



North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Lisa R. Hearne, Communications Officer on behalf of
Robert N. Brooks, Executive Director

DATE: July 28, 2021

RE: Report of Board Activities for Year Ended March 31, 2021

As required by Chapter 93B of the North Carolina General Statutes, the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners submits the following report of the Board's activities for the year ended March 31, 2021:

1) ADDRESS OF THE BOARD

The Board maintains its physical office at 1101 Oberlin Road, Suite 104, Raleigh, NC 27605-1169; the mailing address is PO Box 12827, Raleigh, NC 27605-2827. The Board's primary telephone number is (919) 733-4222. The Board's website address is nccpaboard.gov.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

As of the date of this report, the members of the Board are as follows:

Name	City	Term Expires
Barton W. Baldwin, CPA	Mt. Olive, NC	06-30-2022
Bernita W. Demery, CPA	Harrisburg, NC	06-30-2022
Gary R. Massey, CPA	Emerald Isle, NC	06-30-2021
Michael S. Massey, CPA	Atlanta, GA	06-30-2021
Wanda B. Taylor, Esq.	Raleigh, NC	06-30-2021
Jennifer Van Zant, Esq.	Greensboro, NC	06-30-2022
Arthur M. Winstead, Jr., CPA	Greensboro, NC	06-30-2023

1a) LICENSEES SUPERVISED BY THE BOARD

The number of licensees supervised by the Board as of March 31, 2021, was 22,269.

2) EXAMINATION APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

The Board received 2,470 applications for the examination sections administered between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021.

3) EXAMINATION APPLICATIONS DENIED

The Board denied 27 applications for the examination sections administered between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021. The Board denied these applications for failure to meet the requirements for examination as established by North Carolina General Statute 93-12 and Title 21, Chapter 08F of the North Carolina Administrative Code.

4) EXAMINATION APPLICANTS TAKING THE EXAM

Between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021, the Board approved 1,815 applicants to take the examination, and candidates took 3,324 sections of the examination.

5) INITIAL LICENSES ISSUED

During the fiscal year, the Board issued 467 original CPA licenses.

5a) EXAMINATION APPLICANTS FAILING THE EXAMINATION

The Board's data is incomplete for the number of individuals who failed one of the four examination sections between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021. The Board estimates that 800 individuals failed at least one of the four examination sections based on the available information. The Board based the estimate on the number of individuals who failed one of the four examination sections in the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

6) RECIPROCAL LICENSES APPLIED FOR

During the fiscal year, the Board received 266 applications for licensure by reciprocity.

7) RECIPROCAL LICENSES ISSUED

During the fiscal year, the Board issued 266 reciprocal CPA licenses.

7a) COMPLAINTS

During the fiscal year, the Board received 200 complaints against licensees and non-CPAs.

- 7b) DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**
During the fiscal year, the Board took disciplinary or other action against 25 licensees and non-CPAs.
- 8) LICENSES SUSPENDED OR REVOKED**
During the fiscal year, the Board suspended nine (9) licenses. The Board revoked two (2) licenses during the fiscal year.
- 9) LICENSES TERMINATED**
During the fiscal year, the Board terminated zero (0) CPA licenses for reasons other than failure to pay the required renewal fee.
- 9a) LICENSE APPLICANTS**
During the fiscal year, 732 individuals applied for a North Carolina CPA license, and 732 individuals were granted a North Carolina CPA license.
- 9b) APPLICANTS WITH A CONVICTION RECORD**
During the fiscal year, 517 applicants had a conviction record, and of that number, the Board granted 517 licenses. Zero (0) applicants were denied a license because of a conviction.
- 9c) APPLICANTS WITH MILITARY TRAINING**
The Board does not separately identify applicants with military training in its database. However, the Board's licensure processes allow any holder of a CPA license from any other state or jurisdiction to obtain reciprocal licensure in NC easily. In addition, a temporary practice permit is provided to the applicant at the time of application to allow the applicant to begin use of the CPA title immediately and until such time that the Board issues the reciprocal license.
- 9d) APPLICANTS WHO ARE MILITARY SPOUSES**
The Board does not separately identify applicants who are military spouses in its database. However, the Board's licensure processes allow any holder of a CPA license from any other state or jurisdiction to easily obtain reciprocal CPA licensure in NC. In addition, a temporary practice permit is provided to the applicant at the time of application to allow the applicant to use the CPA title immediately and until such time that the Board issues the reciprocal license.
- 10) ANTICIPATED AMENDMENTS TO BOARD STATUTES**
The Board does not anticipate any amendments to Board statutes.
- 11) ANTICIPATED CHANGES OR ADOPTIONS TO BOARD RULES**
The Board does not anticipate any changes to Board rules.

Enclosure: 2020-2021 Financial Audit Report