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EXECUTIVE ORDERS

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

July 27, 2018

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 48

PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF OPIOID USE DISORDER

WHEREAS, in 2016, 20.1 million Americans ages twelve and older suffered from substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, opioid use disorder, a related illness, is a significant public health crisis that is devastating many communities across the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, 1,518 North Carolinians died of opioid overdoses and 4,175 opioid-related overdose cases resulted in emergency department visits; and

WHEREAS, from 1999-2016, substance misuse deaths in North Carolina increased by 350% and opioid-related overdose deaths increased by over 800%, resulting in over 12,000 opioid-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement, first responders and employers across the state are feeling the negative effects of substance use disorders including strained resources and loss of productivity; and

WHEREAS, national estimates suggest that as many as 28% of uninsured individuals have a substance use disorder or other behavioral health needs; and

WHEREAS, uninsured and underinsured North Carolinians need and deserve access to treatment to help combat opioid addiction; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2016-2017, parental substance use was a contributing factor in 39% of children entering foster care throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, effective therapies exist to help individuals combat opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders so that they can maintain or regain employment and resume productive lives in their communities; and

WHEREAS, measures that address opioid addiction are in the State’s economic and public health interests; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has adopted a comprehensive Opioid Action Plan to address the opioid crisis by coordinating state resources to reduce the oversupply of prescription opioids, reduce the diversion of prescription drugs and the flow of illicit drugs, increase community awareness and prevention, increase the availability of naloxone, expand treatment and recovery support, and measure the results and effectiveness of these strategies; and
WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2017-2018, North Carolina provided treatment to over 5,700 individuals with opioid use disorder through funding awarded by the 21st Century Cures Act, State-Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grants; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina may be eligible to receive an additional $25 million per year to support efforts to combat opioid addiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, IT IS ORDERED:

SECTION 1. Application for Grant and Cooperative Agreement

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services ("DHHS") shall seek approximately $22 million in federal funding through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's ("SAMHSA") State Opioid Response Grants to support efforts to combat opioid addiction in North Carolina.

DHHS shall also seek approximately $3 million in federal funding through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's ("CDC") Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response to strengthen efforts and extend funds to communities across the state.

SECTION 2. Use of Grant and Cooperative Agreement Proceeds

DHHS shall use funds that may be awarded under the SAMHSA Grant to provide opioid prevention services, medication-assisted treatment and recovery-support activities to at least 5,000 North Carolinians. The grant will also allow the state to enhance efforts to combat overdoses by purchasing additional amounts of naloxone, a life-saving overdose reversal drug.

DHHS shall use funds that may be awarded under the CDC Cooperative Agreement to enhance the accessibility of overdose-related data, which will enable state leaders and programs to better target and evaluate prevention strategies.

SECTION 3. Effect and Duration

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately. It shall remain in effect until rescinded or superseded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this 27th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen.

Ray Cooper
Governor

Rodney S. Maddox
Chief Deputy Secretary of State
The 2019 Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Qualified Allocation Plan
For the State of North Carolina

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The 2019 Qualified Allocation Plan (the Plan) has been developed by the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (the Agency) as administrative agent for the North Carolina Federal Tax Reform Allocation Committee (the Committee) in compliance with Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code). For purposes of the Plan, the term “Agency” shall mean the Agency acting on behalf of the Committee, unless otherwise provided.

The Plan was reviewed in one public hearing and met the other legal requirements prior to final adoption by the Committee. The staff of the Agency was present at the hearing to take comments and answer questions.

The Agency will only allocate low-income housing tax credits in compliance with the Plan. The Code requires the Plan contain certain elements. These elements, and others added by the Committee, are listed below.

A. Selection criteria to be used in determining the allocation of tax credits:
   • Project location and site suitability.
   • Market demand and local housing needs.
   • Serving the lowest income tenants.
   • Serving qualified tenants for the longest periods.
   • Design and quality of construction.
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   • Tenant populations of individuals with children.
   • Projects intended for eventual tenant ownership.
   • Projects that are part of a community redevelopment effort.
   • Energy efficiency.
   • Historic nature of the buildings.

B. Threshold, underwriting and process requirements.

C. Description of the Agency’s compliance monitoring program, including procedures to notify the Internal Revenue Service of noncompliance with the requirements of the program.

In the process of administering the tax credit, Rental Production Program (RPP) and Workforce Housing Loan Program (WHLP), the Agency will make decisions and interpretations regarding project applications and the Plan. RPP and WHLP are state investments dedicated to making rental developments financially feasible and more affordable for working families and seniors. Unless otherwise stated, the Agency is entitled to the full discretion allowed by law in making all such decisions and interpretations. The Agency reserves the right to amend, modify, or withdraw provisions contained in the Plan that are inconsistent or in conflict with state or federal laws or regulations. In the event of a major:
   • natural disaster,
   • disruption in the financial markets, or
   • reduction in subsidy resources available, including tax credits, RPP and WHLP funding,
the Agency may disregard any section of the Plan, including point scoring and evaluation criteria, that interferes with an appropriate response.

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II. SET-ASSES, AWARD LIMITATIONS AND COUNTY DESIGNATIONS

The Agency will determine whether applications are eligible under Section II(A) or II(B). This Section II only applies to 9% Tax Credit applications.

A. REHABILITATION SET-ASIDE

The Agency will award up to ten percent (10%) of tax credits available after forward commitments to projects proposing rehabilitation of existing housing. The Agency may exceed this limitation to completely fund a project request. In the event eligible requests exceed the amount available, the Agency will determine awards based on the evaluation criteria in Section IV((H)(3). The maximum award under this set-aside to any one Principal will be one project.

The following will be considered new construction under Section II(B) below:
- adaptive re-use projects,
- entirely vacant residential buildings,
- proposals to increase and/or substantially re-configure residential units.

B. NEW CONSTRUCTION SET-ASSES

1. GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS

The Agency will award tax credits remaining after awards described above to new construction projects, starting with those earning the highest scoring projects within each of the following geographic set-ases and continuing in descending score order through the last project that can be fully funded. The Agency reserves the right to revise the available credits in each set-aside to award the next highest scoring application statewide under Section II((G)(1).

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2. REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

(a) If necessary, the Agency will adjust the awards under the Plan to ensure the overall allocation results in awards for two (2) Redevelopment Projects. Specifically, tax credits that would have been awarded to the lowest ranking project(s) that do(es) not meet the criteria below will be awarded to a project that does meet the criteria.

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awarded to the next highest ranking Redevelopment Project(s). The Agency may make such adjustment(s) in any geographic set-aside.

(b) The following are required to qualify as a Redevelopment Project:

(i) The site currently contains or contained at least one structure used for commercial, residential, educational, or governmental purposes.

(ii) The application proposes adaptive re-use with historic rehabilitation credits and/or new construction.

(iii) Any required demolition has been completed or is scheduled for completion in 2019 (not including the project buildings).

(iv) A unit of local government initiated the project and has invested community development resources in the Half Mile area within the last ten years.

(v) As of the preliminary application deadline, a unit of local government formally adopted a plan to address the deterioration (if any) in the Half Mile area and approved one or more of the following for the project:
   - donation of at least one parcel of land,
   - waiver of impact, tap, or related fees normally charged,
   - commitment to lend/grant at least $750,000 in the Metro region and $250,000 in the East, Central or West of its housing development funds (net of any amount paid to the unit of government) as a source of permanent funding,
   - is part of the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Agency will require official documentation of each element of local government participation.

C. USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Up to $750,000 will be awarded to eligible rehabilitation and/or new construction project(s) identified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (RD) state office as a priority. These projects will count towards the applicable set-asides and limits. The maximum award under this set-aside to any one Principal will be one project. Other RD applications will be considered under the applicable set-asides.

D. NONPROFIT AND CHDO SET-ASIDES AND LIMITS AND NATIONAL HOUSING TRUST FUND

1. SET-ASIDES AND NATIONAL HOUSING TRUST FUND

   If necessary, the Agency will adjust the awards under the Plan to ensure that the overall allocation results in:
   - ten percent (10%) of the state's federal tax credit ceiling being awarded to projects involving tax-exempt organizations (nonprofits),
   - fifteen percent (15%) of the Agency's HOME funds being awarded to projects involving Community Housing Development Organizations certified by the Agency (CHDOs) and
   - all funds available from the National Housing Trust Fund have been awarded.

Specifically, tax credits that would have been awarded to the lowest ranking project(s) that do(es) not fall into one of these categories will be awarded to the next highest ranking project(s) that do(es) until the overall allocation(s) reach(es) the necessary percentage(s). The Agency may make such adjustment(s) in any set-aside.

(a) Nonprofit Set-Aside
To qualify as a nonprofit application, the project must either:
- not involve any for-profit Principals or
- comply with the material participation requirements of the Code, applicable federal regulations and Section VI(A)(2).

(b) CHDO Set-Aside

To qualify as a CHDO application,
- the project must meet the requirements of subsection (D)(1)(a) above and 24 CFR 92.300(a)(1),
- the Applicant, any Principal, or any affiliate must not undertake any choice-limiting activity prior to successful completion of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) environmental clearance review, and
- the project and owner must comply with regulations regarding the federal CHDO set-aside.

The Agency may determine the requirements of the federal CHDO set-aside have been or will be met without implementing subsection (D)(1)(b).

(c) National Housing Trust Fund

To qualify for the National Housing Trust Fund, the project must:
- be located in a High Income county as designated in Section II(F)(2) and
- commit at least twenty-five percent (25%) of qualified low-income units will be affordable to and occupied by households with incomes at or below thirty percent (30%) of area median income. See Appendix J for additional information.

2. LIMITS

No more than twenty percent (20%) of the overall allocation will be awarded to projects where a nonprofit organization (or its qualified corporation) is the Applicant under Section III(C)(6). New construction awards will be counted towards this limitation first (in score order), then rehabilitation awards.

E. PRINCIPAL AND PROJECT AWARD LIMITS

1. PRINCIPAL LIMITS

(a) The maximum awards to any one Principal will be a total of $1,800,000 in tax credits, including all set-asides. New construction awards will be counted towards this limitation first (in score order), then rehabilitation awards.

(b) The Agency may further limit awards based on unforeseen circumstances.

(c) For purposes of the maximum allowed in this subsection (E)(1), the Agency may determine that a person or entity not included in an application is a Principal for the project. Such determination would include consideration of relationships between the parties in previously awarded projects and other common interests. Standard fee for service contract relationships (such as accountants or attorneys) will not be considered.

2. PROJECT LIMIT

The maximum award to any one project will be $1,000,000.

3. AGENCY-DESIGNATED BASIS BOOST

The Agency can boost the eligible basis of new construction projects committing to the targeting in Section IV(B)(2) by up to ten percent (10%). Projects using the DDA or QCT basis increase are not eligible under this section.
F. COUNTY AWARD LIMITS AND INCOME DESIGNATIONS

1. AWARD LIMITS

(a) Rehabilitation and East, Central, and West Regions

No county will be awarded more than one project under the rehabilitation set-aside. No county
will be awarded more than one project under the new construction set-aside.

(b) Metro Region

The initial maximum award(s) for a county will be its percent share of the Metro region based on
population (see Appendix K), unless exceeding this amount is necessary to complete a project
request. If any tax credits remain, the Agency will make awards to the next highest scoring
application(s). A county may receive one additional award, even if in excess of its share.

2. INCOME DESIGNATIONS

The Agency is responsible for designating each county as High, Moderate or Low Income. The
criteria used in making this determination was HUD's FY 2018 Median Family Income.

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G. OTHER AWARDS AND RETURNED ALLOCATIONS

1. The Agency may award tax credits remaining from the geographic set-asides to the next highest
scoring eligible new construction application(s) in the East, Central, and West regions and/or one or
more eligible rehabilitation applications. The Agency may also carry forward any amount of tax credits to the next year.

2. An owner returning a valid allocation of 2016's tax credits between October 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016 will receive an allocation of the same amount of 2019 tax credits if:
   - the project has obtained a building permit and closed its construction loan,
   - the owner pays a fee equal to the original allocation fee amount upon the return, and
   - the project’s design is the same as approved at full application (other than changes approved by the Agency).

None of the Principals for the returned project may be part of a 2019 application.

3. The Agency may make a forward commitment of the next year’s tax credits in an amount necessary to fully fund project(s) with a partial award or to any project application that was submitted in a prior year if such application meets all the minimum requirements of the Plan. In the event that credits are returned or the state receives credits from the national pool, the Agency may elect to carry such credits forward, make an award to any project application (subject only to the nonprofit set aside), or a combination of both.

III. DEADLINES, APPLICATION AND FEES

A. APPLICATION AND AWARD SCHEDULE

The following schedule will apply to the 2019 application process for 9% Tax Credits and the first round of tax-exempt bond volume and 4% Tax Credits:

   January 18th Deadline for submission of preliminary applications (12:00 noon)
   March 1st Market analysts will submit studies to the Agency and Applicants
   March 22nd Notification of final site scores
   April 12th Deadline for market-related project revisions (5:00 p.m.)
   April 29th Deadline for the Agency and Applicant to receive the revised market study, if applicable
   May 10th deadline for full applications (12:00 noon)
   August Notification of tax credit awards

The Agency will also accept bond volume and 4% Tax Credit applications any time between May 13 and October 1. When a preliminary application has been submitted in this timeframe, a schedule of milestones will be provided to the Applicant. The preliminary application submission date will determine when those milestones occur which will follow a time frame similar to the 9% Tax Credit round. The Agency will work with the Applicant to determine if the project will receive 2019 or 2020 volume cap.

The Agency reserves the right to change the schedule to accommodate unforeseen circumstances.

B. APPLICATION, ALLOCATION, MONITORING, AND PENALTY FEES

1. All Applicants are required to pay a nonrefundable fee of $5,7640 at the submission of the preliminary application. This fee covers the cost of the market study or physical needs assessment and a $1,3640 preliminary application processing fee (which will be assessed for every electronic application submitted). The Agency may charge additional fee(s) to cover the cost of direct contracting with other providers (such as appraisers).

2. All Applicants are required to pay a nonrefundable processing fee of $1,3640 upon submission of the full application.

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3. Entities receiving tax credit awards, including those involving tax-exempt bond volume, are required to pay a nonrefundable allocation fee equal to 0.829% of the project’s total qualified basis.

