



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

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To: North Carolina Secretary of State
North Carolina Attorney General
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 2019-2020 is submitted on behalf of this Board in accordance with the provisions of N.C.G.S. 93B-2(a):

- (1) North Carolina State Board of Examiners in Optometry
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- (1a) 1427 licensees
- (2) 63 individuals applied for examination
- (3) No one who is eligible to apply for examination is "refused" (For eligibility see NCGS 90-90-118, 90-119.5 and Chapter 42B of the NCAC).

- (4) 61 individuals appeared for examination
- (5) Licenses were issued to 48 individuals as a result of the examinations
- (5a) 13 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 examination with the exception of those individuals who apply in accordance with the provisions of N.C.G.S. 93B-15.1
- (7) See above
- (7a) 16 complaints were received by the Board
- (7b) In addition to Board actions constituting discipline, there is a class of cases in which the Board did not dismiss the complaint as unfounded but did not take an action that constitutes discipline. In those cases, the Board stops short of actions which constitute “discipline” (e.g., revocation, suspension, or probation of a license) via the use of private letters of reprimand or concern and public letters of reprimand or concern. See G.S. 90-121.2(a). The Board issued three such letters this year.
- (8) 2 licenses were suspended
- (9) None
- (10) None anticipated
- (11) None anticipated