

2016-2017
ANNUAL REPORT
NC STATE BOARD OF OPTICIANS
EXAM APPLICATIONS, WAIVERS, COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Exam Applications

Received	138
Approved	2
Rejected	24
Exam Participants	81
 Initial Licenses Issued*	 30

Non-Resident Licensure Applications

Received	26
Granted	
241.(a) Waiver of Exam	1
241.(b) Entrance to Exam	1
Rejected	
241.(a) Waiver of Exam	20
241.(b) Entrance to Exam	4
 Initial Licenses Issued*	 6

Total Initial Licenses Issued 36

*After Completing Required 6 Month Internship

Official Complaints

Licensed	1
Unlicensed	7
Referred to other Boards	3
Total Complaints	8

Disciplinary Actions

Licensed	
Warning Letter	0
Probation	
Fined	0
Revoked	0
Suspended	0
Terminated	0
Unlicensed	0
Warning Letter	0
Removed from App/Intern/Exam	0
Appealed	0
Rescinded by NCSBO	0
 Total Disciplinary Actions	 0

At the end of FY17 there were no pending nor anticipated requests to the NC General Assembly or the Office of Administrative Hearings for statutory or rules revisions relative to this occupational licensing board.

EXAM APPLICANTS FY17										
NAME / QUALIFICATION	Received	Approved	Rejected				Exam Participant	Failed	Passed	Initial Lic Issued
Abazari, Armita - AAS	8/10/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	11/10/16
Adams, Robert - App	8/1/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	11/7/16
Anumihe, Samantha - AAS	8/10/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	12/28/16
Best, Catherine - AAS	8/11/16						10/14/16	10/14/16		
Bowling, Lynda - App	8/1/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	11/10/16
Clark, Diane - App	8/9/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	11/7/16
Chitwood, Michael - AAS	8/10/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	11/23/16
Clark, Diane - App	8/9/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	11/7/16
Dempsey, Summer - FY16	11/24/15		241a				10/14/16	10/14/16		
Downey, Jerry - AAS	8/9/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	11/17/16
Dudley, Ruthanne - App	8/12/16						10/14/16	10/14/16		
Emery, Erica - App	8/1/17						10/14/16	10/14/16		
Friedman, Daniel - FY16	8/2/16		241a				Left after Slides			
Fungaling, Michelle - App	8/12/16						10/14/16	10/14/16		
Fungaling, Norlan - App	7/20/16						10/14/16	10/14/16		
Ganes, Jessica - App	8/4/16						10/14/16	10/14/16		
Gibbs, Hannah - App	7/1/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	11/10/16
Goodwin, Pamela - App	8/2/16						10/14/16	10/14/16		
Harris, Jr., Allan - AAS	3/7/16						No Show 10/2016			
Harris, Stephen - AAS	8/2/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	11/7/16
Harris, Yasmeen - AAS	8/10/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	2/16/17
Henry, Kristina - AAS	8/9/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	11/29/16
Hewitt, Kathleen - App	8/12/16						10/14/16	10/14/16		
Hirsch, Lashauna - FY16	1/20/16		241a				10/14/16		10/14/16	1/19/17
Hopey, Paul - FY16	7/27/16		241a				10/14/16	10/14/16		
Johnson, Carey - FY16	8/9/16		241a				10/14/16	10/14/16		
Joyner, Carrie - App	8/12/16						10/14/16	10/14/16		
Key, Kelly - App	7/5/16						10/14/16	10/14/16		
Khan, Aftab - AAS	8/11/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	11/21/16
Leachman, Keyosha - App	8/12/16						10/14/16	10/14/16		
Lemmons, Corey - App	8/5/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	11/14/16
Londono, Sarah - FY16	8/10/15		241a				No Show 10/2016			
Lucido, Laurie - App	5/2/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	11/14/16
Malascalza, Kelly - FY16	8/12/16		241b				10/14/16		10/14/16	5/17/17
Malcolm, Jamie - AAS	8/12/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	11/28/16
Matthews, Carla - AAS	8/1/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	12/30/16
McCallister, Joseph - AAS	8/24/15						10/14/16		11/4/16	3/23/17
Niday-Johnson, Lynette - App	8/10/16						10/14/16	10/14/16		
Palmer, Alaxandra - AAS	8/5/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	2/15/17
Pena, Rosemary - App	1/11/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	11/14/16
Picot, Arelis - FY16	7/29/16		241a				10/14/16		10/14/16	12/31/16
Rodriguez, Michael - AAS	8/10/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	1/13/17
Ross, Michael - AAS	8/5/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	12/27/16
Saba, Daniel - FY16	4/7/16		241a				10/14/16		10/14/16	1/12/17
Sheppard, Steve - FY16	8/9/16		241a				10/14/16	10/14/16		
Simmons, Wendy - App	7/26/16						Withdrew 10/2016			
Singer, Daniel - FY16	1/26/16		241a				10/14/16	10/14/16		
Skipper, Elizabeth J. - App	8/9/16						10/14/16	10/14/16		
Smith, Virginia - App	8/12/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	11/17/16
Snow, Melissa - App	8/12/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	11/21/16
Stanley, Jacqueline - FY16	8/9/16		241a				10/14/16	10/14/16		
Tairov, Shukur - FY16	7/8/16		241a				10/14/16		10/14/16	
Taylor, April - App	8/15/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	11/21/16
Threatt, Curtis - AAS	8/5/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	11/9/16
Torres, Solmayra - AAS	8/12/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	2/13/17
Turner, Timothy - AAS	8/12/16						10/14/16	10/14/16		
Viana, Ismael - App	1/12/15						10/14/16	10/14/16		
Woods, Tina - AAS	6/10/16						10/14/16		10/14/16	12/12/16
Oct Exam Totals	58	0	13				54	21	33	32

