

NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2021

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

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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

17,295

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

Written exam: 577

Practical exam: 967

3. The number who were refused examination

19

4. The number who took the examination

Written exam: 498

Practical exam: 837

5. The number to whom initial licenses were issued

757

5a. The number who failed the examination

Written exam: 347

Practical exam: 216

In fiscal year 2021, the board saw a sharp increase in the number of applicants failing exams, particularly written exams. The written exam administered by the board did not change, so there appear to be external factors. The board believes the increase in online content delivery for barber students may be negatively affecting the pass rate.

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

69

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

22

Please note that individuals who were not granted licenses by reciprocity often would qualify for licensure under a separate process. In addition, some of the applicants listed under question 6 would have been in a pending status as of the end of fiscal year 2021.

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

110

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

3

8. The number of licenses suspended or revoked

1

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: 2,165

Number granted a license: 1,903

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: 1,558

Applicants granted a license: 1,903

Applicants denied a license for any reason: 2

Applicants denied a license because of a conviction: 2

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.

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 Barbers Act. Therefore, there were no applicants under G.S. § 93B-15.1 provisions, and none who were granted or denied under those provisions.

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.

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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

There is a bill before the General Assembly to merge the Board of Barber Examiners and Board of Electrolysis Examiners. The bill also allows mobile barber shops, makes it easier for out-of-state barbers to be licensed by reciprocity, and reduces certain regulations for barber schools. If the bill were not to pass in the current session, the board would ask the General Assembly to pass it in a future session.

In addition, the board plans to request the following changes:

- 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, 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.

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:

- Specifying where disinfecting solutions and containers must be stored in barber schools and barber shops;
- Making renewal fees and late fees nonrefundable;
- If House Bill 792 is adopted, making various codification changes to reflect the newly established board.