4. The allocation fee will be due at the time of either the carryover allocation or bond volume award. Failure to return the required documentation and fee by the date specified may result in cancellation of the allocation. The Agency may assess other fees for additional monitoring responsibilities.

5. Owners must pay a monitoring fee of $900 per unit (includes all units, qualified, unrestricted, and employee) prior to issuance of the project’s IRS Form 8609. Any project utilizing income averaging or for which the Agency is the bond issuer must pay a monitoring fee of $1,200.

6. If expenses for legal services are incurred by the Committee or Agency to correct mistakes of the owner which jeopardize use of the tax credits, such legal costs will be paid by the owner in the amount charged to the Committee or Agency.

7. The Agency may assess Applicants or owners a fee of up to $2,000 for each instance of failure to comply with a written requirement, whether or not such requirement is in the Plan. The Agency will not process applications or other documentation relating to any Principal who has an outstanding balance of fees owed; such a delay in processing may result in disqualification of application(s).

8. The Agency will assess $1,500 for a Workforce Housing Loan Program closing and $2,000 for an RPP closing.

9. Entities receiving an RPP award of HOME or National Housing Trust Fund will be required to pay a fee to cover the cost of the Environmental Review, which the Agency will contract for directly with the provider. This fee will be required to be paid after award upon notification of receiving an award of one of these two sources.

C. APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. The Agency may require Applicants to submit any information, letter, or representation relating to Plan requirements or point scoring as part of the application process.

2. Any failure to comply with an Agency request under subsection (C)(1) above or any misrepresentation, false information or omission in any application document may result in disqualification of that application and any other involving the same owner(s), Principal(s), consultant(s) and/or application preparer(s). Any misrepresentation, false information or omission in the application document may also result in a revocation of a tax credit allocation.

3. Only one application can be submitted per site (new construction or rehabilitation).

4. The Agency may elect to treat applications involving more than one site, population type (family/elderly) or activity (new/rehabilitation) as separate for purposes of the Agency’s application process. Each application would require a separate initial application fee. The Agency may allow such applications to be considered as one for the full application underwriting if all sites are secured by one permanent mortgage and are not intended for separation and sale after the tax credit allocation.

5. The Agency will notify the appropriate unit of government about the project after submission of the full application.

6. For each application one individual or validly existing entity must be identified as the Applicant and execute the preliminary and full applications. An entity may be one of the following:

(a) corporation, including nonprofits,

(b) limited partnership, or

(c) limited liability company.
Only the identified Applicant will have the ability to make decisions with regard to that application and be considered under Section IV(D)(1). The Applicant may enter into joint venture or other agreements but the Agency will not be responsible for evaluating those documents to determine the relative rights of the parties. If the application receives an award the Applicant must become a managing member or general partner of the ownership entity.

IV. SELECTION CRITERIA AND THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS

Applications must meet all applicable threshold requirements to be considered for award and funding. Scoring and threshold determinations made in prior years are not binding on the Agency for the 2019 cycle.

A. SITE AND MARKET EVALUATION

The Agency will not accept a full application where the preliminary application does not meet all site and market threshold requirements.

1. SITE EVALUATION (MAXIMUM 62 POINTS)

(a) General Site Requirements:

(i) Sites must be sized to accommodate the number and type of units proposed. The Applicant or a Principal must have site control by the preliminary application deadline as evidenced by an option, contract or deed. The documentation of site control must include a plot plan.

(ii) Required zoning must be in place by the full application deadline, including special/conditional use permits, and any other discretionary land use approval required (includes all legislative or quasi-judicial decisions).

(iii) Water and sewer must be available with adequate capacity to serve the site. Sites should be accessed directly by existing paved, publicly maintained roads. If not, it will be the owner’s responsibility to extend utilities and roads to the site. In such cases, the Applicant must explain and budget for such plans and document the right to perform such work.

(iv) To be eligible for RPP funds, the preliminary application must contain the Agency’s “Notice of Real Property Acquisition” form. The form must be executed by all parties before or at the same time as the option or contract.

(b) Criteria for Site Score Evaluation:

Site scores will be based on the following factors. Each will also serve as a threshold requirement; the Agency may remove an application from consideration if the site is sufficiently inadequate in one of the categories. An application must have a minimum total score of 45 points.

(i) NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTERISTICS (MAXIMUM 10 POINTS)

Good: 10 points if structures within a Half Mile are well maintained or the site qualifies as a redevelopment project (see Section II(B)(2)(b))

Fair: 5 points if structures within a Half Mile are not well maintained and there are visible signs of deterioration

Poor: 0 points if structures within a Half Mile are Blighted or have physical security modifications (e.g. barbed wire fencing or bars on windows)

Half Mile: The half mile radius from the approximate center of the site (does not apply to Amenities below).

Blighted: A structure that is abandoned, deteriorated substantially beyond normal wear and tear, a public nuisance, or appears to violate minimum health and safety standards.

(ii) AMENITIES (MAXIMUM 38 POINTS)

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Other than applications with tribally-appropriated funds or near bus/transit stops (described at the end of this subsection), points will be determined according to the matrix below. For an amenity to be eligible for points, the application must include documentation required by the Agency of meeting the applicable criteria. In all cases the establishment must be open to the general public and operating with no announced closing as of the preliminary application deadline.

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* A Small Town is a municipality with a population of less than 10,000 people. The list of town sizes can be found on the Office of State Budget and Management website at https://www.osbm.nc.gov/demog/municipal-estimates. The Certified 2016 Population Estimates, Municipal Estimates – Alphabetically by municipality will be used to determine a town’s population. A site is not required to be within the town limits to qualify but must have an address of a Small Town. Any application in an unincorporated town not appearing on the Small Town list but recognized as a community must have Agency approval to be considered a Small Town prior to the preliminary application deadline.
Only one establishment will count for each row under Primary and Secondary Amenities. For example, an application for a site with a public park, library, and community center all between one mile and one and a half miles will receive only 2 points under Public Facility.

The driving distance will be the mileage as calculated by Google Maps and must be a drivable route as of the preliminary application deadline. The drivable route must be shown in map format (written directions optional). A photo of each amenity must also be provided. The measurement will be:
- the point closest to the site entrance to or from
- the point closest to the amenity entrance.

Driveways, access easements, and other distances in excess of 500 feet between the nearest residential building of the proposed project and road shown on Google Maps will be included in the driving distance. For scattered site projects, the measurement will be from the location with the longest driving distance(s).

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To qualify as a Pharmacy, the establishment must have non-medical general merchandise items for sale (not including pharmacies within hospitals).

To qualify as a Secondary Amenity, the establishment must meet the applicable requirement(s) below.

Other Primary Amenity: second Grocery, Shopping or Pharmacy (not used as Primary Amenity)

Service: restaurant, bank/credit union, or gas station with convenience store

Healthcare: hospital, urgent care business, general/family practice, or general dentist (not to include orthodontist); does not include medical specialists or clinics within pharmacies

Public Facility (any of the following):
- community center with scheduled activities operated by a local government
- public park owned and maintained by a local government containing, at a minimum, playground equipment and/or walking/bike trails and listed on a map, website, or other official means
- library operated by a local government open at least five days a week

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Public School: elementary, middle or high school (family properties only)
Senior Center: with scheduled activities operated by a local government (elderly properties only)
Retail: any Grocery or Shopping not listed as a Primary or Other Primary Amenity; any strip shopping center with a minimum of 4 operating establishments; any grocery or general merchandise establishment

A commitment of at least $250,000 in tribally-appropriated funds (including through the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act) qualifies for 6 points, not to exceed the total for subsection (ii). The commitment must meet the requirements of Section III(B)(6) and be submitted as part of the preliminary application.

A bus/transit stop qualifies for 6 points, not to exceed the total for subsection (ii), if it is:
- in service as of the preliminary application date,
- at a fixed location and has a covered waiting area,
- served by a public transportation system six days a week, including for 12 consecutive hours on weekdays, and
- within 0.25 miles walking distance of the proposed project site entrance using existing continuous sidewalks and crosswalks.

A bus/transit stop qualifies for 2 points, not to exceed the total for subsection (ii), if all of the above criteria are met except for a covered waiting area.

(iii) SITE SUITABILITY (MAXIMUM 12 POINTS)
3 points if there is no Incompatible Use, which includes the following activities, conditions, or uses within the distance ranges specified:

- Half Mile
  - airports
  - chemical or hazardous materials storage/disposal
  - industrial or agricultural activities with environmental concerns (such as odors or pollution)
  - commercial junk or salvage yards
  - landfills currently in operation
  - sources of excessive noise
  - wastewater treatment facilities

A parcel or right of way within 500 feet containing any of the following:
- adult entertainment establishment
- distribution facility
- factory or similar operation
- jail or prison
- large swamp

Any of the following within 250 feet of a proposed project building:
- electrical utility substation, whether active or not
- frequently used railroad tracks (except within 0.25 miles of an approved light rail passenger stop)
- high traffic corridor
- power transmission lines and tower

3 points if there are no negative features, design challenges, physical barriers, or other unusual and problematic circumstances that would impede project construction or adversely affect future tenants, including but not limited to: power transmission lines and towers, flood hazards, steep slopes, large boulders, ravines, year-round streams, wetlands,
and other similar features (for adaptive re-use projects: suitability for residential use and
difficulties posed by the building(s), such as limited parking, environmental problems or
the need for excessive demolition)

3 points if the project would be visible to potential tenants using normal travel patterns and
is within 500 feet of a building that is currently in use for residential, commercial,
educational, or governmental purposes (excluding Blighted structures or Incompatible
Uses)

3 points if traffic controls allow for safe access to the site; for example limited sight
distance (blind curve) or having to cross three or more lanes of traffic going the same
direction when exiting the site would not receive points.

(iv) SITE BONUS POINTS. (MAXIMUM 2 POINTS)

Up to 2 points will be awarded to the site(s) deemed to be the most desirable real estate
investment and most appropriate for housing, amongst all applications.

(iv) SITE NEGATIVE POINTS. (NEGATIVE 3 POINTS)

Up to 3 points will be deducted from a site deemed to be unsuitable for housing. This
determination recognizes a site may meet all site evaluation scoring criteria but not be
suitable for housing regardless of having required zoning or local government support.

2. MARKET ANALYSIS

The Agency will administer the market study process based on this Section and the terms of
Appendix A (incorporated herein by reference).

(a) The Agency will contract directly with market analysts to perform studies. Applicants may
interact with market analysts and will have an opportunity to revise their project (unit mix,
targeting). Any revisions must be submitted in writing to both the market analyst and to the
Agency, following the schedule in Section III(A), and will be binding on the Applicant for the
full application.

(b) The Agency will limit the number of projects awarded in the same application round to those that
it determines can be supported in the market.

(c) The following four criteria are threshold requirements for new construction applications:

(i) the project’s capture rate,

(ii) the project’s absorption rate,

(iii) the vacancy rate at comparable properties (what qualifies as a comparable will vary based on
the circumstances), and

(iv) the project’s effect on existing or awarded properties with 9% Tax Credits or Agency loans.

(d) Applicants may not increase rents nor the total number of units after submission of the
preliminary application. After the deadline for completing market-related project revisions
Applicants may not increase:

(i) rents, irrespective of a decrease in utility allowances,

(ii) the number of income targeted units in any bedroom type, or

(iii) the number of units in any bedroom type.

(c) The Agency is not bound by the conclusions or recommendations of the market analyst(s), and
will use its discretion in evaluating the criteria listed in this subsection (A)(2).

(f) Projects may not give preferences to potential tenants based on:

(i) residing in the jurisdiction of a particular local government,
IN ADDITION

(ii) having a particular disability, or
(iii) being part of a specific occupational group (e.g. artists).

(g) Age-restricted (elderly) projects may not contain three or more bedroom units.

(h) No project can have more than four (4) income bands consisting of: 30%, 40%, 50%, 60%, 70%, 80% area median income, and market rate.

B. RENT AFFORDABILITY

1. FEDERAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Applicants proposing to convert tenant-based Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) to a project-based subsidy (pursuant to 24 CFR Part 983) must submit a letter from the issuing authority in a form approved by the Agency. Conversion of vouchers will be treated similarly to a funding source under Section VI(B)(6)(e); a project will be ineligible for an allocation if it does not meet requirements set by the Agency as part of the application and award process. Such requirements may involve the public housing authority’s (PHA’s) Annual Plan, selection policy, and approval for advertising.

2. TENANT RENT LEVELS AND RPP (MAXIMUM 2 POINTS)

An application may earn points under one of the following scenarios:

(a) If the project is in a High Income county:
   • 2 points will be awarded if at least twenty-five percent (25%) of qualified low-income units will be affordable to and occupied by households with incomes at or below thirty percent (30%) of area median income.
   • 1 point will be awarded if at least fifteen percent (15%) of qualified low-income units will be affordable to and occupied by households with incomes at or below thirty percent (30%) of area median income.

(b) If the project is in a Moderate Income county:
   • 2 points will be awarded if at least twenty-five percent (25%) of qualified low-income units will be affordable to and occupied by households with incomes at or below forty percent (40%) of area median income.
   • 1 point will be awarded if at least fifteen percent (15%) of qualified low-income units will be affordable to and occupied by households with incomes at or below forty percent (40%) of area median income.

(c) If the project is in a Low Income county:
   • 2 points will be awarded if at least twenty-five percent (25%) of qualified low-income units will be affordable to and occupied by households with incomes at or below fifty percent (50%) of area median income.
   • 1 point will be awarded if at least fifteen percent (15%) of qualified low-income units will be affordable to and occupied by households with incomes at or below fifty percent (50%) of area median income.

To qualify for an RPP loan, at least forty percent (40%) of qualified low-income units in a project will be affordable to and occupied by households with incomes at or below fifty percent (50%) of area median income. Targeting in subsection (a), (b) or (c) above counts towards this requirement.
3. INCOME AVERAGING

Only new construction projects and rehabilitation projects not subject to an existing Declaration of Land Use Restrictive Covenants for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits are eligible to utilize income averaging. Applicants electing to use income averaging must comply with the following:

(a) The income average for the property cannot exceed 60%.
(b) The income average for any bedroom type cannot exceed 60%.
(c) Market rate units are prohibited, and
(d) Owners must select each building as part of a multiple building set-aside on line 8b in Part II of IRS Form 8609.

C. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT COSTS, RPP LIMITATIONS, AND WHLP

1. MAXIMUM PROJECT DEVELOPMENT COSTS (NEGATIVE 10 POINTS)

(a) The Agency will assess negative points to applications listing more than the following in lines 5 and 6 of the Project Development Costs (PDC) description, as outlined in Chart A below. The point structure in Chart B will apply to the following:

- all units are detached single family houses or duplexes,
- serving persons with severe mobility impairments,
- development challenges resulting from being within or adjacent to a central business district,
- public housing redevelopment projects, or
- building(s) with both steel and concrete construction and at least four stories of housing.

The per-unit amount calculation includes all items covered by the construction contract, Energy Star, certifications for green programs, and any other costs not unique to the specific proposal.

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(b) Lines 5 and 6 of the PDC description must total at least $65,000 per unit and cannot exceed $90,000 per unit.

(c) The Agency will review proposed costs for historic adaptive re-use projects and approve the amount during the full application review process but in no case can lines 5 and 6 of the PDC exceed $99,000 per unit.

See Section VI(B) for other cost restrictions.

2. RESTRICTIONS ON RPP AWARDS

(a) Projects requesting RPP funds must submit the Agency’s “Notice of Real Property Acquisition” form with the preliminary application and may not:

(i) request RPP funds in excess of the following amounts per unit: $15,000 in High Income counties; $20,000 in Moderate Income counties; $25,000 in Low Income counties,

(ii) include market-rate units,

(iii) involve Principals who have entered into a workout or deferment plan within the previous year for an RPP loan awarded after January 1, 2010,

(iv) request less than $150,000 or more than $800,000 per project,

(v) have a commitment of funds from a local government under terms that will result in more repayment than determined under subsection (C)(2)(b) below.

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(vi) have a federally insured loan or one which would require the RPP loan to have a term of more than 20 years or limits repayment, or
(vii) have a Principal listed on SAM.gov as being ineligible to receive federal funds.

The maximum award of RPP funds to any one Principal will be a total of $1,600,000. Requesting an RPP loan may result in an application being ineligible under Section VI(B)(6)(e) if the Agency has inadequate funds.

(b) Projects may only request an RPP loan if the principal and interest payments for RPP and any local government financing will be equal to the anticipated net operating income divided by 1.15, less conventional debt service:

\[
\text{Repayment of RPP and local government loans} = \left( \frac{\text{NOI}}{1.15} \right) - \text{conventional debt service.}
\]

The amount of repayment will be split between the RPP loan and local government lenders based on their relative percentage of loan amounts. For example:

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\text{local government loan} & = \text{Year 2} \\
\text{Year 3} & = \text{RPP principal and interest payments} \\
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Anticipated amount available for repayment $10,000 $8,000 $6,000 $4,000
RPP principal and interest payments $6,667 $5,333 $4,000 $2,667
local government P&I payments $3,333 $2,667 $2,000 $1,333

Lien position will be determined by loan amount: the larger loan will have the higher lien position. For equal loan amounts, the local government will have the higher lien position.

(c) Loan payments made to the Applicant, any Principal, member or partner of the project, or any affiliate thereof, will be taken out of cash flow remaining after RPP payments.

(d) An application may be ineligible for RPP funds due to one or more of the listed parties (including but not limited to members/partners, general contractor, and management agent) having failed to comply with the Agency’s requirements on a prior loan.

3. WORKFORCE HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM

(a) Projects with 9% Tax Credits which meet the Agency’s loan criteria are eligible for WHLP. As required under the legislation, these criteria support the financing of projects similar to those created under G.S. 105-129.42.

(b) A loan will not be closed until the outstanding balance on the first-tier construction financing exceeds the principal amount and the entire loan must be used to pay down a portion of the then existing construction debt.

(c) The terms will be zero percent (0%) interest, thirty year balloon (no payments). The Agency will take all eligible sources into consideration in setting the amount. The following percent of eligible basis will be the calculated loan amount. No event will the loan amount exceed the statutory maximum.

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Requesting a WHLP loan may result in an application being ineligible under Section VI(B)(6)(e) if the Agency has inadequate funds.

D. CAPABILITY OF THE PROJECT TEAM

1. DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

(a) To be eligible for an award of 9% Tax Credits, at least one Principal must have successfully developed, operated and maintained in compliance either one (1) 9% Tax Credit project in North Carolina or six (6) separate 9% Tax Credit projects totaling in excess of 200 units. The project(s) must have been placed in service between January 1, 2012 and January 1, 2018. Such Principal must:

(i) be identified in the preliminary application as the Applicant under Section III(C)(6),
(ii) become a general partner or managing member of the ownership entity, and
(iii) remain responsible for overseeing the project and operation of the project for a period of two (2) years after placed in service. The Agency will determine what qualifies as successful and who can be considered as involved in a particular project.

(b) All owners and Principals must disclose all previous participation in the low-income housing tax credit program. Additionally, owners and Principals that have participated in an out of state tax credit allocation may be required to complete an Authorization for Release of Information form.

(c) The Agency reserves the right to determine that a particular development team does not meet the threshold requirement of subsection (D)(1)(a) due to differences between its prior work and the proposed project. Particularly important in this evaluation is the type of subsidy program used in the previous experience (such as tax-exempt bonds, RD).

2. MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

The management agent must:

(a) (a) have at least one similar tax credit project in their current portfolio,
(b) (b) have a valid North Carolina real estate license and be registered with the North Carolina Secretary of State as of the full application deadline,
(c) (c) be requesting Key Program assistance timely and accurately (if applicable),
(d) (d) be reporting in the Agency’s Rental Compliance Reporting System (RCRS) timely and accurately (if applicable),
(e) (e) have at least one staff person in a supervisory capacity with regard to the project who has attended at least one Agency sponsored training within the past 12 months as of the full application deadline, and
(f) (f) have at least one staff person serving in a supervisory capacity with regard to the project who has been certified as a tax credit compliance specialist.

Such certification must be from an organization approved by the Agency (see Appendix C). None of the persons or entities serving as management agent may have in their portfolio a project with material or uncorrected noncompliance beyond the cure period unless there is a plan of action to address the issue(s). The management agent listed on the application must be retained by the ownership entity for at least two (2) years after project completion, unless the Agency approves a change.

3. PROJECT TEAM DISQUALIFICATIONS

The Agency may disqualify any owner, Principal or management agent, who:

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(a) has been debarred or received a limited denial of participation in the past ten years by any federal or state agency from participating in any development program;

(b) within the past ten years has been in a bankruptcy; an adverse fair housing settlement, judgment or administrative determination; an adverse civil rights settlement, judgment or administrative determination; or an adverse federal, state or local government proceeding and settlement, judgment or administrative determination;

(c) has been in a mortgage default or arrearage of three months or more within the last five years on any publicly subsidized project;

(d) has been involved within the past ten years in a project which previously received an allocation of tax credits but failed to meet standards or requirements of the tax credit allocation or failed to fulfill one of the representations contained in an application for tax credits;

(e) has been found to be directly or indirectly responsible for any other project within the past five years in which there is or was uncorrected noncompliance more than three months from the date of notification by the Agency or any other state allocating agency;

(f) interferes with a tax credit application for which it is not an owner or Principal at a public hearing or other official meeting;

(g) has outstanding flags in HUD’s national 2520 National Participation system;

(h) has been involved in any project awarded 9% Tax Credits in 2018 for which either the equity investment has not closed as of the full application deadline or the “10% test” has not been met;

(i) has been involved in any project awarded tax credits after 2000 where there has been a change in general partners or managing members during the last five years that the Agency did not approve in writing beforehand;

(j) would be removed from the ownership of a project that is the subject of an application under the rehabilitation set-aside in the current cycle;

(k) requested a qualified contract for a North Carolina tax credit property; or

(l) is not in good standing with the Agency.

A disqualification under this subsection (D)(3) will result in the individual or entity involved not being allowed to participate in the 2019 cycle and removing from consideration any application where they are identified.

E. UNIT MIX AND PROJECT SIZE

1. Ten (-10) points will be subtracted from any full application that includes market-rate units. This penalty will not apply where either
   - the rents for all market rate units are at least five percent (5%) higher than the maximum allowed for a unit at 60% AMI and the market study indicates that such rents are feasible, or
   - there is a commitment for a grant or no-payment financing equal to at least the amount of foregone federal tax credit equity.

2. New construction 9% Tax Credit projects may not exceed the following:
   - Metro Region - one hundred and twenty (120) units
   - Central, East, and West Regions - eighty-four (84) units.

3. New construction tax-exempt bond projects may not exceed two hundred (200) units unless approved by the Agency prior to the preliminary application deadline.

4. All new construction projects must have at least twenty-four (24) qualified low-income units.

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The Agency reserves the right to waive the penalties and limitations in this Section IV(E) for proposals that reduce low-income and minority concentration, including public housing projects, and subsection (E)(2) for proposals that are within a transit station area as defined by the Charlotte Region Transit Station Area Joint Development Principles and Policy Guidelines or adaptive re-use projects where made necessary by the building(s) physical structure.

F. SPECIAL CRITERIA AND TIEBREAKERS

1. ENERGY STAR

   New construction residential buildings must comply with all Energy Star standards as defined in Appendix B (incorporated herein by reference). Adaptive re-use and rehabilitation projects must comply to the extent doing so is economically feasible and as allowed by historic preservation rules.

2. CREDITS PER UNIT AVERAGE (MAXIMUM 2 POINTS)

   The Agency will calculate the average federal tax credits per low-income unit requested on a geographic set-aside basis among new construction full applications and award points based on the following:

   Within 54% of the average 2 points
   Within 48% of the average 1 point

   Any Applicant or Principal attempting to manipulate the average, as determined by the Agency, will have any application(s) the are involved with removed from the competition.

3. APPLICANT BONUS POINT (MAXIMUM 1 POINT)

   An Applicant is entitled one bonus point which can be awarded to one application as part of the full application submission. No application can receive more than one bonus point. No Principal or Applicant is entitled to more than one bonus point for all applications in which they may be involved. If a Principal is part of an application in which he/she is not the Applicant but that application receives a Bonus Point, the Principal will not be entitled to use a Bonus Point as an Applicant or Principal on another application. Should an Applicant or Principal use a bonus point on two or more applications, the Agency will determine which application receives the bonus point.

4. UNITS FOR THE MOBILITY IMPAIRED

   Five percent (5%) of all units in new construction projects must meet the accessibility standards as defined in Appendix B (incorporated herein by reference). THESE UNITS ARE IN ADDITION TO MOBILITY IMPAIRED UNITS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL AND STATE LAW (INCLUDING BUILDING CODES). If laws or codes do not require mobility impaired units for a project, a total of ten percent (10%) of the units must be fully accessible. Units for the mobility impaired should be available to all tenants who would benefit from their design and are not necessarily reserved under the Targeting Program requirements of subsection (F)(5).

5. TARGETING PROGRAM DOCUMENTS

   All projects will be required to target ten percent (10%) of the total units to persons with disabilities and persons who are homeless. Projects with federal project-based rental assistance must target at least five (5) units regardless of size. Projects that have targeted units under this subsection are not required to provide onsite supportive services or a service coordinator.

   Owners must submit the following documents, all of which are fully described in Appendix D (incorporated herein by reference).

   (a) Targeting Unit Agreement
(b) Owner Agreement to Participate (if applicable)
(c) Property Profile
(d) Tenant Selection Plan
(e) Rental Assistance Plan (if applicable)
(f) Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan

These documents must be submitted to the Agency no later than the times specified in Appendix D but in no case later than six months prior to the project’s placed in service date. The Agency may set additional requirements, as needed. The requirements of this subsection (F)(5) may be fully or partially waived to the extent the Agency determines they are not feasible.

6. OLMSTEAD SETTLEMENT INITIATIVE (MAXIMUM 4 POINTS)

(a) Projects proposing 1 bedroom units as a percentage of the total project units will be awarded points based on the following:

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(b) Projects proposed in the following DHHS priority counties will be awarded 1 point.

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7. SECTION 1602 EXCHANGE PROJECTS (NEGATIVE 40 POINTS)

The Agency may deduct up to forty (-40) points from any application if the Applicant, any owner, Principal or affiliate thereof is also involved in a Section 1602 Exchange project with uncorrected material noncompliance.

8. TIEBREAKER CRITERIA

The following will be used to award tax credits in the event that the final scores of more than one project are identical.

(a) First Tiebreaker: The project in the census tract with the lowest percentage of families below the poverty rate (see Appendix H for listing of poverty rates by census tract).

(b) Second Tiebreaker: The project requesting the least amount of federal tax credits per low-income unit based on the Agency’s equity needs analysis.

(c) Third Tiebreaker: The project with the lowest average income targeting.

(d) Fourth Tiebreaker: Tenants with Children: Projects that can serve tenant populations with children. Projects will qualify for this designation if at least twenty-five (25%) of the units are three or four bedrooms. This tiebreaker will only apply where the market study shows a clear demand for this population (as determined by the Agency).

(e) Fifth Tiebreaker: Tenant Ownership: Projects that are intended for eventual tenant ownership. Such projects must utilize a detached single family site plan and building design and have a
G. DESIGN STANDARDS

All proposed measures must be shown in the application to receive points.

1. THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS

   The minimum threshold requirements for design are found in Appendix B (incorporated herein by reference) and must be used for all projects receiving tax credits or RPP funding.

2. CRITERIA FOR SCORE EVALUATION (MAXIMUM 30 POINTS)

   The Agency will determine points based on the following criteria as applied to the site drawings submitted with the full application.

   (a) Site Layout

      The Agency will award up to 5 points based on its evaluation of the site layout. The following characteristics will be considered:

      (i) The location of residential buildings in relation to parking, site amenities, community building, postal facilities and trash collection areas.

      (ii) The degree to which site layout ensures a low, controlled traffic speed through the project.

   (b) Quality of Design and Construction

      (The points in this subsection are mutually exclusive with Section IV(G)(2)(c) below.)

