



**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

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**MEMO**

**TO:** Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee

Chairwoman Sarah Stevens

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**FROM:** Deputy Secretary Tim Crowley

**DATE:** March 1, 2024

**RE:** Applications for Licenses and Approvals and Denials Based on Criminal Convictions

Pursuant to G.S. 93B-2, the NC Department of the Secretary of State reports the following data annually to provide a snapshot of license applicants, approvals and denials. The FY 2022-2023 Annual Report includes:

- (1) The number of applicants for a license and, of that number, the number granted a license.
- (2) The number of applicants with a conviction record and, of that number, the number granted a license, denied a license for any reason, and denied a license because of a conviction.
- (3) The number of applicants who are active duty military or military veterans, the number granted a license, the number denied a license for any reason, and a summary of the reasons for denial.
- (4) The number of applicants who are military spouses, the number granted a license, the number denied a license for any reason, and a summary of the reasons for denial.

## REPORT

	Total Applicants	Applicants Granted a License	Applicants with Conviction Record	Applicants with Conviction Record Granted a License	Applicants Denied a License for Any Reason	Applicants Denied a License Because of a Conviction
Broker-Dealer	113	93	0	0	0	0
Securities Salesman	52,538	50,601	292	279	0	0
Investment Adviser	111	92	0	0	0	0
Investment Adviser Representative	4,038	3,811	25	20	0	0
Athlete Agent	262	234	1	1	2	0
Professional Solicitor	Not available	121	0	0	0	0

	Applicants who are active duty military or military veterans	Active duty military or military veterans granted a license	Applicants who are military spouses	Military spouses granted a license
Broker-Dealer	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Securities Salesman	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Investment Adviser	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Investment Adviser Representative	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Athlete Agent	Not available	Not available	Not Available	Not available

*The Securities Division obtained the data for this report from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). FINRA operates the Central Registration Depository and Investment Adviser Registration Depository (CRD/IARD). CRD/IARD are electronic filing systems/databases used by the U.S. securities industry and its regulators. CRD/IARD contains certain records and information about broker-dealer firms, investment advisers, and their associated individuals. This includes information such as qualification to participate in the securities industry; jurisdictions where registered; employment and employment history; and disclosures. Applicants are required to disclose in their CRD/IA RD filings any felony convictions and guilty pleas, and misdemeanor convictions and guilty pleas involving “investments or an investment-related business or any fraud, false statements or omissions, wrongful taking of property, bribery, perjury, forgery, counterfeiting, extortion, or a conspiracy to commit any of these offenses.”*