

NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2020

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

Mailing address: 7001 Mail Service Center
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5809 Departure Drive Suite 102
Raleigh, NC 27616

As of November 2020
4328 Bland Rd
Raleigh, NC 27609

Its members are:

- Don Beal
- Carolyn Q. Coleman
- Sherod Holloway
- Michael T. Swinney
- David L. Williams

The board's officers are:

- Don Beal, Chair
- Sherod Holloway, Vice Chair

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

17,597

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

Written exam: 474
Practical exam: 874

3. The number who were refused examination

202

4. The number who took the examination

Written exam: 362
Practical exam: 495

5. The number to whom initial licenses were issued

723

5a. The number who failed the examination

Written exam: 123
Practical exam: 95

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

80

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

38

Please note that individuals who were not granted licenses by reciprocity often would qualify for licensure under a separate process. In addition, the board canceled exams in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2020, and some of the applicants listed under question 6 would have been in a pending status.

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

122

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

70

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

0

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

Number of applicants: 1,852

Number granted a license: 723

Please note that due to the pandemic, the board suspended exams in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2020, and the barber industry was shut down during the pandemic. The numbers above will not indicate the percent of applicants who are ultimately approved for a license.

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: 1,333

Applicants granted a license: 521

Applicants denied a license for any reason: 0

Applicants denied a license because of a conviction: 0

As noted in question 9a, the board suspended exams in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2020, and the barber industry was shut down during the pandemic. The numbers above will not indicate the percent of applicants who ultimately approved for a license.

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-15 to allow mobile barber shops;
- 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-22 to allow barber schools to offer online classes for non-practical training and to change the instructor-student ratio for private schools;
- Amend G.S. § 86A-25 to increase the maximum fees collectible by the board, perhaps based on the Consumer Price Index; and
- Eliminate the portion of G.S. § 86A-25 that requires the board to issue free licenses to barbers 70 years or older.

In addition, the board has responded to the General Assembly's request to present a plan for absorbing the Board of Electrolysis Examiners.

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:

- Making permanent a temporary rule that gives schools exceptions or extensions on reporting and submission requirements during a state of emergency;
- Making permanent a temporary rule to allow online classes;
- Eliminating a requirement for new or renovated barber shops to submit a copy of a certificate of occupancy;
- Eliminating the need for notarization and instead requiring attestation on certain forms;
- Extending the May 31, 2020 renewal deadline to July 31, 2020, as allowed under S.L. 2020-3;
- Allowing for-profit schools to have fewer instructors enrolled during the pandemic-related state of emergency, as allowed under S.L. 2020-3;
- Implementing the requirement in S.L. 2019-91 for occupational licensing agencies to have a process that allows individuals with criminal records to request a predetermination;
- Correcting an erroneous double negative in a rule assessing certain civil penalties; and
- Establishing requirements for exam applicants.