



North Carolina Licensing Board for General Contractors

November 20, 2020

- To the North Carolina Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee
- To the North Carolina Joint Legislative Commission on Government Operations
- To the North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management

RE: Interim report on specific efforts to exercise regulatory flexibility pursuant to Section 3.20.(c) of S.L. 2020-97

1. The North Carolina Licensing Board for General Contractors (NCLBGC)
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2. Effective May 14, 2020, exercising the authority granted by SB704, the NCLBGC authorized Board-approved providers of continuing education for general contractors to deliver continuing education courses pursuant to §87-10.2, by live instruction, as state and local government COVID-19 restrictions allow pursuant to §87-10.2(d), or, by synchronous distance-learning instruction using virtual meeting where the instructor and students are separated only by distance and not time, allowing for real-time monitoring of student attendance and participation.
3. Effective June 1, 2020 the NCLBGC authorized PSI Services, Inc. the provider of examination services for general contractor licensure to engage eight (8) additional third party owned examination centers to provide additional examination stations to compensate for the loss of seats to social distancing requirements. located in Charlotte (2), Greensboro (2), New Bern, Raleigh, Wilmington, and Winston-Salem in addition to the seven (7) existing examination centers wholly owned by PSI Services, Inc.

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4. Effective July 21, 2020, the NCLBGC authorized exemptions to the continuing education requirement pursuant to §87-10.2, for licensees with documented existing medical conditions that results in being higher risk to COVID-19 exposure. The continuing education exemption was for the 2021 license renewal only.
5. Effective August 1, 2020 the NCLBGC implemented online general contractor license applications to provide greater efficiency for those wishing to enter the business of general contracting in North Carolina.

The actions outlined have been taken by the Board during the COVID-19 pandemic in order to exercise regulatory flexibility and provide effective and more efficient service to applicants, licensees, and the citizens of North Carolina.

On behalf of the North Carolina Licensing Board for General Contractors we respectfully submit this report.

Sincerely,


Lee Thomason
Chairman


E. Frank Wiesner
Executive Director