



Scope of Practice by Province

* Note that some provinces like Alberta and Ontario are at the cusp of passing new legislation on scope. Once those pass, the CAO will update this table and share with optometry leadership.

	AB	BC	MB	NB	NL	NS	ON	PEI	QC	SK
Diagnostic Pharmaceutical Agent	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y	Y-List	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1
T-cycloplegics	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y	Y-List	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1
T-antiallergic	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y	Y-List	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1
T-Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y	Y-List	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1
T-anti-infective	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y	Y-List	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1
T-antibiotic	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y	Y-List	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1
T-anti-viral	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y	Y-List	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1
T-antifungal	Y	Y	No	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y	Y-List	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1
T-steroid	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y-Cat	Y-List	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1
T-glaucoma	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y-Cat	Y-List	Y	Y	Y
T-immunomodulators	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y	Y-List	Y	Y-Cat	Y-Sch 1
O-antiallergic	Y	No	Y	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	No	Y-OTC	Y-Sch 1	Y-Sch 2	Y-Sch 1
O-Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs	Y	No	No	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	No	Y-OTC	Y-Sch 1	Y-Sch 2	Y-Sch 1
O-anti-infective	Y	No	Y-cat	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y	Y-List*	Y-Sch 1	Y-Sch 2	Y-Sch 1
O-antibiotic	Y	No	Y-cat	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	N/A	Y-List*	Y-Sch 1	Y-List	Y-Sch 1
O-anti-viral	Y	No	No	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	N/A	Y-List	Y-Sch 1	Y-List	Y-Sch 1
O-anti-fungal	Y	No	No	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	Y	No	Y-Sch 1	Y-Sch 2	Y-Sch 1
O-steroid	Y	No	No	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	No	No	Y-Sch 1	Y	Y-Sch 1

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O-glaucoma	Y	Y-cat	Y*	Y	Y-Sch 1,2	No	Y-CAI*	Y-Sch 1	Y	Y
Foreign body removal	Y	Superficial	Y	Superficial	Y	Y	Superficial	Y	Superficial	Y
Laboratory testing	Y	Y	Y	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Ultrasound imaging	Y	Corneal thickness	Corneal thickness	Y	Y	Corneal thickness	No	Corneal thickness	Corneal thickness	Corneal thickness
Dilation/ Irrigation	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Insertion / removal of punctual plugs	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Injections	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
YAG capsulotomy	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Laser peripheral iridotomy (LPI)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Selective lasers trabeculoplasty (SLT)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Argon laser trabeculoplasty (ALT)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Minor surgical procedures (e.g. minor lesions removal)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

Y = Yes,

T = Topicals,

O = Oral,

Sch 1 = Schedule 1 drug (requires a prescription),

Sch 2 = Schedule 2 drug (only available from a pharmacist and without a prescription),

Cat = specific categories of drugs,

List = specific list of agents,

OTC = over the counter,

CAI= Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors,

*=with restrictions

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