EXAM APPLICANTS (FEBRUARY) FY17												
NC Board of Opticians Adopted the ABO/NCLE National Exam Feb 2017												
NAME / QUALIFICATION	Received	Approved	Rejected	1	2	3	4	Exam Participant	Failed	Passed	Initial Lic Issued	
Amaker, Marcie - App	1/11/17			x	x	x	x					Color Key
Barney, Laura - App	1/11/17			x	x	x	x					
Best, Catherine - AAS	1/5/17					x	x					- App
Cook III, Edward C. - 241a	1/7/17		241a				x					
Dempsey, Summer - FY16	1/3/17		241a	x	x	x	x					- AAS
Downs, Kristen - 241b	5/18/17		241b	Military App Denied				Must start App				
Dudley, Ruthanne - App	2/10/17			x	x	x	x					- 241a
Edgar, Cortnie - App	1/11/17			x	x	x	x					
Emery, Erica - App	12/29/16				x	x	x					- 241b
Fungaling, Michelle - App	1/3/17			x	x	x	x					
Fungaling, Norlan - App	4/17/17				x	x	x					
Goodwin, Pamela - App	12/29/16			x	x	x	x					
Gray, David Paul - 241a	1/6/17		241a		x		x					Exam Key
Herbert, Mark - 241a	5/31/17		241a		x	x	x					
Hewitt, Kathleen - App	1/3/17			x	x	x	x					Deemed Eligible
Hopey, Paul - FY16	4/21/17		241a	x	x	x	x					
Huffman, Cody - AAS	1/6/17			x	x	x	x					ABO Basic = 1
Jarrahi, Fereshteh - 241b	5/31/17		241b		x		x					
Jean-Baptiste, Ricardo - 241a	5/30/17		241a	x	x	x	x					ABO Prac = 2
Johnson, Carey - FY16	2/15/17		241a			x	x					
Key, Kelly - App	1/13/17			x	x	x	x	February-17	3			NCLE Basic = 3
Khalil, Hesham - 241a	6/1/17		241a		x	x	x					
Kiser, Allison - 241a	2/10/17		241a			x	x					NCLE Prac = 4
Leachman, Keyosha - App	1/6/17			x	x	x	x					
McKeever, Anthony - AAS	1/1/17			x	x	x	x	February-17		1		
Merkabah, Barry - 241a	2/9/17	241a		x	x	x	x					
Niday-Johnson, Lynette - App	2/13/17			x	x	x	x					
Padgett, Ronald - 241a	1/6/17		241a		x		x					
Robinson, Harry - App	3/6/17			x	x	x	x					
Schuler, Paul - 241a	1/6/17		241a	x	x	x	x					
Sheppard, Steve - FY16	1/8/16		241a	x	x	x	x					
Simmons, Wendy - App	1/5/17				x	x	x					
Singer, Daniel - FY16	1/26/16		241a		x	x	x					
Skipper, Elizabeth J. - App	2/13/17			x	x	x	x					
Stanley, Jacqueline - FY16	1/3/17		241a	x	x	x	x					
Sumner, Tiffany - App	1/3/17			x	x	x	x					
Taule, Ashley - App	5/15/17			x	x	x	x					
Thaxton, Christopher - 241b	1/6/17	241b		Military App Accepted								
Turner, Timothy - AAS	1/11/17			x	x	x	x					
Vaclav, Dayna - 241b	2/2/17		241b	Military App Denied				Must start App				
ABO/NCLE February Totals	40	2	17					2	1	1	0	

