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Intent/Purpose	To establish a policy governing the Clinical Sciences and Biomedical examinations approved or administered by the College of Naturopaths of Ontario (the College).	
Definitions	Act	Means the <i>Naturopathy Act, 2007</i> .
	Biomedical Examination	Means a Council approved entry-to-practise examination in the biomedical sciences which tests candidate knowledge of body systems and their interactions, body functions, dysfunctions and disease states, required to be eligible for registration with the College to practise naturopathy in the province of Ontario.
	Candidate	Means any person who has submitted an examination application or is engaged in any examination or appeal, which leads to the recording and/or issuing of a mark, grade or statement of result or performance by the College.
	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Means the individual appointed by the Council of the College pursuant to section 9(2) of the Code which is Schedule II of the RHPA and who performs the duties assigned to the position of Registrar under the RHPA, the Code, the Act and the regulations made thereunder.
	Clinical Sciences Examination	Means a Council approved entry-to-practise examination in the clinical sciences which tests a candidate's knowledge of necessary naturopathic competencies for the treatment of patients, required to be eligible for registration with the College, to practise naturopathy in the province of Ontario.
	CNME	Means the North American accrediting agency for naturopathic educational programs that is recognized by the College of Naturopaths of Ontario.
	Code	Means the Health Professions Procedural Code, which is Schedule 2 to the RHPA.
	College	Means the College of Naturopaths of Ontario as established under the Act and governed by the RHPA
	Council	Means the Council of the College as established pursuant to section 6 of the Act.
	Deferral	Means a granted postponement of a candidate's attempt at one or more examinations.
	Examination Accommodation	Means an adjustment to testing conditions, examination requirements or examination scheduling to address a candidate's current needs arising from a disability, health condition, a religious requirement, a pregnancy or breastfeeding related needed as outlined in the College's Examination Accommodations Policy.

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Examination Violation	Means a contravention of the College’s Examination Rules of Conduct.
Modified Angoff Method	Means a criterion-referenced process that is used to set a pass score that accounts for the difficulty of the exam content, and the profile of what a Naturopathic Doctor can be expected to know and be able to do at an entry-to-practice level.
NPLEX	Means the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination as developed by NPLEX Inc. and delivered by the North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners. For the purposes of this policy, NPLEX includes two parts, NPLEX Stage 1 (Biomedical Examination) and the NPLEX Stage II (Clinical Sciences examination and clinical elective in Acupuncture examination).
Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) program	Means a process used to determine the competency of individuals who do not have formal education from a CNME- accredited program in naturopathy.
Raw Score	Means the number of questions a candidate answers correctly from a range of 0-200.
Registration Committee	Means the statutory committee of the College responsible for all registration matters referred to it by the CEO. Panels of this statutory committee are responsible for setting plans of exam remediation and all registration matters as set out in the Code.
Registration Regulation	Means Ontario Regulation 84/14..
RHPA	Means the <i>Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991</i>
Scaled Scores	Means the mathematical transformation of a candidate’s raw score to a common scale which ranges from 200-800.

General	Guiding Legislation	All aspects of this policy will be managed in accordance with the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991, the <i>Naturopathy Act, 2007</i> , the Registration Regulation, the Ontario Human Rights Code, the College’s Examinations Policy, the College’s Examination Rules of Conduct and the Examination Transition Policy.
	Entry-to-Practice Requirement	All applicants, except for those applicants who have been deemed to have satisfied subsection 7(1) of the Registration Regulation (labour mobility), must successfully complete the Clinical Sciences examination and the Biomedical examination as set or approved by the Council in order to qualify for registration with the College.

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Clinical Sciences and Biomedical Examinations	Eligibility – General	A candidate is eligible to sit both the College’s Clinical Sciences examination and the Biomedical examination provided they have successfully completed a CNME-accredited program in naturopathy prior to exam registration, as required by the Registration Regulation or have been deemed eligible to sit the examinations as part of the Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) program.
	Order of Exam Completion	Candidates sitting the Clinical Sciences exam and the Biomedical exam outside of the PLAR program may sit these exams in an order of their choosing. Order of exam completion for PLAR candidates will be managed in accordance with the PLAR Program Policy.
	Accommodations	To ensure candidates are provided with a fair opportunity to sit any Council approved examination, the College will consider all accommodation requests received from any candidate. All requests for accommodation will be managed in accordance with the College’s Examinations Accommodations Policy.
	Examination Attempts	Candidates are provided three attempts to successfully complete the examinations required by this policy. A candidate who has failed an examination for a second time will have their examination results referred to a panel of the Registration Committee (the Panel) and may be required to complete additional education or training, as determined by the Panel, in order to qualify to attempt the examination for a third and final time.
	Deferrals	Any candidate who is registered for an examination may seek a deferral. All deferral requests are managed in accordance with the College’s Examinations Policy and Examinations Rules of Conduct.
	Examination Violations	All candidates are required to comply with the Examination Rules of Conduct as outlined in the Examinations Policy and Exam Rules of Conduct. Any allegation of an examinations violation will be handled in accordance with the College’s Examinations Policy and Examinations Code of Conduct.
	Passing Requirements- Scaled Score	To be deemed to have passed the Clinical Sciences exam and the Biomedical exam, candidates must achieve a minimum scaled score of 550 on each of the exams.
Recognition of the NPLEX taken by Candidates	Exam Transition Policy	Recognition of a candidate’s successful completion of the NPLEX, as fulfilling one or more of the entry-to-practise requirements under the College, will be managed in accordance with the College’s Exam Transition policy.

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