      The Agency will award up to 25 points for new construction projects based on its evaluation of the quality of the building design, and the materials and finishes specified. The following characteristics will be considered:

      (i) The extent to which the design uses multiple roof lines, gables, dormers and similar elements to break up large roof sections.

      (ii) The extent to which the design uses multiple types, styles, and colors of siding and brick veneer to add visual appeal to the building elevations.

      (iii) The level of detail that is achieved through the use of porches, railings, and other exterior features.

      (iv) Use of brick veneer or masonry products on building exteriors.

   (c) Adaptive Re-Use

      (The points in this subsection are mutually exclusive with Section IV(G)(2)(b) above.)

      The Agency will award up to 25 points based on the following characteristics:

      (i) The extent to which the building(s) fit with surrounding streetscape after adaptation or have problems with orientation, sightlines, bulk and scale.

      (ii) Aesthetics after adaptation.

      (iii) Presence of special design elements or architectural features that may not be physically or financially available if new construction was introduced on the same site.

H. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF REHABILITATION PROJECTS

1. GENERAL THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS
To be eligible for an allocation under Section II(A), a project must:

(a) have either (i) received a tax credit allocation and be in the extended use period or (ii) federal project-based rental assistance for at least thirty percent (30%) of the total units,

(b) have been placed in service on or before December 31, 2003,

(c) require rehabilitation expenses in excess of $25,000 per unit (as supported by a physical needs assessment conducted or approved by the Agency),

(d) not have an acquisition cost in excess of sixty percent (60%) of the total replacement costs,

(e) not be feasible using tax-exempt bonds (as determined by the Agency),

(f) not have received an Agency loan in the last five years,

(g) not be deteriorated to the point of requiring demolition,

(h) not have begun or completed a full debt restructuring under the Mark to Market process (or any similar HUD program) within the last five years, and

(i) have total replacement costs of less than $130,000 per unit, including all Agency-required rehabilitation work.

Rehabilitation expenses include hard construction costs directly attributable to the project, excluding costs for a new community building, as calculated using lines 2 through 7 (less line 6) in the PDC description.

2. THRESHOLD DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the relevant sections of Appendix B (incorporated herein by reference), the Agency will require owners to complete the following as appropriate for their project:

(a) Improve site amenities and common areas by upgrading or adding a freestanding community building, making repairs and additions to landscaping, adding new site amenities such as playgrounds, and repairing parking areas.

(b) Improve building exteriors by replacing deteriorated siding, replacing aged roofing, adding gutters and downspouts, and adding new architectural features to improve appearance.

(c) Upgrade unit interiors by replacing flooring, installing new cabinets and countertops, replacing damaged interior doors, replacing light fixtures, and repainting units.

(d) Replace and upgrade mechanical systems and appliances including HVAC systems, water heaters and plumbing fixtures, electrical panels, refrigerators, and ranges.

(e) Improve energy efficiency by replacing inefficient doors and windows, adding additional insulation in attics, and upgrading the efficiency of mechanical systems and appliances.

(f) Improve site and unit accessibility for persons with disabilities by making necessary alterations at common areas, alterations at single story ground floor units, adding or improving handicapped parking areas, and repairing or replacing sidewalks along accessible routes.

3. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Agency will evaluate applications under Section II(A) based on the following criteria, which are listed in order of importance. Each one will serve both to determine awards and as a threshold requirement; the Agency may remove an application from consideration if the proposal is sufficiently inadequate in any of the categories. For purposes of making awards, the Agency will not consider subsections (d) through (f) below if the outcome is determined by the criteria in subsections (a) through (c).

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(a) The Agency will give the highest priority to applications proposing to rehabilitate the most distressed housing with a tax credit allocation, particularly buildings with accessibility or life, health and safety problems.

(b) Applications will have a reduced likelihood of receiving an award of tax credits if the Agency determines the property has not been properly maintained and any current owner will remain part of the new ownership.

(c) Applications will have a reduced likelihood of being awarded tax credits to the extent that the purpose is to subsidize an ownership transfer.

(d) Shortcomings in the above criteria will be mitigated to the extent that a tax credit allocation is necessary to prevent (i) conversion of units to market rate rents or (ii) loss of government resources (including past, present and future investments).

(e) The Agency will give priority to applications that have mortgage subsidy resources committed as part of the application.

(f) Applications will have priority to the extent that the rehabilitation improvements are a part of a community revitalization plan or will benefit the surrounding community. However, projects in severely distressed areas will have a reduced likelihood of being awarded tax credits.

(g) Applications will have a reduced likelihood of being awarded tax credits based on the number of tenants that would be permanently relocated (including market-rate).

(h) While the rehabilitation set-aside is not subject to any regional set-aside, the Agency will consider the geographic distribution of this resource and will attempt to avoid a concentration of awards in any one area of the state.

V. ALLOCATION OF BOND CAP

A. ORDER OF PRIORITY

The Committee will allocate the multifamily portion of the state’s tax-exempt bond authority in the following order of priority:

1. Projects that serve as a component of an overall public housing revitalization effort.
2. Rehabilitation of existing rent restricted housing.
3. Rehabilitation of projects consisting of entirely market-rate units.
4. Adaptive re-use projects.
5. Other new construction projects.

Applications will only be allocated bond authority if there is enough remaining after awarding all eligible applications in higher priority levels. Within each category, applications seeking the least amount of authority per low-income unit will have priority.

B. ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARD

Except as otherwise indicated, owners of projects with tax-exempt bonds and 4% Tax Credits must meet all requirements of the Plan. Even with an allocation of bond authority, projects must meet the threshold requirements to be eligible for tax credits.

1. All projects must meet the requirements under Section IV(F)(5).
2. Rehabilitation applications must:
   (a) have been placed in service on or before December 31, 2003.
(b) require rehabilitation expenses in excess of $15,000 per unit,
(c) not have an acquisition cost in excess of seventy percent (70%) of the total replacement costs,
(d) not have begun or completed a full debt restructuring under the Mark to Market process (or any similar HUD program) within the last five years, and
(e) not be deteriorated to the point of requiring demolition.

3. The inducement resolution must be submitted with the full application.

4. To be eligible for an award of tax-exempt bond volume, at least one Principal must have successfully developed, operated and maintained in compliance either one 9% Tax Credit project in North Carolina or one tax-exempt bond project in any state. The project must have been placed in service between January 1, 2012 and January 1, 2018. Such Principal must:
   • be identified in the preliminary application as the Applicant under Section III(C)(6),
   • become a general partner or managing member of the ownership entity, and
   • remain responsible for overseeing the project and operation of the project for a period of two (2) years after placed in service.

The Agency will determine what qualifies as successful and who can be considered as involved in a particular project.

VI. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

A. GENERAL THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS

1. PROJECTS WITH HISTORIC TAX CREDITS

Buildings either must be on the National Register of Historic Places or approved for the State Historic Preservation Office’s study list at the time of the full application. Evidence of meeting this requirement should be provided.

2. NONPROFIT SET-ASIDE

For purposes of being considered as a nonprofit sponsored application under Section II(D)(1)(a), at least one nonprofit entity (or, where applicable, its qualified corporation) involved in a project must:
(a) be qualified under Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Code,
(b) materially participate, as defined under federal law, in the acquisition, development, ownership, and ongoing operation of the property for the entire compliance period,
(c) have as one of its exempt purposes the fostering of low-income housing,
(d) be a managing member or general partner of the ownership entity.

The Agency reserves the right to make a determination that the nonprofit owner is not affiliated with or controlled by a for-profit entity or entities other than a qualified corporation. There can be no identity of interest between any nonprofit owner and for-profit entity, other than a qualified corporation.

3. REQUIRED REPORTS

All projects involving use of existing structures must submit the following:
(a) For projects built prior to 1978, a hazardous material report which provides the results of testing for asbestos containing materials, lead based paint, Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs), underground storage tanks, petroleum bulk storage tanks, Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), and other hazardous materials. The testing must be performed by professionals licensed to do hazardous
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materials testing. A report written by an architect or building contractor or developer will not suffice. A plan and projected costs for removal of hazardous materials must also be included.

(b) A report assessing the structural integrity of the building(s) being renovated from an architect or engineer. Report must be dated no more than six (6) months from the full application deadline.

c) A current termite inspection report. Report must be dated no more than six (6) months from the full application deadline.

4. APPRAISALS

The Agency will not allow the project budget to include more for land or lease costs than the lesser of its appraised market value or the purchase or lease price. Applicants must submit with the full application a real estate “as is” appraisal that is a) dated no more than six (6) months from the full application deadline, b) prepared by an independent, state certified appraiser and c) complies with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. The appraisal must encompass all parcels that comprise the project. The Agency may order an additional appraisal with costs to be paid by the Applicant. Appraisals for rehabilitation and adaptive re-use projects must break out the land and building values from the total value. An appraisal is not required for projects where the land will be leased rather than purchased.

5. CONCENTRATION

Projects cannot be in areas of minority and low-income concentration (measured by comparing the percentage of minority and low-income households in the site’s census tract with the community overall). The Agency may make an exception for projects in economically distressed areas which have community revitalization plans with public funds committed to support the effort.

6. DISPLACEMENT

For rehabilitation projects and in every other instance of tenant displacement, including temporary, the Applicant must supply with the full application a plan describing how displaced persons will be relocated, including a description of the costs of relocation. The owner is responsible for all relocation expenses, which must be included in the project’s development budget. Owners must also comply with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as revised in 49 C.F.R. Part 24.

7. FEASIBILITY

The Agency will not allocate tax credits or RPP funding to applications that may have difficulty being completed or operated for the compliance period. Examples include projects that may not secure an equity investment or a Principal that has inadequate capacity to successfully carry out the development process.

8. SMOKE-FREE HOUSING

Owners must prohibit smoking in all indoor common areas, individual living areas (including patios and balconies), and within 25 feet of building entries or ventilation intakes. A non-smoking clause must be included in the lease for each household.

B. UNDERWRITING THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS

The following minimum financial underwriting requirements apply to all projects. Projects that cannot meet these minimum requirements, as determined by the Agency, will not receive tax credits or RPP funding. Any documentation required as part of the application must be dated and be within 6 months of the application deadline, unless otherwise stated.

1. LOAN UNDERWRITING STANDARDS
(a) Projects applying for tax credits only will be underwritten with rents escalating at two percent (2%) and operating expenses escalating at three percent (3%).

(b) All projects will be underwritten assuming a constant seven percent (7%) vacancy and must reflect a 1.15 Debt Coverage Ratio (DCR) for twenty (20) years.

(c) Applications requesting RPP funds must use current Low HOME rents for fifteen percent (15%) of the total units (spread proportionally through all bedroom types) and may be required to comply with HOME program requirements, including 42 U.S.C. 12701 et seq., 24 C.F.R. Part 92 and all relevant administrative guidance. Projects awarded RPP funds must also comply with the RPP Guidelines in Appendix G (incorporated herein by reference).

(d) The Agency may determine that the interest rate on a loan must be reduced where an application shows an excessive amount accruing towards a balloon payment.

2. OPERATING EXPENSES

(a) New construction (excluding adaptive re-use): minimum of $3,600 per unit per year not including taxes, reserves and resident support services.

(b) Renovation (includes rehabilitation and adaptive re-use): minimum of $3,800 per unit per year not including taxes, reserves and resident support services. For projects with RD loans, the operating expenses will be based upon the current RD approved operating budget.

(c) The proposed management agent (or management staff if there is an identity of interest) must sign a statement (to be submitted with the full application) agreeing that the operating expense projections are reasonable.

3. EQUITY PRICING

(a) Projects will be underwritten using Applicants proposed equity pricing. Pricing above $0.94 will require a commitment letter from a syndicator or investor with as much detail as is possible. At a minimum, the letter should include the equity pricing, total capital contribution amount, estimated pay-in schedule and any reserve requirements. Should an Applicant receive an allocation of tax credits and fail to receive equity pricing at least equal to the pricing used in the awarded application, any equity shortfall will be the responsibility of the Applicant. The Agency will not approve an increase of the rents stated in the awarded application to support additional debt to cover the equity shortfall.

(b) Equity should be calculated net of any syndication fees. Bridge loan interest typically incurred by the syndicator to enable an up front payment of equity should not be charged to the project directly, but be reflected in the net payment of equity. Equity should be based on tax credits to be used by the investor(s), excluding those allocated to the Principals unless these entities are making an equity contribution in exchange for the tax credits.

4. RESERVES

(a) Rent-up Reserve: Required for all except tax-exempt bond projects. A reasonable amount must be established based on the projected rent-up time considering the market and target population, but in no event shall be less than $300 per unit. These funds must be available to the management agent to pay rent-up expenses incurred in excess of rent-up expenses budgeted for in the PDC description. The funds are to be deposited in a separate bank account and evidence of such transaction provided to the Agency ninety (90) days prior to the expected placed in service date. All funds remaining in the rent-up reserve at the time the project reaches ninety-three (93%) occupancy must be transferred to the project replacement reserve account.

For those projects receiving loan funds from RD, the 2% initial operating and maintenance capital established by RD will be considered the required rent-up reserve deposit.
(b) Operating Reserve: Required for all projects except those receiving loan funds from RD. The operating reserve will be the greater of a) $1,500 per unit or b) six month’s debt service and operating expenses (four months for tax-exempt bond projects), and must be maintained for the duration of the extended use period.

The operating reserve can be funded by deferring the developer fees of the project. If this method is utilized, the deferred amounts owed to the developer can only be repaid from cash flow if all required replacement reserve deposits have been made. For tax credit projects where no RPP loan applies, the operating reserve can be capitalized by an equity pay in up to one year after certificate of occupancy is received. This will be monitored by the Agency. This reserve must stay with the project at the time of investor exit.

(c) Replacement Reserve: All new construction projects must budget replacement reserves of $250 per unit per year. Rehabilitation and adaptive re-use projects must budget replacement reserves of $350 per unit per year. The replacement reserve must be capitalized from the project’s operations, escalating by four percent (4%) annually. This reserve must stay with the project at the time of investor exit.

In both types of renovation projects mentioned above, the Agency reserves the right to increase the required amount of annual replacement reserves if the Agency determines such an increase is warranted after a detailed review of the project’s physical needs assessment.

For those projects receiving RD loan funds, the required funding of the replacement reserve will be established, administered and approved by RD.

