



North Carolina State  
Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners

October 20, 2025

TO: Virginia Barlow  
NC General Assembly  
Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee  
Legislative Building  
16 W. Jones Street  
Raleigh, NC 27691

FROM: Lynda Elliott  
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Annual Board Report

In accordance with G.S. 93B-2, the following information for FY 2025 is submitted for your review:

1. N.C. State Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners  
121 Edinburgh South Drive, Suite 209  
Cary NC 27511

Board Officers: Morris "Boz" Boswell., Chair;  
Robert Chandler First Vice-Chair;

Other Board members: Traci Farmer  
Tana Tucker  
Lisa Forrester  
Agatha Martin Grimes

- 1a. The total number of licensees supervised by the board: **163,547**
2. The number of persons who applied to the Board for examination:  
Practical exam: **9420** Written Exam: **10234**
3. The number who were refused examination: **0**
4. The number who took the examination:  
Practical exam: **6035** Written Exam: **7504**
5. The number to whom initial licenses were issued: **14,217**

5a. The number who failed the examination:

Practical exam: **783** Written Exam: **2075**

6. The number who applied for license by reciprocity or comity: **4108**  
7. The number who were granted licenses by reciprocity or comity: **3916**

7a. The number of official complaints received involving licensed and unlicensed activities:

Total # of Complaints Received: **2592**

Total # of Complaints Investigated: **1907**

Total # of Complaints outside of Board jurisdiction: **310**

Total # of Complaints with incomplete information such as physical address or complainants contact information: **375**

7b. The number of disciplinary actions taken against licensees, or other actions taken against non licensees, including injunctive relief: **2807** civil penalties issued; (**21** licensees/0 non licensees at hearings)

8. The number of licenses suspended and revoked:

After a hearing with the Board: **9** Suspended **2** Revoked

Child Support “revoked”: **16** revoked

9. The number of licenses terminated for any reason other than failure to pay the required renewal fee: **0**

9a. The number of applicants for a license and, of that number, the number granted a License. **Individuals 5551, Shops 3576 and Schools 38 for a total of 9,264**

9b. The number of applicants with a conviction record **41** and, of that number, The number granted a license, **41**

Denied a license for any reason, **0** and denied a license because of a conviction. **0**

(9c) The number of applicants who are active-duty military or military veterans, the number granted a license, the number denied a license for any reason, and a summary of the reasons for denial. The information provided in accordance with this subdivision shall not disclose any identifying information of any applicant. **1 applicants**

(9d) The number of applicants who are military spouses, the number granted a license, the number denied a license for any reason, and a summary of the reasons for denial. The information provided in accordance with this subdivision shall not disclose any identifying information of any applicant. **42 applicants, 42 granted and 0 denied.**

10. The substance of any anticipated request by the occupational licensing board to the General Assembly to amend statutes related to the occupational licensing board:

The Board still hopes to address with the General Assembly the 20 year exemption for all licensees, set hour requirements for teachers to 500 hour, remove the requirement for shops to submit a list of employees or a booth renters and request some fee changes which have not been increased in over 35 years. The legislator is waiting on legislative committee review and recommendation before proceeding with any changes.

11. The substance of any anticipated change in rules adopted by the occupational licensing board or the substance of any anticipated adoption of new rules by the occupational licensing board:

Future regulation changes will address rules to streamline the process, provide clarification and ensure public safety.

Attachment: Financial Statements FY 2025