Non Board-Vetted Exam Participants	Failed	Passed
Barrie, Leah (A-2632)		1
Bickley, Salena (A-2760)	1	
Brennan, Evan (A-2768)		1
Dunlap, Daniel		3
Fonda, Desiree (A-2771)		1
Hammel, Sandra (A-2554)		3
Helms, Margaret		1
Illing, Brandy		1
Linville, Zachary		1
Riel, Mark (A-2706)		1
Sheldon, Sherry (A-2025)	1	
Total Non Vetted	2	9

EXAM APPLICANTS (MAY) FY17												
NC Board of Opticians Adopted the ABO/NCLE National Exam Feb 2017												
NAME / QUALIFICATION	Received	Approved	Rejected	1	2	3	4	Exam Participant	Failed	Passed	Initial Lic Issued	
Amaker, Marcie - App	1/11/17			x	x	x	x	May-17		1		Color Key
Barney, Laura - App	1/11/17			x	x	x	x					
Best, Catherine - AAS	1/5/17					x	x	May-17		3,4	6/16/17	- App
Cook III, Edward C. - 241a	1/7/17		241a				x	May-17		4	6/14/17	
Dempsey, Summer - FY16	1/3/17		241a	x	x	x	x					- AAS
Downs, Kristen - 241b	5/18/17		241b	Military App Denied				Must start App				
Dudley, Ruthanne - App	2/10/17			x	x	x	x	May-17	3	1,2,4		- 241a
Edgar, Cortnie - App	1/11/17			x	x	x	x	May-17	4	2		
Emery, Erica - App	12/29/16			x	x	x	x	May-17	4	1,2,3		- 241b
Fungaling, Michelle - App	1/3/17			x	x	x	x					
Fungaling, Norlan - App	4/17/17				x	x	x	May-17		3,4		
Goodwin, Pamela - App	12/29/16			x	x	x	x	May-17	4	2		
Gray, David Paul - 241a	1/6/17		241a		x		x					Exam Key
Herbert, Mark - 241a	5/31/17		241a		x	x	x	May-17	4	1,2,3		
Hewitt, Kathleen - App	1/3/17			x	x	x	x					Deemed Eligible
Hopey, Paul - FY16	4/21/17		241a	x	x	x	x	May-17	4	2		
Huffman, Cody - AAS	1/6/17			x	x	x	x					ABO Basic = 1
Jarrahi, Fereshteh - 241b	5/31/17		241b		x		x					
Jean-Baptiste, Ricardo - 241a	5/30/17		241a	x	x	x	x	May-17	3			ABO Prac = 2
Johnson, Carey - FY16	2/15/17		241a			x	x	May-17		1		
Key, Kelly - App	1/13/17			x	x	x	x					NCLE Basic = 3
Khalil, Hesham - 241a	6/1/17		241a		x	x	x	May-17		3,4		
Kiser, Allison - 241a	2/10/17		241a			x	x					NCLE Prac = 4
Leachman, Keyosha - App	1/6/17			x	x	x	x	May-17		1,2		
McKeever, Anthony - AAS	1/1/17			x	x	x	x	May-17		3		
Merkabah, Barry - 241a	2/9/17	241a		x	x	x	x	May-17	2	1,3,4		
Niday-Johnson, Lynette - App	2/13/17			x	x	x	x	May-17	2	4		
Padgett, Ronald - 241a	1/6/17		241a		x		x					
Robinson, Harry - App	3/6/17			x	x	x	x	May-17	3,4	1,2		
Schuler, Paul - 241a	1/6/17		241a	x	x	x	x	May-17		1,2,3		