5. DEFERRED DEVELOPER FEES (NEGATIVE 2 POINTS)

Developer fees can be deferred to cover a gap in funding sources as long as:

(a) the entire amount will be paid within fifteen years and meets the standards required by the IRS to stay in basis,

(b) the deferred portion does not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total amount as of the full application, and

(c) payment projections do not negatively impact the operation of the project.

Each of these will be determined by the Agency. Nonprofit organizations must include a resolution from the Board of Directors allowing such a deferred payment obligation to the project. The developer may not charge interest on the deferred amount in excess of the long term AFR.

Deferral of more than twenty-five (25%) of the total developer fee will result in a deduction of 2 points.

6. FINANCING COMMITMENT

(a) For all projects proposing private permanent financing, a letter of intent is required (see Appendix E). This letter must be on lender’s letterhead, must clearly state the term of the permanent loan is at least fifteen (15) years, how the interest rate will be indexed and the current rate at the time of the letter, the amortization period, any prepayment penalties, anticipated security interest in the property, and lien position. The interest rate must be fixed and no balloon payments may be due for fifteen years.

(b) For all projects proposing public permanent financing, binding commitments on lender’s letterhead are required to be submitted by the full application deadline (see Appendix E). Local governments also must identify the source of funding (e.g. HOME, trust fund). All loans must have a fixed interest rate and no balloon payments for at least fifteen (15) years after project completion. A binding commitment is defined as a letter, resolution or binding contract from a
unit of government. The same terms described for the letter of intent (using the format approved by the Agency) from a private lender must be included in the commitment.
(c) The Agency may request a letter from a construction lender documenting the loan amount, interest rate, and any origination fees.
(d) Any Owner Investment listed as a source cannot exceed $10,000.
(e) Applications may only include one set of proposed funding sources; the Agency will not consider multiple financial scenarios. A project will be ineligible for allocation if any of the listed funding sources will not be available in an amount or under the terms described in the application. The Agency may waive this limitation if the project otherwise demonstrates financial feasibility. Project cash flow may not be used as a source of funds.

7. DEVELOPER FEES
(a) Developer fees shall be up to $13,000 per unit for new construction projects and twenty-eight point five percent (28.5%) of PDC line item 4 for rehabilitation projects, both being set at award.
(b) Notwithstanding the amount calculated in subsection (7)(a), the developer fee for any project shall be a maximum of $1,300,000 (the maximum for projects with tax-exempt bonds is $2,200,000).
(c) Contractor general requirements shall be limited to six percent (6%) of hard costs.
(d) Contractor profit and overhead shall be limited to ten percent (10%) (8% profit, 2% overhead) of total hard costs, including general requirements.
(e) Where an identity of interest exists between the owner and contractor, the contractor profit and overhead shall be limited to eight percent (8%) (6% profit, 2% overhead).

8. CONSULTING FEES
The total amount of any consulting fees and developer fees shall be no more than the maximum developer fee allowed to that project.

9. ARCHITECTS’ FEES
The architects’ fees, including design and inspection fees, shall be limited to three percent (3%) of the total hard costs plus general requirements, overhead, profit and construction contingency (total of lines 2 through 10 on the PDC description). This amount does not include engineering costs.

10. INVESTOR SERVICES FEES
Investor services fees must be paid from net cash flow and not be calculated into the minimum debt coverage ratio.

11. PROJECT CONTINGENCY FUNDING
All new construction projects shall have a hard cost contingency line item of five percent (5%) of total hard costs, including general requirements, contractor profit and overhead. Rehabilitation and adaptive re-use projects shall include a hard cost contingency line item of ten percent (10%) of total hard costs.

12. PROJECT OWNERSHIP
There must be common ownership between all units and buildings within a single project for the duration of the compliance period.

13. SECTION 8 PROJECT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

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For all new construction projects that propose to utilize Section 8 project-based rental assistance, the Agency will underwrite the rents according to the tax credit and HOME limits. These limits are based on data published annually by HUD. If the Section 8 contract administrator is willing to allow rents above these limits, the project may receive the additional revenue in practice, but Agency underwriting will use the lower revenue projections regardless of the length of the Section 8 contract.

Given the uncertainty of long-term federal commitment to Section 8 rental assistance, the Agency considers underwriting to the more conservative revenue levels to best serve the project’s long-term financial viability.

14. WATER, SEWER, AND TAP FEES

Any water, sewer, and tap fees charged to the project must be entered on a separate line item of the PDC description. Applications must provide letters from local provider(s) documenting either the amounts or if no fees will be charged.

VII. POST-AWARD PROCESSES AND REQUIREMENTS

A. ALLOCATION TERMS AND REVOCATION

1. At any time between award and issuance of IRS Form 8609, owners must have approval from the Agency prior to:
   
   (a) changing the anticipated or final sources (amount, terms, or provider), including equity;
   
   (b) increasing the anticipated or final uses by more than two percent (2%);
   
   (c) altering the designs approved by
      
      • the Agency at full application, or
      
      • local building code office,
      
      including amenities, site layout, floor plans and elevations (Approved Design);
   
   (d) starting construction, including sitework;
   
   (e) increasing rents for new construction low-income units;
   
   (f) increasing rents for rehabilitation low-income units above existing rents at time of award (rents shown in the approved application can be instituted once rehabilitation is complete);
   
   (g) any other change to the awarded application.

   The Agency reserves the right to request any documentation related to project costs. If an increase in uses or design alteration is due to a local government requirement, owners do not need prior approval but rather must provide the Agency with prompt written notice. Failure to comply with a requirement of this subsection may result in a fine of up to $25,000, revocation of the reservation or allocation, future disqualification under Section IV(D)(3) of any Principal involved, or other recourse available to the Agency.

2. Ownership entities must submit a completed carryover agreement and expend at least ten percent (10%) of the project’s reasonably expected basis, both by dates to be determined by the Agency.

3. IRS Form 8609 will not be issued until:

   (a) submission of a Final Cost Certification by an independent auditor that complies with the Agency’s requirements;

   (b) the owner documents attendance at an Agency sponsored or approved tax credit compliance seminar sponsored within the previous 12 months (see Appendix C for list of approved

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seminars); the management agent documents attendance at an Agency sponsored tax credit compliance seminar within the previous 12 months;

c) monitoring fees have been paid;

d) the project has been built according to the Approved Design;

e) the Agency determines the project has adhered to all representations made in the approved application and will meet all relevant Plan requirements;

f) documentation of the ownership entity having paid all applicable state and local taxes for the most recent year due; and

g) submission of a listing of the name and address for all contractors and subcontractors indicating if there exists an identity of interest with the Owner and a statement from each representing the entity will comply with all applicable employment rules and regulations.

4. The actual tax credits allocated will be the lesser of the tax credits reserved, the applicable rate multiplied by qualified basis (as approved by the Agency), or the amount determined by the Agency prior to its evaluation as required under Section 42(m)(2) of the Code. Projects will be required to elect a project-based allocation. An allocation does not constitute a representation or warranty by the Agency or Committee that the ownership entity or its owners will qualify for the tax credits. The Agency’s interpretation of the Code, regulations, notices, or other guidance is not binding on the federal government.

5. Owners must record, prior to all other liens against the property in the registry of deeds in the county where the project is located, a thirty (30) year Declaration of Land Use Restrictive Covenants for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (Extended Use Agreement) stating that the owner will not apply for relief under Section 42(h)(6)(E)(i)(II) of the Code and will comply with other requirements under the Code, Plan, other relevant statutes and regulations, and all representations made in the approved application. The Extended Use Agreement also may contain other provisions as determined by the Agency. The owner must have good and marketable title and obtain the consent of any prior recorded lienholder (other than for construction financing) to be bound by the Extended Use Agreement terms. Owners may not claim tax credits in any taxable year unless the Extended Use Agreement is in effect and appropriately recorded.

6. The Agency may revoke an allocation if the owner fails to implement all representations in the approved application. In addition to the terms of Section VII(A)(1), owners will acknowledge that the following constitute conditions to their allocation:

(a) accuracy of all representations made to the Agency, including application uploads,

(b) adherence to the Plan and all applicable federal, state and local laws and ordinances, including the Code and Fair Housing Act,

(c) provision and maintenance of amenities for the benefit of the tenants, and

(d) not incurring a penalty under N.C.G.S. § 105-236 for failure to file a return, failure to pay taxes, or having a large tax deficiency (as defined under N.C.G.S. § 105-236). The Agency may request documentation demonstrating all project related taxes have been paid.

An owner’s or project’s failure to comply with all such conditions without written authorization from the Agency will entitle the Agency, in its discretion, to deem the allocation to be cancelled by mutual consent. After any such cancellation, the owner will acknowledge that neither it nor the project will have any right to claim tax credits pursuant to the allocation. The Agency reserves the right, in its discretion, to modify or waive any such failed condition.

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B. COMPLIANCE MONITORING

1. Owners must comply with Section 42 of the Code, IRS regulations, rulings, procedures, decisions and notices, state statutes, the Fair Housing Act, state laws, local codes, Agency loan documents, Appendix F (incorporated herein by reference), and any other legal requirements. The Agency may treat any failure to do so as a violation of the Plan.

2. The Agency will adopt and revise standards, policies, procedures, and other requirements in administering the tax credit program. Examples include training and online reporting. Owners must comply with all such requirements regardless of whether or not they expressly appear in the Plan or Appendix F. The Agency will have access to any project information, including physical access to the property, all financial records and tenant information.

VIII. DEFINITIONS

The terms listed below will be defined in the Plan as indicated below regardless of capitalization, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. Terms used in the Plan but not defined below will have the same meaning as under the Code and IRS regulations.

4% Tax Credit: Low-income housing tax credits available pursuant to Section 42(h)(4) of the Code.

9% Tax Credit: Low-income housing tax credits available for allocation under the state’s volume cap pursuant to Section 42(h)(3) of the Code.

Affiliate: As to any person or entity (i) any entity of which a majority of the voting interest is owned by such person or entity, (ii) any person or entity directly or indirectly controlling (10% or more) such person or entity, (iii) any person or entity under direct or indirect common control with any such person or entity, or (iv) any officer, director, employee, manager, stockholder (10% or more), partner or member of any such person or entity or of any person or entity referred to in the preceding clauses (i), (ii) or (iii).

Applicant: The entity considered under Section III(C)(6).

Choice-Limiting Activity: Includes leasing or disposition of real property and any activity that will result in a physical change to the property, including acquisition, demolition, movement, rehabilitation, conversion, repair, or construction.

Developer: Any individual or entity responsible for initiating and controlling the development process and ensuring that all, or any material portion of all, phases of the development process are accomplished. Furthermore, the developer is the individual or entity identified as such in the Ownership Entity Agreement and any and all Development Fee Agreements.

Entity: Without limitation, any general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, corporation, joint venture, trust, business trust, cooperative, association, public agency or other entity, other than a human being.

Management Agent: Individual(s) or Entity responsible for the day to day operations of the project, which may or may not be related to the Owner(s) or ownership entity.

Market-Rate Units: Units that are not subject to tax credit restrictions; does not include manager units.

Material Participation: Involvement in the development and operation of the project on a basis which is regular, continuous and substantial throughout the compliance period as defined in Code Sections 42 and 469(h) and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
Owner(s): Person(s) or entity(ies) that own an equity interest in the Ownership Entity.

Ownership Entity: The ownership entity to which tax credits and/or any RPP loan funds will be awarded.

Person: Any individual or Entity, and the heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns of such Person where the context so requires.

Person with a Disability: An adult who has a permanent physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities as further defined in North Carolina’s Persons with Disabilities Protection Act (N.C.G.S. § 168A-3 (7a)).

Person who is Homeless: An adult who is living in places not meant for habitation (such as streets, cars, parks), emergency shelter, or in transitional or temporary housing but originally came from a place not meant for habitation or emergency shelter.

Principal: Principal includes (1) all persons or entities who are or who will become partners or members of the ownership entity, (2) all persons or entities whose affiliates are or who will become partners or members of the ownership entity, (3) all persons or entities who directly or indirectly earn a portion of the development fee for development services with respect to a project and/or earn any compensation for development services rendered to such project, which compensation is funded directly or indirectly from the development fee of such project, and such amount earned exceeds the lesser of twenty-five percent (25%) of the development fee for such project or $100,000, and (4) all affiliates of such persons or entities in clause (3) who directly or indirectly earn a portion of the development fee for development services with respect to any project in the current year and/or earn any compensation for development services rendered to any project in the current year, which compensation is funded directly or indirectly from the development fee of any such project, and such amount earned exceeds the lesser of twenty-five percent (25%) of the development fee for such project or $100,000. For purposes of determining Principal status the Agency may disregard multiple layers of pass-through or corporate entities. A partner or member will not be a Principal where its only involvement is that of the tax credit equity investor.

Qualified Corporation: Any corporation if, at all times such corporation is in existence, 100% of the stock of such corporation is held by a nonprofit organization that meets the requirements under Code Section 42(h)(5).

Rental Production Program (RPP): Agency loan program for multifamily affordable rental housing.
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The Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources (DEMLR) invites public comment on, or objections to, the following NPDES industrial stormwater General Permits to be revised and re-issued. The public comment period begins at 8:00 am on 9/4/2018 and ends at 5:00 pm on 10/5/2018.

Persons wishing to comment or object may submit written comments to the address below during the public comment period. All comments received during the public comment period will be considered in the final determinations regarding permit issuance. Public comments may result in changes to the proposed permitting actions. All comments should reference the specific permit number listed below.

- NCG010000 for Construction Activities subject to the NC Sediment Pollution Control Act (second draft of this permit), proposed issuance date 12/1/2018
- NCG250000 for Construction Activities not subject to the NC Sediment Pollution Control Act, proposed issuance date 12/1/2018
- NCG030000 for Metal Fabrication, proposed issuance date 11/1/2018
- NCG060000 for Food and Kindred, proposed issuance date 11/1/2018
- NCG080000 for Transit and Transportation, proposed issuance date 11/1/2018
- NCG090000 for Paints and Varnishes, proposed issuance date 11/1/2018
- NCG100000 for Used Motor Vehicles, proposed issuance date 11/1/2018
- NCG120000 for Landfills, proposed issuance date 11/1/2018

The General Permits and Fact Sheets may be viewed at: https://deq.nc.gov/news/events/public-notices-hearings

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TITLE 10A – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 and G.S. 150B-21.3A(c)(2)g. that the Medical Care Commission intends to readopt with substantive changes the rules cited as 10A NCAC 13B .3102, .6101-.6103, and .6207.

Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c): http://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/ruleactions.html

Proposed Effective Date: April 1, 2019

Public Hearing:
Date: October 17, 2018
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Dorothea Dix Park, Brown Building, Room 104, 801 Biggs Drive, Raleigh, NC 27603

Reason for Proposed Action: Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, Periodic Review and Expiration of Existing Rules, all rules are reviewed at least every 10 years or they shall expire. As a result of the periodic review of subchapter 10A NCAC 13B, Licensing of Hospitals, these five proposed readoption rules were part of the 40 rules determined as "Necessary With Substantive Public Interest," thus requiring readoption. The proposed readoptions coordinate with the rule 10A NCAC 13B .6105 that incorporate by reference the "Guidelines for the Design and Construction of Hospitals and Outpatient Facilities" (FGI Guidelines), provide updates to reflect the current operating procedures of the DHSR Construction Section, clarify and remove ambiguity from the rules, and make technical and formatting changes in the rules.

Comments may be submitted to: Nadine Pfeiffer, 809 Ruggles Drive, 2701 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-2701; email DHSR.RulesCoordinator@dhhs.nc.gov

Comment period ends: November 5, 2018

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CHAPTER 13 – MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION

SUBCHAPTER 13B – LICENSING OF HOSPITAL RULES

SECTION .3100 - PROCEDURE

10A NCAC 13B .3102 PLAN APPROVAL
(a) For the purposes of this Rule, the Guidelines for the Design and Construction of Hospitals and Outpatient Facilities that is incorporated by reference in Rule .6105 of this Subchapter shall be referred to as the "FGI Guidelines."
(b) The definitions as set forth in Rule .6003 of this Subchapter shall apply to this Rule.
(c) The facility design and construction shall be in accordance with the construction standards of the Division, the North Carolina Building Code, and local municipal codes. This Rule and the standards set forth in Sections .6000 through .6200 of this Subchapter.
(d) Submission of Plans:
(1) Before construction is begun, color marked plans and specifications covering construction of the new buildings, alterations or additions to existing buildings, or any change in facilities shall be submitted to the Division for approval.
(2) The Division shall review the plans and notify the licensee that said buildings, alterations, additions, or changes are approved or disapproved. If plans are disapproved the Division shall give the applicant notice of deficiencies identified by the Division.
(3) In order to avoid unnecessary expense in changing final plans, as a preliminary step, proposed plans in schematic form shall be submitted to the Division for review.
(4) The plans shall include a plot plan showing the size and shape of the entire site and the location of all existing and proposed facilities.
(5) Plans shall be submitted in triplicate in order
that the Division may distribute a copy to the
Department of Insurance for review of North
Carolina State Building Code requirements and
to the Department of Environment and Natural
Resources for review under state sanitation
requirements.
(c)(d) Location: The site where the facility is located shall:
(1) The site for new construction or expansion shall
be approved by the Division. Construction
Section prior to the construction of a new
facility or the construction of an addition to an
existing facility;
(2) Hospitals shall be so located that they are free
from noise from railroads, freight yards, main
traffic arteries, and schools and children’s
playgrounds; playgrounds; and
(3) The site shall not be exposed to smoke, foul
odors, or dust from industrial plants.
(4) The area of the site shall be sufficient to permit
future expansion and to provide parking
facilities.
(5) Available paved roads, water, sewage and
power lines shall be taken into consideration in
selecting the site.
(e) Prior to the construction of a new facility or the construction
of an addition or alteration to an existing facility, the governing
body shall submit paper copies of the following to the
Construction Section for review and approval:
(1) one set of schematic design drawings;
(2) one set of design development drawings; and
(3) one set of construction documents and
specifications.
(f) If the North Carolina State Building Code Administrative
Code and Policies requires the North Carolina Department of
Insurance to review and approve the construction documents and
specifications, the governing body shall submit a copy of the
documentation and specifications to the North Carolina
Department of Insurance.
(g) The governing body shall submit a functional program that
complies with Section 1.2-2 Functional Program of the FGI
Guidelines with each submittal cited in Paragraph (e) of this Rule.
(h) The governing body shall:
(1) prepare any component of the safety risk
assessment required by Section 1.2-3 Safety
Risk Assessment of the FGI Guidelines; and
(2) submit any component of the safety risk
assessment prepared to the Construction
Section with each submittal cited in Paragraph
(e) of this Rule.
(i) In order to maintain compliance with the standards established
in this Rule and Sections .6000 through .6200 of this Subchapter,
the governing body shall obtain written approval from the
Construction Section for any changes made during the
construction of the facility in the same manner as set forth in
Paragraph (e) of this Rule.
(j) Two weeks prior to the anticipated construction completion
date, the governing body shall notify the Construction Section
of the anticipated construction completion date in writing either by
U.S. Mail at the Division of Health Service Regulation,
Construction Section, 2705 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC,
27699-2705 or by e-mail at
DHSR.Construction.Admin@dhhs.nc.gov.
(k) Construction documents and building construction, including
the operation of all building systems, shall be approved in writing
by the Construction Section prior to licensure or patient
occupancy.
(l) When the Construction Section approves the construction
documents and specifications, they shall provide the governing
body with an approval letter. The Construction Section’s approval
of the construction documents and specifications shall expire 12
months after the issuance of the approval letter, unless the
governing body has obtained a building permit for construction.
If the Construction Section’s approval has expired, the governing
body may obtain a renewed approval of the construction
documents and specifications from the Construction Section as
follows:
(1) If the standards established in this Rule and
Sections .6000 through .6200 of this
Subchapter have not changed, the governing
body shall request a renewed approval of the
construction documents and specifications
from the Construction Section.
(2) If the standards established in this Rule and
Sections .6000 through .6200 of this
Subchapter have changed, the governing
body shall:

(A) submit revised construction
documents and specifications meeting
the current standards established in
this Rule and Sections .6000 through
.6200 of this Subchapter to the
Construction Section; and
(B) obtain written approval of the revised
documentation meeting the current
standards established in this Rule and
Sections .6000 through .6200 of this
Subchapter.

(d)(m) The bed capacity and services provided in a facility shall
be in compliance with G.S. 131E. Article 9 regarding Certificate
of Need. A facility shall be licensed for no more beds than the
number for which required physical space and other required
facilities are available. Neonatal Level II, III and IV beds are
considered part of the licensed bed capacity. Level I bassinets are
not considered part of the licensed bed capacity; however, no more
bassinets shall be placed in service than the number for which
required physical space and other required facilities are available.
Bassinets in a Neonatal Level I nursery as specified in Rule .6228
of this Subchapter shall not be included in a facility’s bed capacity;
however, no more bassinets shall be placed in service than the
number allowed by the requirements set forth in Rule .6228 of this
Subchapter. Beds in Neonatal Level II, III, and IV nurseries as
specified in Rule .6228 of this Subchapter shall be included in a
facility’s bed capacity.

Authority G.S. 131E.77; 131E.79.
10A NCAC 13B .6101 GENERAL LIST OF REFERENCED CODES, RULES, REGULATIONS, AND STANDARDS

The design, construction, maintenance and operation of a facility shall be in accordance with those codes and standards listed in Rule .6102, LIST OF REFERENCED CODES AND STANDARDS of this Section, and codes, ordinances, and regulations enforced by city, county, or other state jurisdictions with the following requirements:

(1) Notify the Division when all construction or renovation has been completed, inspected and approved by the architect and engineer having responsibility, and the facility is ready for a final inspection. Prior to using the completed project, the facility shall receive from the Division written approval for use. The approval shall be based on an on-site inspection by the Division or by documentation as may be required by the Division;

(2) In the absence of any requirements by other authorities having jurisdiction, develop a master fire and disaster plan with input from the local fire department and local emergency management agency to fit the needs of the facility. The plan shall require:

(a) Training of facility employees in the fire plan implementation, in the use of fire fighting equipment, and in evacuation of patients and staff from areas in danger during an emergency condition;

(b) Conducting of quarterly fire drills on each shift;

(c) A written record of each drill shall be on file at the facility for at least three years;

(d) The testing and evaluation of the emergency electrical system(s) once each year by simulating a utility power outage by opening of the main facility electrical breaker(s). Documentation of the testing and results shall be completed at the time of the test and retained by the facility for three years; and

(e) Disaster planning to fit the specific needs of the facility’s geographic location and disaster history, with at least one documented disaster drill conducted each year.

For the purposes of the rules in this Subchapter, the following codes, rules, regulations, and standards are incorporated herein by reference including subsequent amendments and editions. Copies of these codes, rules, regulations, and standards may be obtained or accessed from the online addresses listed:

(1) the North Carolina State Building Codes with copies that may be purchased from the International Code Council online at http://shop.iccsafe.org/North%20Carolina.html; or accessed electronically free of charge at http://codes.iccsafe.org/NorthCarolina.htm; also the North Carolina State Building Codes with copies that may be purchased from the International Code Council online at https://bookstore.gpo.gov/products/cfr-title42-vol5-sec482-41.xml or purchased online at https://catalog.nfp.org/les, regulations, ordinances, and standards that may be accessed electronically free of charge at https://catalog.nfp.org/Codes-and-Standards/All-Codes-and-Standards/List-of-Codes-and-Standards or may be purchased online at https://catalog.nfp.org/Codes-and-Standards-C3322.aspx for the costs listed:

(a) NFPA 22, Standard for Water Tanks for Private Fire Protection for a cost of fifty-four dollars ($54.00);

(b) NFPA 53, Recommended Practice on Materials, Equipment, and Systems Used in Oxygen-Enriched Atmospheres for a cost of fifty-three dollars ($53.00);

(c) NFPA 59A, Standard for the Production, Storage, and Handling of Liquefied Natural Gas for a cost of forty-four dollars ($44.00);

(d) NFPA 255, Standard Method of Test of Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials for a cost of forty-two dollars ($42.00);

(e) NFPA 407, Standard for Aircraft Fuel Servicing for a cost of forty-nine dollars ($49.00);

(f) NFPA 705, Recommended Practice for a Field Flame Test for Textiles and Films for a cost of forty-two dollars ($42.00);

(g) NFPA 780, Standard for the Installation of Lightning Protection Systems for a cost of sixty-three dollars and fifty cents ($63.50);

(h) NFPA 801, Standard for Fire Protection for Facilities Handling Radioactive Materials for a cost of forty-nine dollars ($49.00); and

(i) Fire Protection Guide to Hazardous Materials for a cost of one hundred dollars ($300.00).

(6) the "Rules Governing the Sanitation of Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Adult Care Homes, and Other Institutions" 15A NCAC 18A .1300 with copies of these rules that may be accessed electronically free of charge at http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac/title%2015a%20environmental%20quality/chapter%202018%20-20.05

10A NCAC 13B .6102 LIST OF REFERENCED CODES AND STANDARDS GENERAL
The following codes and standards are adopted by reference including subsequent amendments. Copies of these publications can be obtained from the various organizations at the addresses listed:

(1) The North Carolina State Building Code, current edition, all volumes including subsequent amendments. Copies of this code may be purchased from the N.C. Department of Insurance Engineering and Codes Division located at 410 North Boylan Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27603 at a cost of two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00).

(2) The National Fire Protection Association codes and standards listed in this Paragraph, current editions including subsequent amendments. Copies of these codes and standards may be obtained from the National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, PO Box 9101, Quincy, MA 02269 at the cost shown for each code or standard listed.

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(kk) 101 Safety to Life from Fire in Buildings and Structures ($39.50)

(ll) 101M Alternative Approaches to Life Safety ($22.25)

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(nn) 110 Emergency and Standby Power Systems ($20.25)

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(pp) 204M Smoke and Heat Venting ($20.25)

(qq) 220 Types of Building Construction ($16.75)

(rr) 224 Fire Walls and Fire Barrier Walls ($16.75)

(ss) 241 Construction, Alteration, and Demolition Operations ($20.25)

(tt) 251 Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials ($20.25)

(uu) 255 Test of Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials ($16.75)

(vv) 321 Basic Classification of Flammable and Combustible Liquids ($16.75)

(ww) 325 Fire Hazard Properties of Flammable Liquids, Gases, and Volatile Solids ($22.25)

(xx) 407 Aircraft Fuel Servicing ($20.25)

(yy) 418 Roof-top Heliport Construction and Protection ($16.75)

(zz) 704 Identification of the Fire Hazards of Materials ($16.75)

(aaa) 705 Field Flame Test for Textiles and Films ($16.75)

(bbb) 780 Lightning Protection Code ($20.25)

(eee) 804 Facilities Handling Radioactive Materials ($20.25)

(3) American Society of Heating, Refrigerating & Air Conditioning Engineers Inc., (ASHRAE) HVAC APPLICATIONS, current edition including subsequent amendments. Copies of this document may be obtained from the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating & Air Conditioning Engineers, Inc. at 1791 Tullie Circle NE, Atlanta, GA 30329 at a cost of one hundred nineteen dollars ($119.00).

(4) Rules and Statutes Governing the Licensure of Ambulatory Surgical Facilities, current edition including subsequent amendments. Copies of this document may be obtained from the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Service Regulation, Licensure and Certification Section, 2711 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-2711 at a cost of three dollars ($3.00).

(a) A new facility or any addition or alteration to an existing facility whose construction documents were approved by the Construction Section on or after April 1, 2019 shall comply with the codes and standards incorporated by reference in Items (1) through (3) of this Rule that were in effect at the time construction documents were approved by the Construction Section.

(b) The facility shall develop and maintain an emergency preparedness program as required by 42 CFR Part 482.15 Condition of Participation: Emergency Preparedness. The emergency preparedness program shall be developed with input from the local fire department and local emergency management agency. Documentation required to be maintained by 42 CFR Part 482.15 shall be maintained at the facility for at least three years and shall be made available to the Division during an inspection upon request.

(c) The facility shall comply with the "Rules Governing the Sanitation of Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Adult Care Homes, and Other Institutions," 15A NCAC 18A.1300 of the North Carolina Division of Public Health, Environmental Health Services Section.

