, 2020 – July 31, 2021	August 1, 2021 and test dates thereafter

Third Administration for Laser and Surgical Procedures Examination

The Laser and Surgical Procedures Examination (LSPE™) is designed to assess optometric cognitive ability to appropriately manage and perform certain laser and surgical skills. LSPE will be entering its third administration year beginning August 2021, with registration opening in February 2021. For more information about this exam, click [here](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to working with you in 2021!

Please contact us with any questions at nbeo@optometry.org.