



North Carolina Board of Podiatry Examiners Annual Report 2016-2017

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-Occupational Licensing Boards and Commissions, Chapter 52-Podiatry Examiners

HISTORY; BOARD COMPOSITION; STAFFING; HEADQUARTERS

Established February 1, 1919 by North Carolina General Assembly.

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Dr. William J. O'Neill, DPM (Term II ends 6/30/2020)

President

InStride Carolina Foot Care Associates

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Public Member

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Executive Secretary & Official Board Address:

Tracy Steadman
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 May 31, 2017, there were 415 North Carolina licensed podiatrists. Seven (7) of these were temporary licensees working on a military installation in the state, and four (4) others were temporary licensees in a new clinical residency program at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital. A total of 107 N.C. licensed podiatrists practiced outside the state and 308 in the state. There were 159 Professional Corporations and PLLCs registered with the Board for 2017. Of the 159 corporations, 28 have multiple offices, for a total of 224 podiatry offices in NC. Of the 224 offices total, there are 159 corporations of which 28 have multiple practice locations and 92 single practices. Two (2) corporate Administrative Suspensions were issued in 2017 (non-payment of fees), and there were four new corporations opened in the first part of 2017. We have noticed a trend of podiatry offices either joining medical practices or other podiatry practices to offer more locations but fewer corporations.

2016-2017 RENEWALS

395 licenses were renewed for the 2016-2017 renewal period.

16 persons were granted new licenses (2/1/17)

4 persons were granted temporary restricted licenses.

0 person applied for license by reciprocity or comity

0 persons were granted license by reciprocity or comity

10 licenses were retired or surrendered voluntarily (6/30/16)

2 licenses were revoked due to non-payment of renewal fees (1/1/17)

1 license was terminated due to death.

0 license is pending suspension/revocation

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

2016 NEW LICENSEES

On February 1, 2016, 13 podiatrists who passed the 2016 exam were granted licenses to practice podiatry in North Carolina following a practice- and ethics-training and exam held in Greensboro, NC, on January 27, 2016.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The Board received 14 formal complaints about licensees between June 1, 2016, and May 31, 2017. Seven (7) were found to have no probable cause. There were seven (7) grievances that were still awaiting final Board decision at the end of the 2016-17 fiscal year.

2016 LICENSURE EXAM

A total of 26 candidates applied for the exam and 21 examinees sat for the two-day oral, written and practical examination. 18 of the 21 candidates who took the first part of the exam passed, of which 16 returned to the Greensboro on January 11, 2017, for a practice-and-ethics exam which all passed. One person from the previous years' exam attended the practice-and-ethics exam and passed. Seventeen (17) initial licenses were issued. No one was refused for examination if all their application materials were received in a timely manner.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

25 Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit hours are required for license renewal, including one (1) hour of controlled substances/opioid prescribing. The Board of Podiatry Examiners issued an amendment to its Administrative Rule, 21 NCAC 52.0208, which, added the one additional hour pursuant to S.L. 2015-241, s. 12F16(b) and (c).

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.

PROPOSED STATUTORY AMENDMENTS

No statutory amendments are proposed at this time.

PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AMENDMENTS

No administrative rules are proposed at this time.