



**NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY**

October 25, 2016

To: North Carolina Secretary of State
North Carolina Attorney General
Office of State Budget and Management
Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee

From: North Carolina State Board of Examiners in Optometry
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The following information for fiscal year 2015-2016 is submitted on behalf of this Board in accordance with the provisions of N.C.G.S. 93B-2:

- (a)
- (1) A Directory of the Members of the Board and Staff is attached.
 - (1a) 1371 licensees
 - (2) Fifty-four individuals applied for examination.
 - (3) No one who is eligible to apply for examination is "refused" (*For eligibility see NCGS 90-90-118, 90-118.5 and Chapter 42B of the NCAC*).
 - (4) Forty-four individuals appeared for examination.
 - (5) Licenses were issued to twenty-five individuals as a result of the examinations;
Three licenses were issued to individuals in accordance with the provisions of N.C.G.S. 93B-15.1
 - (5a) Nineteen individuals failed the examinations.
 - (6) The Board does not differentiate between applicants who have been licensed in other jurisdictions prior to applying for a North Carolina license and those applying immediately following graduation and who do not hold a license to practice elsewhere; all applicants are required to take the clinical/practicum examination.

- (7) See (2), (3), and (6) above
- (7a) Fourteen complaints were received by the Board.
- (7b) Four disciplinary actions taken
- (8) Three licenses suspended or revoked
- (9) 1 of the above was permanently revoked
- (10) Currently none
- (11) Anticipated fee increases to avoid deficits
- (b) Copies of the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Audit will be submitted by October 31, 2016

cc: Board, Attorney

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