Sheppard, Steve - FY16	12/28/16		241a	x	x	x	x	May-17	2	3,4		
Simmons, Wendy - App	1/5/17				x	x	x	May-17		2,3,4		
Singer, Daniel - FY16	12/29/16		241a		x	x	x					
Skipper, Elizabeth J. - App	2/13/17			x	x	x	x	May-17	1,3	2,4		
Stanley, Jacqueline - FY16	1/3/17		241a	x	x	x	x	May-17	2,4			
Sumner, Tiffany - App	1/3/17			x	x	x	x					
Taule, Ashley - App	5/15/17			x	x	x	x	May-17	3,4	1,2		
Thaxton, Christopher - 241b	1/6/17	241b		Military App Accepted							3/9/17	
Turner, Timothy - AAS	1/11/17			x	x	x	x	May-17		1,2,3,4	6/26/17	
Vaclav, Dayna - 241b	2/2/17		241b	Military App Denied				Must start App				
ABO/NCLE May Exam Totals	40	2	17					25	14	23	4	

FY17 Yearly Totals	138	2	24		81	36	57	36
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Non Board Vetted Exam Particiapants	Failed	Passed
Belton, Mylia (A-2490)		1,3
Bowens, Demarious		3
Choi, John		1
Cloninger, Donna	1	
Colley, Brittany		1
Dalton, Angel (A-2135)		1
Donaldson, Misty	1	3
Ferreira, Sophia		1
Hammel, Sandra (A-2554)		1
Hernandez, Nicole		1
Ksor, Hloan		1
Luscy, Samantha		1
Mahacek, Robin	1	
Parker, Susanne		3
Petree, Ashley		1
Pippen, Becki	3	
Powell, Lindsey		1
Reardon, Christopher		1
Reese, Michael (I-1494)		3
Roudebush, John (I-1491)		3
Sandoval, Iris	1	
Shoreland, Stephanie		3
Silveri, Kimberli		1
Templeton, Lauren (I-1495)		3
Walters, Lisha		1
Non Vetted May Totals	5	22

Non-Resident Applications FY17

NAME	Received	241.a		241.b		Military (MOS)		Initial Lic Issued
		Granted	Denied	Granted	Denied	Granted	Denied	
Cook III, Edward	08/02/2016		10/13/2016					06/14/2017
Downs, Kristen	01/31/2017						#####	
Gray, David Paul	05/31/2017		07/10/2017					
Hicks, Sean	09/20/2004	#####						09/20/2016
Jarrahi, Fereshteh	05/30/2017				06/13/2017			
Jean-Baptiste, Ricardo	12/30/2016		01/01/2017					
Khalil, Hesham	10/20/2016		01/01/2017					
Kiser, Allison	01/06/2017	#####						9/11/2017 (FY18)
Laprade, Stephen	05/08/2017		07/10/2017					
Merkabah, Barry	09/12/2016		01/01/2017					
Pulver, Stephanie	06/15/2016	#####						7/18/16
Rogers, Allie	11/19/2015	#####						7/15/16
Schuler, Paul	12/28/2016		01/01/2017					10/3/2017 (FY18)
Thaxton, Christopher	01/11/2017					#####		03/09/2017
Vaclav, Dayna	12/13/2017						#####	
Totals	15	4	7	0	1	1	2	5

