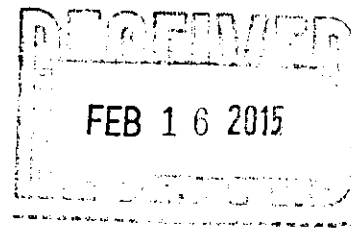


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RE: Annual Report of Activities for 2014

Dear Sir/Madam:

The North Carolina Licensing Board for General Contractors is pleased to present to you this report of its activities for 2014.

The Licensing Board is comprised of nine members, serving 5-year staggered terms. The Board currently employs 14 full-time persons. As charged by our governing legislation at Chapter §87 Article 1 of the North Carolina General Statutes, the purpose of the Board is to regulate the practice of general contracting in North Carolina by evaluating licensure applications for specific criteria by granting licenses to qualified contractors. The Board also imposes disciplinary action in appropriate cases by suspending or revoking the licenses of general contractors who violate provisions of the Board's disciplinary statute. The Board receives no state funding to conduct its operations. Rather, the Board is receipt-supported, being funded entirely by application and licensing fees charged to contractors from North Carolina and other states.

Applicants must pass an examination before being licensed unless they are admitted by reciprocity. Once an examination has been passed, reexamination is not required unless a license has lapsed for a period of four or more years (N.C.G.S. §87-10(d)). All failing candidates are entitled to a review of their exam, thereby allowing the candidate an opportunity to determine which examination questions were answered incorrectly.

As of December 31, 2014, there were 32,362 general contractors licensed to operate in North Carolina. North Carolina's general contractor licensing laws provide that persons, firms or corporations who bid upon or who construct projects costing \$30,000 or more are first required to be licensed to practice general contracting.

In 2014, a total of 1,703 persons, firms or corporations applied to the Board for licensure and 1,028 examinations were administered. The overall pass rate for examinations given in 2014 was 53%. The Board granted 1,200 general contractors licenses to persons, firms or corporations in 2014.

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For the year 2014, the Board received 302 sworn complaints regarding contractors. In 2014, the Board revoked or suspended 27 licenses, issued 23 formal reprimands, and obtained 25 injunctions in Superior Court against unlicensed contractors for the unlicensed practice of general contracting. In other formal administrative action by the Board last year, two applicants were either conditionally delayed or denied issuance or reinstatement of licensure or the authorization to take an examination.

The Homeowners Recovery Fund is administered by the Board to reimburse homeowners in North Carolina who have suffered a reimbursable loss in the construction or alteration of a single-family dwelling in this state. Sixteen (16) hearings were conducted in 2014 allowing eligible claims before the Board for reimbursement. A total of \$354,500 was awarded in 2014 to claimants from the fund following hearings.

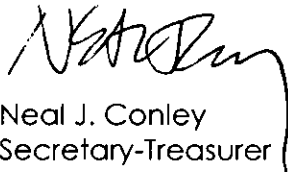
Under separate cover we will be sending you a current CD list of licensed contractors and audited financial statements for fiscal year(s) ended December 31, 2013 and 2014, as they become available later during 2015.

Twelve new rules under 21 NCAC 12.0204 became effective on April 1, 2014. These rules are posted on the Board's website, [www.ncibgc.org](http://www.ncibgc.org), and are also available on the Office of Administrative Hearings website, [www.oah.state.nc.us/rules/register](http://www.oah.state.nc.us/rules/register) (Volume 28 issue 06).

We hope that you have found this description of the Board's activities helpful.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

  
Neal J. Conley  
Secretary-Treasurer

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