



North Carolina Board of Podiatry Examiners Annual Report 2022-2023

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. J. Scott Stancil, DPM (Term II ends 6/30/2025)

President

Family Foot & Ankle Physicians

1432 E Fire Tower Rd

Greenville, NC

Dr. James Judge, DPM (Term II ends 6/30/2024)

Vice President

Wake Foot and Ankle Center
833-C Wake Forest Business Park
Wake Forest, NC 27587

Dr. Alan Bocko, DPM (Term II ends 6/30/2026)

Secretary-Treasurer

Chapel Hill Foot & Ankle Specialists
1506 E Franklin St, Ste 104
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Tanzy Wallace (Term II ends 6/30/2026)

Public Member

Shelby, NC 27565

Executive Secretary & Official Board Address:

Tracy Steadman
NC Board of Podiatry Examiners
3739 National Drive, Suite 202
Raleigh, NC 27612

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: 3739 National Drive, Suite 202, Raleigh, NC 27612.

CURRENT STATISTICS

As of May 31, 2023, there were 464 North Carolina licensed podiatrists. Eight (8) of these were temporary licensees working in a clinical residency program at Cape Fear Valley Hospital, and six (6) others were temporary licensees in a clinical residency program at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital. A total of 100 N.C. licensed podiatrists practiced outside the state and 364 in the state. There were 102 Professional Corporations and PLLCs registered with the Board for 2022. Of the 102 corporations, 20 have multiple offices. Two (2) corporate Administrative Suspensions were issued in 2023 (non-payment of fees), and there were three new corporations opened in the first part of 2023. We have noticed a trend of podiatry offices either joining medical practices or other podiatry practices to offer more locations but fewer corporations.

2022-2023 RENEWALS

456 licenses were renewed for the 2021-2022 renewal period.

17 persons were granted new licenses (4 on 7/1/2022 and 13 on 12/8/2022)

7 persons were granted temporary restricted licenses.

0 person applied for license by reciprocity or comity

0 persons were granted license by reciprocity or comity

8 licenses were retired or surrendered voluntarily (6/30/20)

5 licenses were revoked due to non-payment of renewal fees (1/1/2022)

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.

2022-2023 NEW LICENSEES

On July 1, 2022, 4 podiatrists who passed the May 2022 exam were granted licenses to practice podiatry in North Carolina following a practice- and ethics-training and exam via Zoom on June 8, 2022. On December 8, 2022, 13 podiatrists who passed the October 2022 exam were granted licenses to practice podiatry in North Carolina following a practice and ethics training and exam via Zoom on December 7, 2022.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The Board received 12 formal complaints about licensees between June 1, 2022, and May 31, 2023. There are three (3) grievances that were still under investigation at the end of the 2022-2023 fiscal year. There were no disciplinary hearing during the year.

2023 LICENSURE EXAM(S)

A total of 30 candidates applied for the exam and 24 examinees sat for the modified one-day oral, written and practical examination. 17 of the 24 candidates who took the first part of the exam passed, of which 17 returned for the virtual practice-and-ethics exam which all passed. Seventeen (17) initial licenses were issued. No one was refused for examination if all their application materials were received in a timely manner.

MILITARY APPLICANTS

A total of 0 applications were received for a military spouse.

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

We have two proposed administrative rule amendments.