

NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2016

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

5809 Departure Drive Suite 102, Raleigh, NC 27610.

Its members are:

- Don Beal
- Gary Gardner
- Jamie Norton
- Steffon Sharpless
- Valerie Willis

The board's officers are:

- Don Beal, Chair
- Steffon Sharpless, Vice Chair

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

16,798

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

Written exam: 675
Practical exam: 1,022

3. The number who were refused examination

54

4. The number who took the examination

Written exam: 561
Practical exam: 680

5. The number to whom initial licenses were issued

627

5a. The number who failed the examination

Written exam: 310

Practical exam: 341

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

118

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

20¹

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

47

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

47²

8. The number of licenses suspended or revoked

78

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

78

¹ The board has changed its rules to make it easier for individuals to receive licensure by reciprocity and will be seeking a legislative change to eliminate another obstacle (see question 10 below). With these changes, this number will increase.

² The data population in questions 7a and 7b are distinct, though related, so the fact that the numbers for both questions are the same is coincidence.

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 will request the following statutory changes:

- Amend G.S. 86A–12 to make it easier for out-of-state barbers to be licensed by reciprocity.
- Amend G.S. 86A–17(b) to eliminate a six-month grace period for civil penalties for barbers who fail to renew their license before it expires
- Amend G.S. 86A–25 to increase the maximum fees collectible by the board
- Eliminate the portion of G.S. 86A–25 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

The board has published or will be publishing rule changes as follows:

- Requiring all license renewals to occur online;
- Shifting responsibility from barber shops to the board for providing inspection reports to the public;
- Establishing a process for schools to be authorized as postsecondary institutions and be eligible for funds from the U.S. Department of Education;
- Eliminating the requirement for certain applicants to get FBI criminal history background checks;
- Formalizing the complaint process;
- Facilitating the process for military-trained barbers and spouses of military personnel to be licensed in this state and for certain late fees of members of the military to be waived; and
- Other technical changes.