Authority G.S. 131E-79.
The physical plant requirements for each facility shall be applied as follows:

1. New construction shall comply with the requirements of Section .6000 of this Subchapter;
2. Existing buildings shall meet licensure and code requirements in effect at the time of construction, alteration, or modification;
3. New additions, alterations, modifications, and repairs shall meet the technical requirements of Section .6000 of this Subchapter, however, where strict conformance with current requirements would be impractical, the authority having jurisdiction may approve alternative measures where the facility can demonstrate to the Division's satisfaction that the alternative measures do not reduce the safety or operating effectiveness of the facility;
4. Rules contained in Section .6000 of this Subchapter are minimum requirements and not intended to prohibit buildings, systems, or operational conditions that exceed minimum requirements;
5. Equivalency: Alternate methods, procedures, design criteria, and functional variations from the physical plant requirements, because of extraordinary circumstances, new programs, or unusual conditions, may be approved by the authority having jurisdiction when the facility can effectively demonstrate to the Division's satisfaction that the intent of the physical plant requirements are met and that the variation does not reduce the safety or operational effectiveness of the facility; and
6. Where rules, codes, or standards have any conflict, the most stringent requirement shall apply.

(a) The Division may grant an equivalency to allow an alternate design or functional variation from the requirements in Rule .3102 and the Rules contained in Sections .6000 through .6200 of this Subchapter. The equivalency may be granted by the Division if a governing body submits a written equivalency request to the Division that indicates the following:
1. the rule citation and the rule requirement that will not be met;
2. the justification for the equivalency;
3. how the proposed equivalency meets the intent of the corresponding rule requirement; and
4. a statement by the governing body that the equivalency request will not reduce the safety and operational effectiveness of the facility, design, and layout.

The governing body shall maintain a copy of the approved equivalency issued by the Division.

(b) If the rules, codes, or standards contained in this Subchapter conflict, the most restrictive requirement shall apply.

Authority G.S. 131E-79.

SECTION .6200 - CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

10A NCAC 13B .6207 OUTPATIENT SURGICAL FACILITIES

(a) When If a facility elects to share outpatient surgical facilities with inpatient surgical facilities, the outpatient operating room and support areas shall meet the same physical plant requirements as inpatient, general operating rooms and support areas set forth in Sections .6000 through .6200 of this Subchapter.
(b) When If a facility elects to provide separate, non-sharable outpatient surgical facilities, the operating rooms and support areas shall meet the physical plant construction requirements of Outpatient Surgical Licensure requirements of set forth in 10A NCAC 13C .1400.

Authority G.S. 131E-79.

TITLE 11 - DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the Department of Insurance intends to amend the rule cited as 11 NCAC 20 .0101.

Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c): http://www.ncdoi.com/LS/Rules.aspx

Proposed Effective Date: January 1, 2019

Public Hearing:
Date: October 9, 2018
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: 1st Floor Hearing Room, Room 131 (Albemarle Building) located at 325 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27603

Reason for Proposed Action: This rule is being submitted to reflect changes enacted in SL 2018-120, Part 4, Section 4.6(a). S.L. 2018-120 amends G.S. 58-50:56(a)(2) to allow preferred providers to receive reimbursement on an other than fee-for-services basis. As a result, it is necessary to amend 11 NCAC 20 .0101 to reflect this change.

Comments may be submitted to: Loretta Peach-Bunch, NC Department of Insurance, 1201 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1201, phone 919-807-6004, email Loretta.peach-bunch@ncdoi.gov

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CHAPTER 20 - MANAGED CARE HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS

SECTION .0100 - MANAGED CARE DEFINITIONS

11 NCAC 20 .0101 SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS

(a) Scope.

(1) Sections .0200, .0300, and .0400 of this Chapter apply to HMOs, licensed insurers offering PPO benefit plans, and any other entity that falls under the definition of "network plan carrier".

(2) Sections .0500 and .0600 of this Chapter apply only to HMOs.

(3) Nothing in this Chapter applies to service corporations offering benefit plans under G.S. 58-65-25 or G.S. 58-65-30 that do not have any differences in copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles based on the use of network versus non-network providers.

(b) Definitions. As used in this Chapter:

(1) "Carrier" means a network plan carrier.

(2) "Health care provider" means any person who is licensed, registered, or certified under Chapter 90 of the General Statutes; or a health care facility as defined in G.S. 131E-176(9b); or a pharmacy.

(3) "Health maintenance organization" or "HMO" has the same meaning as in G.S. 58-67.5(f).

(4) "Intermediary" or "intermediary organization" means any entity that employs or contracts with health care providers for the provision of health care services, and that also contracts with a network plan carrier or its intermediary.

(5) "Member" means an individual who is covered by a network plan carrier.

(6) "Network plan carrier" means an insurer, health maintenance organization, or any other entity acting as an insurer, as defined in G.S. 58-1-5(3), that provides reimbursement or provides or arranges to provide health care services; and uses increased copayments, deductibles, or other benefit reductions for services rendered by non-network providers to encourage members to use network providers.

"Network provider" means any health care provider participating in a network utilized by a network plan carrier.

"PPO benefit plan" means a benefit plan that is offered by a hospital or medical service corporation or network plan carrier, under G.S. 58-50-56, in which plan:

(A) either or both of the following features are present:

(i) utilization review or quality management programs are used to manage the provision of covered services;

(ii) enrollees are given incentives via benefit differentials to limit the receipt of covered services to those furnished by participating providers;

(B) health care services are provided by participating providers who are paid on negotiated or discounted fee-for-service bases, and bases or have agreed to accept special reimbursement or other terms for health care services under a contract with the hospital or medical service corporation or network plan carrier.

(C) there is no transfer of insurance risk to health care providers through capitated payment arrangements, fee withholds, bonuses, or other risk-sharing arrangements.

"Preferred provider" has the same meaning as in G.S. 58-50-56 and 58-65-1.

"Provider" means a health care provider.

"Quality management" means a program of reviews, studies, evaluations, and other activities used to monitor and enhance quality of health care and services provided to members.

"Service area" means the geographic area in North Carolina as described by the HMO pursuant to G.S. 58-67-10(c)(11) in which an HMO enrolls persons who either work in the service area, reside in the service area, or work and reside in the service and as approved by the Commissioner pursuant to G.S. 58-67-20.

"Service corporation" means a medical or hospital service corporation operating under Article 65 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes.

"Single service HMO" means an HMO that undertakes to provide or arrange for the delivery of a single type or single group of health care services to a defined population on
PROPOSED RULES

TITLE 14B – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission intends to adopt the rules cited as 14B NCAC 15A .2301-.2307.

Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c): www.abc.nc.gov

Proposed Effective Date: January 1, 2019

Public Hearing:
Date: October 10, 2018
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: ABC Commission Hearing Room, 400 East Tryon Road, Raleigh, NC 27610

Reason for Proposed Action: To adopt permanent rules regulating the possession, transportation and uses of homemade alcoholic beverages as set forth in G.S. 18B-306, as necessitated by S.L. 2017-87, Section 10.

Comments may be submitted to: Walker Reagan, 400 East Tryon Road, Raleigh, NC 27610, phone (919)779-8367, fax (919)661-6165, email walker.reagan@abc.nc.gov

Comment period ends: November 5, 2018

Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review: If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit written objections to the Rules Review Commission after the adoption of the Rule. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections after the adoption of the Rule in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive those objections by mail, delivery service, hand delivery, or facsimile transmission. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please call a Commission staff attorney at 919-431-3000.

Fiscal impact (check all that apply).
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CHAPTER 15 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION

SUBCHAPTER 15A - ORGANIZATIONAL RULES: POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

SECTION .2300 – HOMEMADE WINE AND MALT BEVERAGE EVENTS

14B NCAC 15A .2301 HOMEMADE WINE AND MALT BEVERAGE EVENTS

As used in this Section:

(1) "Competition" means, as the term is used in G.S. 18B-306, a gathering or activity organized by homemakers at which homemade product is entered to be judged, that is either:
(a) sanctioned by a national or international beer or wine judging program; or
(b) judged by individuals of whom at least 50 percent are currently certified as judges by a national or international beer or wine judging program.

(2) "Contest" means, as the term is used in G.S. 18B-306, a gathering or activity organized by a homemaker club at which homemade product of members of the club is entered to be judged.

(3) "Exhibition" means, as the term is used in G.S. 18B-306, a gathering or activity at which homemade product produced by multiple homemakers is displayed or shown, but is not consumed or judged.

(4) "Event" includes an organized affair, exhibition, or competition.

(5) "Family" means a spouse, lineal descendant, ancestor, sibling, spouse’s lineal descendant, spouse’s ancestor, spouse’s sibling, and the spouse of any of these individuals.

(6) "General public" means any individual not a homemaker, a homemaker’s family, or a guest.

(7) "Guest" means an individual known to the homemaker or the homemaker’s family who is invited to the event by direct contact, including in person or by telephone, mail, or electronic mail, between the individual and the homemaker or the homemaker’s family, and that person’s personal guest.
"Homemade product" means wine or malt beverages produced pursuant to G.S. 18B-306.

"Homemaker" means a person who makes homemade product.

"Homemaker club" means an organization devoted to homemade product that:
(a) has a defined membership with a stated common purpose;
(b) levies an annual membership fee, separate from any admission or cover charge, that shall be collected from each member whose dues shall not be more than 30 days past due;
(c) has a written policy for granting membership that includes a written application submitted by each member; and
(d) maintains a list of all active members and their complete addresses that is present at all organized affairs of the club and is open to inspection by alcohol law-enforcement agents upon request.

"Organized affair" means, as the term is used in G.S. 18B-306, a gathering or activity, other than a competition or exhibition, organized in whole or part by homemakers that includes as one of its purposes tasting or judging of homemade product. An organized affair includes meetings of a homemaker club, and a home product production educational meeting that meets the requirements of Rule .2305 of this Section, if tasting of homemade product is included as part of the meeting.

"Tasting" means, as the term is used in G.S. 18B-306, a gathering or activity at which samples of one or more home products are given for immediate consumption by a homemaker to another homemaker, that homemaker's family, or that homemaker's guest or to registered attendees at a home product production education meeting in accordance with the requirements of Rule .2305 of this Section.

Authority G.S. 18B-100; 18B-207; 18B-306.

14B NCAC 15A .2302 COMPETITIONS
(a) Consumption of homemade products at a competition, other than at a private residence, shall be limited to judges of the competition, as defined by a national or international beer or wine judging program who are identified in advance of the competition. Judges may enter their homemade product in competitions in which they judge provided they do not judge any competition category in which they have entries. A competition may be limited to invitees or open to the general public, except as prohibited in Paragraph (d) of this Rule.

(b) A competition may be held on a premise holding a retail ABC permit if the following conditions are met:
(1) the competition shall be segregated from the remainder of the premises in a separate room with closable doors from the portion of the premises where food or beverages are served to the general public during the time of the event;
(2) no homemade product shall be consumed outside of the homemade product consumption area designated pursuant to Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph during the times any portion of the retail premises is open to the general public;
(3) the retail permittee shall only provide or offer commercial alcoholic products to participants in the competition at the same rate and method as offered to the general public at any other times of that business day that the permittee is authorized to sell; and
(4) homemade product for the competition shall not be stored on permitted premises for more than 48 hours prior to the competition, and the homemade product is sealed, labeled as "homemade product for competition entry," and segregated from other alcoholic beverages located on the premises. No homemade product shall remain on the permitted premises the day after the conclusion of the competition. All containers of homemade product left on the permitted premises contrary to the provisions of this Rule shall be disposed of by the permittee or the permittee's employee by making the homemade product unsuitable for, or incapable of, being consumed.
(c) A competition may be held on a premise holding a commercial ABC permit if the following conditions are met:
(1) the area for consumption of homemade product during a competition shall only be in the non-production portions of the permitted premises;
(2) the competition shall only be held on those portions of permitted premises that are not open to the public;
(3) no homemade product shall be consumed on the commercial permitted premises, except for judges, during the times any portion of the commercial premises is open to the general public; and
(4) homemade product for the competition shall not be stored on permitted commercial premises for more than 30 days prior to the competition, and the homemade product is sealed, labeled as "homemade product for competition entry," stored only in post-production areas that may also contained sealed alcoholic beverages produced by the commercial permittee, and segregated from other alcoholic beverages located on the premises. No homemade product shall remain on the permitted premises the day after the conclusion of the competition. All containers of homemade product left on the permitted premises contrary to the provisions of this Rule shall be disposed of by the permittee.
or the permittee's employee by making the homemade product unsuitable for, or incapable of, being consumed.

(d) Cash prizes may be paid to entrants in a competition from the registration fees collected so long as not all homemakers participating in the event share in the proceeds from the registration fees.

Authority G.S. 18B-100; 18B-207; 18B-306.

14B NCAC 15A .2303 EXHIBITIONS
(a) An exhibition may be open to the general public.
(b) An exhibition shall not be held at a private residence.

Authority G.S. 18B-100; 18B-207; 18B-306.

14B NCAC 15A .2304 ORGANIZED AFFAIRS
(a) Homemade product may be consumed at organized affairs provided that, if the affair is a contest, it is not sanctioned by a national or international beer or wine judging program and no admission fee is charged to attend, except as authorized pursuant to Rule .2305 of this Section. Consumption at organized affairs shall be limited to homemakers, their families, and their guests.

(b) All judges of a contest shall be members of the homemaker club or their guests. Prizes shall not be awarded as a result of the contest, but homemakers may be recognized for their homemade products.

(c) An organized affair may be held on a premise holding a retail ABC permit if the following conditions are met:

(1) the area for consumption of homemade product during an organized affair shall be segregated from the portion of the premises open to the general public during the time of the event by vertical boundaries that separate the private event from areas open for public consumption;

(2) no homemade product shall be consumed outside of the homemade product consumption area designated pursuant to Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph during the times any portion of the retail premises is open to the general public;

(3) the retail permittee may sell or offer commercial alcoholic products the permittee is authorized to sell to persons attending the organized affair on the retail permittee's premises, provided that all alcoholic beverages offered to participants in the organized affair shall be at the same price and method as offered to the general public at any other times of that business day; and

(4) for an organized affair, homemade product may be stored on permitted premises for no more than 48 hours prior to the organized affair, provided that the homemade product shall be sealed, labeled as "homemade product for contest entry," and segregated from other alcoholic beverages located on the premises. No homemade product shall remain on the permitted premises the day after the conclusion of the organized affair. All containers of homemade product left on the permitted premises contrary to the provisions of this Rule shall be disposed of by the permittee or the permittee's employee, by making the homemade product unsuitable for, or incapable of, being consumed.