BOARD OF OPTICIANS - OFFICIAL COMPLAINTS FY17

		Licensed		Complaint					
Complainant Name	Date Rec'd	Yes	No	Against	OPT #	Business Name	Complaint & Resolution	Date Res'vd	Referred to NC Medical Board or NC Board of Optometry
Ian Radford	7/15/16		X	Business		Eyemart Express 5301-B Market St Wilmington, NC	Store may be accepting expired Rx's for use, rather than utilizing duplication process. Unlicensed individual may be going to nursing homes to perform repairs/adjustments, & to dispense.	7/26/16 and 7/28/16	
Robert High (Inspector)	7/27/16		X	Unlicensed associate 'Leeona'		JC Penney #1144 3320 Silas Creek Pkwy W-Salem, NC	Inspector found Leeona ready to dispense glasses to customer, listened to her talk to customer about vision needs & what could/couldn't be done without licensee on site. Director Hodgkin visited store in November 2016 and spoke with Bashour Manfour (optician) and Leeona, answered add'l questions about tasks that <i>can</i> be done.	11/14/16	
Dan Ericson	9/20/16		X	Business		Beauty World 406 N. Trade Street W-Salem, NC	Patient told Ericson Beauty World is selling colored contact lenses for \$35/pair - patient wanted JC Penney Optical (where Ericson works) to sell them for the same price. Director Hodgkin visited location on 11/14/2016, and found no lenses for sale; may have been a 'pre-holiday/Halloween' promotion. Store will be revisited in the future.	11/14/16	
Anonymous (Female) Call to NCSBO Office/VMX	10/3/16		X	Business		Visionworks #328 3316 Silas Creek Pkwy W-Salem, NC	VMX stated that the caller was a licensed optician, requesting this business to be investigated as she had been in store several times when no license was on site but dispensing was taking place. Director Hodgkin called store 10/5/16 and spoke with OIC R. Lokant who said there was ALWAYS a license on site, though sometimes they may be in the lab & not immediately seen from the sales floor. Hodgkin asked about any recently-separated employees ('sour grapes'); Lokant said a man had recently left, but no women. (The caller may be the spouse of the separated employee.) Hodgkin reviewed best practices with OIC, suggesting that the licensee on duty ALWAYS be out front when dispensing begins. The OIC agreed to talk with all staff and enact the dispensing restrictions.	10/5/16	
Anita Moon	10/20/16		X	OD Practice		Foothills Eye Care 215 Moore Road King, NC	Doctors' practice had filed 2 claims w/ Superior Vision for the same day's visit, and now Superior Vision was blocking patient's ability to get an eye/contact lens exam. Alleged negligence on part of practice.		10/20/2016

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BOARD OF OPTICIANS - DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FY17

	Licensed	Unlicensed	Lic #	County	Warning Letter	Probationary Period	Fine Amount	Date Paid	Date Signed by Chair	Revoke	Probation	Suspend	Terminate	Removed from App/Intern/Exam	Date Reinstated	Appealed	Rescind
Reynolds, Carol H.	1		574	New Hanover		12 Months	350.00			1							
Collins, Sue	1		459	N/A		6 Months	0.00			1							
Windsor, Jerry	1		530	New Hanover		18 Months	500.00			1							
Hinson, Todd	1		1176	New Hanover		24 Months	1,000.00			1							
Sills, Meredith	1		1002	New Hanover		12 Months	100.00			1							
** No new disciplinary actions assessed during FY17, resultant of limited staff time due to legislative activity. **																	
Totals	5	0			0	0	\$1,950.00	0	0	5	0	0	0		0	0	

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