



## North Carolina Board of Podiatry Examiners Annual Report 2014-2015

### PURPOSE

The Board of Podiatry Examiners for the State of North Carolina (NCBPE) was established by [North Carolina General Statute \(90-202.2 to 90-202.14\)](#) as North Carolina's licensing and registry board for the profession of podiatry. The NCBPE consists of four members, three North Carolina licensed podiatrists and one member from the community. All members are appointed by the Governor for three-year terms.

The purpose of NCBPE is to serve the best interests of the public and medical profession by evaluating the initial and continuing qualifications of podiatrists in the state of North Carolina. All candidates are expected to have completed a baccalaureate degree. This is normally required for admission to colleges of podiatric medicine. All podiatrists licensed by the NCBPE have attained the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) degree from an accredited college of podiatric medicine. All candidates are expected to have completed or be working towards completion of a postdoctoral residency program. The Board reviews the qualifications of candidates; conducts oral, practical and written examinations; and issues licenses. In addition to issuing licenses, the Board also on occasion suspends, revokes or cancels licenses of podiatrists in the state of North Carolina.

All podiatrists in the state are required to [renew their licenses](#) annually. NCBPE renewal of licensure indicates that the podiatrist has completed a process that requires participation in 25 hours of continuing education related to podiatry from an accredited provider/s.

### GENERAL STATUTE REFERENCE

[North Carolina General Statute \(90-202.2 to 90-202.14\)](#)

### ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT REFERENCE

<http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac.asp?folderName=\Title%2021%20-%20Occupational%20Licensing%20Boards%20and%20Commissions\Chapter%2052%20-%20Podiatry%20Examiners>

Title 21-Licensing Boards and Committees, Chapter 52-Podiatry Examiners

### HISTORY; BOARD COMPOSITION; STAFFING; HEADQUARTERS

Established February 1, 1976 by North Carolina General Assembly.

The NCBPE consists of four members, three North Carolina licensed podiatrists and one member from the community. All members are appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. Members and officers of the Board of Podiatry Examiners of the State of North Carolina are as follows:

Dr. David Kirlin, DPM (Term II ends 6/30/2016)

**President**

NC Podiatric Physicians and Surgeons Group dba/Gaston Foot & Ankle Associates  
251 Wilmot Dr.  
Gastonia, NC 28054

Dr. Ronald A. Maskarinec, DPM (Term II ends 6/30/2015; Board's replacement nominee has not been officially appointed by Governor McCrory yet.)

**Vice President**

Foothills Podiatry PA  
707 N Morgan St  
Shelby NC 28150

Dr. William O'Neill, CPM (Term I ends 6/30/2017)

Secretary-Treasurer

NC Podiatric Physicians and Surgeons Group dba/ Carolina Foot Care Associates  
1711 Davie Ave.  
Statesville, NC 28677

Tanzy B. Wallace (Term I ends 6/30/2017)

**Public Member**

127 Brookhill Rd.  
Shelby, NC 28150

**Executive Secretary & Official Board Address:**

Penney De Pas, MA, CAE  
NC Board of Podiatry Examiners  
1500 Sunday Drive, Suite 102  
Raleigh, NC 27607

The North Carolina Board of Podiatry Examiners (NCBPE) contracts annually with a management firm, FirstPoint Management Resources, Inc., in Raleigh and, therefore, does not employ any staff members directly nor lease office space directly. The management firm's office is used as the NCBPE's headquarters and Executive Secretary's address: 1500 Sunday Drive, Suite 102, Raleigh, NC 27607.

**CURRENT STATISTICS**

As of December 31, 2014, there were 377 North Carolina licensed podiatrists. Four (4) of these were temporary licensees working on a military installation in the state, and two (2) others were temporary licensees in a new clinical residency program at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital. A total of 83 N.C. licensed podiatrists practiced outside the state and 295 in the state. There were 123 Professional Corporations and PLLCs registered with the Board for 2015. Of the 123 corporations, 28 have multiple offices, for a total of 219 podiatry offices in NC. Of the 219 offices total, there are 119 corporations of which 41 have multiple practice locations and 43 single practices (half of the previous year). Six (6) corporate Administrative Suspensions were issued in 2015 (four for retirees, one for a death, and one for a disciplinary action), and there were two new corporations opened in the first part of 2015. We have noticed a trend of podiatry offices either joining medical practices or other podiatry practices to offer more locations but fewer corporations.

**2014-2015 RENEWALS**

365 licenses were renewed for the 2014-2015 renewal period.

12 persons were granted new licenses.

6 persons were granted temporary restricted licenses.

1 person applied for license by reciprocity or comity

0 persons were granted license by reciprocity or comity

6 licenses were retired or surrendered voluntarily

3 licenses were revoked due to non-payment of renewal fees

1 license was terminated due to death.

0 license is pending suspension/revocation

1 license was terminated for any other reason other than failure to pay the required renewal fee.

## **2015 NEW LICENSEES**

On July 1, 2015, 21 podiatrists who passed the 2015 exam were granted licenses to practice podiatry in North Carolina following a practice- and ethics-training and exam held in Raleigh, NC, on June 27, 2015.

## **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

The Board received 12 formal complaints about licensees between June 1, 2014, and May 31, 2015. Six (6) were found to have no probable cause. There was one disciplinary action issued, resulting in voluntary surrender for a specified period and subsequent reinstatement of license in June 2015. The Board had two outstanding issues concerning podiatrists awaiting court resolution as of May 31, 2015.

## **2015 LICENSURE EXAM**

The 2014 medical exam took place May 1-2, 2015, at the Sheraton Charlotte Airport. A total of 27 candidates applied for the exam and 23 examinees sat for the two-day oral, written and practical examination. Twenty-one of the 23 candidates who took the first part of the exam passed, of which all returned to the Board's headquarters in Raleigh on June 27, 2015, for a practice-and-ethics exam which all passed. Twenty-one (21) initial licenses were issued. No one was refused for examination if all their application materials were received in a timely manner. Beginning November 6-7, 2015, the annual exam will be given in the autumn rather than in the spring to allow for job placements. Because the North Carolina podiatric exam was given in late spring, many licensee candidates were taking positions in other states.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

25 Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit hours are required for license renewal. The Board of Podiatry Examiners issued an amendment to its Administrative Rule, 21 NCAC 52.0208, which, due to public comments changing the Rule substantively from the Notice of Text, will need to go through the public comment process again.

## **RENEWAL**

Renewal fees are \$200.00 annually. The fee for new licensee certificates is \$100.00. Currently, late fees are \$25.00 per month beginning July 1 of the renewal year. Late fees were assessed to all incomplete applications, except those given waiver by the Board.

## **PROPOSED STATUTORY AMENDMENTS**

No statutory amendments are proposed at this time.

## **PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AMENDMENTS**

The Board underwent Periodic Review of its existing Administrative Rules HB74. The Board's Rules have been submitted to the APO.

In addition, the Board:

- Adopted 21 NCAC 52.0213 TEMPORARY LICENSE FOR CLINICAL RESIDENCY/FELLOWSHIP
- Amended NCAC 52.0611 FORMS AND APPLICATIONS

In the coming year, the Board will submit for permanent rule adoption of 21 NCAC 52.0215 REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE and for amendment 21 NCAC 52.0611 FORMS AND APPLICATIONS. The Board will also re-adopt its remaining Rules under the Periodic Review of Rules before April 2016.

The Board will also be proposing changes to its Administrative Rule, 21 NCAC 52.0208 CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION, to accept fellowships as allowable CME credits and to accept a note from a PA or NP as well as one from a physician for a hardship waiver for medical reasons.