

**NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF BARBER AND
ELECTROLYSIS EXAMINERS
Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2025**

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1. The address of the board and the names of its members and officers

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Its current members are:

- Don Beal
- Craig N. Burkhart, MD
- William K. Graham
- Sherod Holloway
- Paula A. Rolka, LE
- Judi Rossabi
- Michael T. Swinney
- David L. Williams
- Margaret Wingate, LE

The board's officers are:

- Sherod Holloway, Chairperson
- Don Beal, Vice Chairperson

1a. The total number of licensees supervised by the board

19,902

2. The number of persons who applied to the board for examination

935

3. The number who were refused examination

4

4. The number who took the examination

Written exam: 771

Practical exam: 1,225

5. The number to whom initial licenses were issued

765

5a. The number who failed the examination

Written exam: 120

Practical exam: 225

These figures do not include individuals who failed to appear.

6. The number who applied for license by reciprocity or comity

143

7. The number who were granted licenses by reciprocity or comity

66

Please note that some of the applications were pending at the end of the fiscal year or were waiting on missing application requirements.

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

75

7b. The number of disciplinary actions taken against licensees, or other actions taken against non-licensees, including injunctive relief

0

8. The number of licenses suspended or revoked

0

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

2 (status changed to inactive)

9a. The number of applicants for a license and, of that number, the number granted a license

Number of applicants: 1,187

Number granted a license: 1,004

9b. The number of applicants with a conviction record and, of that number, the number granted a license, denied a license for any reason, and denied a license because of a conviction

Applicants with a conviction record: 217

Applicants granted a license: 217

Applicants denied a license for any reason: 0

Applicants denied a license because of a conviction: 0

9c. The number of applicants with military training, 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.

No applicants disclosed that they had military training and qualified for licensure.

All other veteran applicants were licensed under provisions other than G.S. § 93B-15.1 because it was easier for them to be licensed under more lenient laws in the practice act.

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.

No applicants disclosed that they were military spouses.

All applicants were licensed under provisions other than G.S. § 93B-15.1 because it was easier for them to be licensed under more lenient laws in the practice act. Therefore, there were no applicants under the provisions of G.S. § 93B-15.1, and none who were granted or denied under those provisions.

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 plans to request the following changes:

- Amend G.S. § 86B-24(b) to eliminate a six-month grace period for certain civil penalties for barbers who fail to renew their license before it expires;
- Amend G.S. 86B-23 to clarify that the requirements to attend barber school applies to apprentice barbers, not licensed barbers;
- Amend G.S. § 86B-31 to increase the maximum fees collectible by the board, perhaps based on the Consumer Price Index; and
- Eliminate the portion of G.S. § 86B-31 that requires the board to issue free licenses to barbers 70 years or older.

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

At the time this report was prepared, the board only had specific plans to adopt a rule about temporary licenses for electrologists. However, the board will be undergoing the periodic review process, which may require changes to rules. In addition, rules related to mobile barbershops or electrology apprenticeship programs may be changed in response to feedback from the public about the impact of the regulations.