

**NORTH CAROLINA WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATORS
CERTIFICATION BOARD**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF LICENSURE METRICS
FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2022**

Purpose

This information is being submitted to satisfy annual reporting requirements specified in § 93B-2(a), which is specific to occupational licensing boards.

Introduction

In 1969, G.S. 90A, Article 2 established the N.C. Water Treatment Facility Operators' Certification Board (NCWTFOCB or board in this document) in an effort to protect the public health, and to conserve and protect the water resources of the State. The board is tasked with protecting public investment in water treatment facilities and classifying public water treatment facilities. To accomplish this, the board requires examination of water treatment facility operators to certify their competency regarding the supervision and operation of the water treatment facilities. The board also establishes procedures for classification and certification. The board is authorized to adopt rules for the certification program, with the rules codified in 15A NCAC 18D, *Rules Governing Water Treatment Facility Operators*.

As per § 90A-21 (a), the board consists of eight members appointed by the governor. One member is currently employed as a water treatment facility operator; one is a manager of a municipality using a surface water supply; one is a manager of a municipality using a treated groundwater supply; one is employed as a director of utilities, water superintendent or equivalent position with a municipality; one is employed by a private water utility or private industry and responsible for the operation or supervision of a water supply and treatment facility; one is a faculty member of a four-year college or university whose major field is related to water supply; one is employed by the Department of Environmental Quality and working in the field of water supply; and one member who is not certified or regulated who shall represent the interest of the public at large. There are currently two vacant seats on the board.

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Members and Officers

Sam Call, Chairman	Ann Wall
Jon Pons, First Vice-Chair	Kim Greenwood
Vacant, Second Vice-Chair	Dr. Rebecca Sadosky
Dr. Orlando Coronell	Vacant

Program Metrics for FY2021-2022

Description:	Amount
Number of Licensees (1a)	5,670
Number of exam applications received (2)	1,715
Number of people not approved to take an exam (3)	7
Number of people who took an exam (4)	1,708
Number of initial licenses issued (5)	422
Number of exam failures (5a)	816
Number of applications by reciprocity or comity (6)	6
Number of licenses granted by reciprocity or comity (7)	8
Number of official complaints received (7a)	0
Number of disciplinary actions taken (7b)	0
Number of licenses suspended or revoked (8)	0
Number of terminated licenses for reasons other than failure to pay renewal (i.e., licenses expired for failure to meet annual continuing education requirements) (9)	0
Number of applicants for a license and of that number, the number granted a license (9a)	1,715 904
Number of applicants with a conviction record (9b)	52 *
Number of applicants with military training (9c)	174 *
Number of applicants that are military spouses (9d)	6 *

This report contains new data categories established by S.L 2020-87. Specifically, new statutory requirements include categories (9a), (9b), (9c) and (9d). Prior to receiving notification of the new requirements from the Legislative Analysis Division on February 16, 2022, staff were not aware of the statute change. Consequently, a mechanism to collect the subject data related to (9b), (9c) and (9d) was not in place for the entirety of FY 2021-22. The earliest opportunity to collect information and fulfill reporting the requirements for (9b), (9c) and (9d) occurred during the application submittal period prior to the board's scheduled May 2022 exam.

* To estimate and report data on an annualized basis, staff calculated the percentage of applicants who responded positively to questions associated with (9b), (9c) and (9d). This methodology resulted in 3.0% of applicants reporting a conviction record (9b); 10.1% of applicants reporting military training (9c); and 0.3% of applicants reporting that they are military spouses.

Percentages were then applied to the total number of applications received during FY 2021-22, resulting in the estimated data provided in the table above.

Request to Amend Statutes (10).

There are no anticipated requests by the NCWTFOCB to the General Assembly to amend statutes related to the board.

Anticipated Rules Changes (11).

There are no anticipated requests by the NCWTFOCB to amend rules related to the board.