(d) An organized affair may not be held on a premise holding a commercial ABC permit.

(e) There shall be no admission or entrance fee charged for an organized affair occurring at a private residence.

Authority G.S. 18B-100; 18B-207; 18B-306.

14B NCAC 15A .2305 HOME PRODUCT PRODUCTION EDUCATION MEETING
A home product production education meeting shall be an organized affair open only to dues paying members of a state, regional, national, or international homemade beer or wine organization that includes programs to educate and inform homemakers concerning the production of homemade products. Registration may be charged to participate in the educational portions of the program. In addition to educational programs, the home product production education meeting may include homemade product tastings by registered attendees of homemade product brought to the meeting by registered attendees. Commercial alcoholic products may be sold or offered at home product education meetings by a retail permittee, in addition to home products, provided that all commercial alcoholic products offered by the retail permittee to participants at the meeting shall be at the same price and method as offered to the general public at any other times of that business day.

Authority G.S. 18B-100; 18B-207; 18B-306.

14B NCAC 15A .2306 POSSESSION, CONSUMPTION, TRANSPORTATION, AND DISPOSITION OF HOME MADE PRODUCT
(a) Possession and consumption of homemade product shall be limited to persons who are 21 years of age or older. Homemade product shall not be offered, given to, or consumed by the general public.

(b) Except as limited by this Section, events may be held at locations where possession and consumption of malt beverages and unfortified wine are otherwise authorized by law.

(c) Homemade product shall remain in possession of the homemaker, except:

(1) at an exhibition; or

(2) when the homemade product is under the control of a retail permittee or a commercial permittee in accordance with Rules .2302 and .2304 of this Section.

Only a homemaker shall deliver that person's homemade product to the location of an event.

(d) A homemaker may transport quantities of homemade product up to the limits set forth in G.S. 18B-303(a), provided that the maximum aggregate amount of all homemade product transported by an individual homemaker at any one time for any one event shall not exceed 80 liters.
Admission Fees

No admission fee shall be charged to persons consuming homemade product. An admission or entrance fee may be charged for a competition, except that no fees shall be charged for a competition occurring at a private residence. An admission or entrance fee may be charged by the organizer of an exhibition. A registration fee may be charged to homemakers participating in a competition or home product production education meeting.

Fiscal impact (check all that apply).
- State funds affected
- Environmental permitting of DOT affected
- Analysis submitted to Board of Transportation
- Local funds affected
- Substantial economic impact (≥$1,000,000)
- Approved by OSBM
- No fiscal note required by G.S. 150B-21.4
- No fiscal note required by G.S. 150B-21.3A(d)(2)

SUBCHAPTER 16P - ADVERTISEMENT OF DENTAL SERVICES

21 NCAC 16P .0105 ADVERTISING AS A SPECIALIST

Only dentists who have successfully completed a postdoctoral course approved by the American Dental Association Commission on Accreditation in a specialty area recognized by the ADA or have been approved by one of the specialty examining Boards recognized by the ADA may announce a specialty practice and advertise as a specialist.

(a) A dentist shall not advertise or otherwise hold himself or herself out to the public as a specialist, or use any variation of the term, in an area of practice if the communication is false or misleading under Rule .0101 of this Section.

(b) It shall not be false or misleading for a dentist to hold himself or herself out to the public as a specialist in a practice area provided the dentist has completed a qualifying postdoctoral educational program in that area. A qualifying postdoctoral educational program is a postdoctoral advanced dental educational program accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (U.S. DOE).

(c) A dentist who has not completed a qualifying postdoctoral educational program shall not advertise or otherwise hold himself or herself out to the public as a specialist, certified specialist, or use any variation of those terms, unless she or he holds current certification by a qualifying specialty board or organization. The Board shall consider the following criteria in determining a qualifying specialty board or organization:

1. the organization requires completion of a training program with training, documentation,
and clinical requirements similar in scope and complexity to a qualifying postdoctoral educational program in the specialty or subspecialty field of dentistry in which the dentist seeks certification. Programs that require solely experiential training, continuing education classes, on-the-job training, or payment to the specialty board shall not constitute an equivalent specialty board;

(2) the organization requires all dentists seeking certification to pass a written or oral examination, or both, that tests the applicant's knowledge and skill in the specialty or subspecialty area of dentistry and includes a psychometric evaluation for validation;

(3) the organization has written rules on maintenance of certification and requires periodic recertification;

(4) the organization has written by-laws and a code of ethics to guide the practice of its members;

(5) the organization has staff to respond to consumer and regulatory inquiries; and

(6) the organization is recognized by another entity whose primary purpose is to evaluate and assess dental specialty boards and organizations.

(d) A dentist qualifying under Paragraph (c) of this rule and advertising or otherwise holding himself or herself out to the public as a "specialist," "certified specialist," or "board-certified specialist" shall disclose in the advertisement or communication the specialty board by which the dentist was certified and provide information about the certification criteria or where the certification criteria may be located.

(e) A dentist shall maintain documentation of either completion of a qualifying postdoctoral educational program or of his or her current specialty certification and provide the documentation to the Board upon request. Dentists shall maintain documentation demonstrating that the certifying board qualifies under the criteria in Subparagraphs (c)(1) through (6) of this Rule and provide the documentation to the Board upon request.

(f) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit a dentist who does not qualify as a specialist "specialist," "certified specialist" or "board certified specialist" under the preceding paragraph Paragraphs (b) or (c) of this Rule from restricting his or her practice to one or more specific areas of dentistry or from advertising the availability of his or her services, provided that such such advertisements "specialist," "certified specialist" or "board certified specialist," or any variation of those terms, and must state that the services advertised are to be provided by a general dentist.

Authority G.S. 90-41(a)(16),(17),(18); 90-48.

CHAPTER 16 - BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 and G.S. 150B-21.3A(c)(2)g. that the Board of Dental Examiners intends to adopt the rule cited as 21 NCAC 16T. 0103 and readopt with substantive changes the rule cited as 21 NCAC 16T.0101.

Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B.19.1(c): www.ncdentalboard.org

Proposed Effective Date: January 1, 2019

Public Hearing:
Date: October 11, 2018
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: 2000 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite 160, Morrisville, NC 27560

Reason for Proposed Action: The Board determined that a patient's informed consent to treatment must be documented by the dentist in the patient record. To that end, the Board proposes amending 21 NCAC 16T .0101 to add this requirement, and to adopt 21 NCAC 16T .0103 to define the requirements for obtaining informed consent. 21 NCAC 16T .0101 was identified as a rule with substantive public interest during the Board's periodic review of existing rules, and the Board seeks to readopt the rule with this change.

Comments may be submitted to: Bobby D. White, Esq., 2000 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite 160, Morrisville, NC 27560

Comment period ends: November 5, 2018

Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review: If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit written objections to the Rules Review Commission after the adoption of the Rule. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections after the adoption of the Rule in accordance with G.S. 10B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive those objections by mail, delivery service, hand delivery, or facsimile transmission. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please call a Commission staff attorney at 919-431-3000.

Fiscal impact (check all that apply).
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SUBCHAPTER 16T– PATIENT RECORDS

SECTION .0100 – PATIENT RECORDS
21 NCAC 16T .0101 RECORD CONTENT

A dentist shall maintain complete treatment records on all patients for a period of at least 10 years from the last treatment date, except that work orders must only be maintained for a period of 2 years. Treatment records may include such information as the dentist deems appropriate but shall include:

1. the patient's full name, address, and treatment dates;
2. the patient's nearest relative or responsible party;
3. a current health history;
4. the diagnosis of condition;
5. the specific treatment rendered and by whom;
6. the name, and strength of any medications prescribed, dispensed, or administered along with the quantity and date provided;
7. the work orders issued; issued during the past two years;
8. the treatment plans for patients of record, except that treatment plans are not required for patients seen only on an emergency basis;
9. the diagnostic radiographs, orthodontic study models, and other diagnostic aids, if taken;
10. the patient's financial records and copies of all insurance claim forms; and
11. the rationale for prescribing each narcotic, and
12. A written record that the patient gave informed consent consistent with Rule .0103 of this Section.

Authority G.S. 90-28; 90-48.

21 NCAC 16T .0103 INFORMED CONSENT

(a) To obtain informed consent to a specific procedure or treatment to be provided, the dentist shall discuss with a patient or other person authorized by the patient or by law to give informed consent on behalf of the patient, prior to any treatment or procedure, information sufficient to permit the patient or authorized person to understand:

1. the condition to be treated;
2. the specific procedures and treatments to be provided;
3. the anticipated results of the procedures and treatments to be provided;
4. the risks and hazards of the procedures or treatments to be provided that are recognized by dentists engaged in the same field of practice;
5. the risks of foregoing the proposed treatments or procedures; and
6. alternative procedures or treatment options;
(b) A dentist is not required to obtain informed consent if:

1. treatment is rendered on an emergency basis; and
2. the patient is incapacitated.

Authority G.S. 90-28; 90-48.

CHAPTER 32 – MEDICAL BOARD

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the Medical Board intends to amend the rule cited as 21 NCAC 32W .0112.

Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c): www.ncmedboard.org/about_the_board/rule_changes

Proposed Effective Date: January 1, 2019

Public Hearing:
Date: November 5, 2018
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: North Carolina Medical Board, 1203 Front Street, Raleigh, NC 27609

Reason for Proposed Action: This proposed amendment is necessary to update the title of anesthesiologist assistants to conform with contemporary usage.

Comments may be submitted to: Wanda Long, Rules Coordinator, NC Medical Board, PO Box 20007, Raleigh, NC 27619-0007; email rules@ncmedboard.org

Comment period ends: November 11, 2018

Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review: If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit written objections to the Rules Review Commission after the adoption of the Rule. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections after the adoption of the Rule in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive those objections by mail, delivery service, hand delivery, or facsimile transmission. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please call a Commission staff attorney at 919-431-3000.

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SUBCHAPTER 32W - ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT REGULATIONS
An Anesthesiologist Assistant licensed under this Subchapter shall keep proof of current licensure and registration available for inspection at the primary place of practice and shall, when engaged in professional activities, wear a name tag identifying the licensee as an "Anesthesiologist Assistant," which may be abbreviated as "AA," or as an "Anesthesiologist Assistant – Certified," a "Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant," which may be abbreviated as "AA-C," "CAA." 

**Notice** is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the State Human Resources Commission intends to adopt the rule cited as 25 NCAC 01D .0913.

Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c): https://oshr.nc.gov/about-oshr/state-hr-commission/proposed-rulemaking

**Proposed Effective Date:** January 1, 2019

**Public Hearing:**
- **Date:** September 19, 2018
- **Time:** 2:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Learning Development Center, Coastal Conference Room, 101 West Peace Street, Raleigh, NC 27603

**Reason for Proposed Action:** This proposed rule was originally 25 NCAC 01H .0910 which expired December 1, 2016. This proposed rule is substantially similar but has been revised to: 1) allow an increase in the salary rate after a transfer to a position having the same salary grade so long as such increase does not create an internal salary inequity; and 2) remove the word "serious" from the exception because it is not necessary nor clearly defined.

**Comments may be submitted to:** Jessica Middlebrooks or Lars Nance, Office of State Human Resources, 1331 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1331; phone (919) 807-4819; email jessica.middlebrooks@nc.gov; lars.nance@nc.gov

**Comment period ends:** November 5, 2018

**Proposed Effective Date:** September 19, 2018

All comments and objections received will become part of the permanent rulemaking file as required by G.S. 150B-19.1(c). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive those objections by mail, delivery service, hand delivery, or facsimile transmission. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please call a Commission staff attorney at 919-431-3000.

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- [ ] No fiscal note required by G.S. 150B-21.4

**SUBCHAPTER 01D - TRANSFER**

**25 NCAC 01D .0913   SALARY RATE**

(a) If an employee transfers to a position having the same salary grade, the salary may be increased as long as such increase does not create internal salary inequity. Exception: The salary may be reduced if there is a lack of sufficient funds or if it results in the creation of internal salary inequity. This exception does not apply to employees with reduction-in-force priority consideration, in which case the salary shall remain unchanged in accordance with G.S. 126-7.1(a2).

(b) If the transfer is to a higher class and results in a promotion, the Promotion Policy shall apply. (See 25 NCAC 01D .0300).

(c) If the transfer is to a lower class and results in a demotion or reassignment, the Demotion/Reassignment Policy shall apply. (See 25 NCAC 01D .0400).

If an employee is in an agency not utilizing an authorized special entry rate and transfers to an agency which does, the special entry rate cannot be used as justification for a salary increase if both work stations are within the same geographic area. If an employee is receiving a higher rate of pay by virtue of working in a position to which a geographic differential applies and transfers to a position to which a geographic differential does not apply, whether in the same geographic area to a position without a differential, or to the same job in a geographic area without a differential, the employee’s pay rate must be reduced by the amount of the differential the employee had been receiving.

**Authority G.S. 126-4.**
Rules approved by the Rules Review Commission at its meeting on July 19, 2018 Meeting.

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**TITLE 04 - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**04 NCAC 03E .0101 APPLICATION**

(a) The application for a consumer finance license shall include information necessary to determine whether an applicant is qualified to hold a consumer finance license pursuant to G.S. 53-168(a) and G.S. 53-169. A copy of the application may be obtained from the agency's website located at https://www.nccob.org.
(b) Upon receipt of an application for a consumer finance license, the Commissioner of Banks shall give written notice of the application to all licensees by electronic mail.

(c) Following an investigation of the application pursuant to G.S. 53-168, the Commissioner of Banks shall either approve or deny the application.

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-168; 53-169; 53-170; 53-185;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. September 1, 2006; January 1, 1993; August 1, 1978;

04 NCAC 03E .0102 APPROVAL

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-92; 53-95; 53-104; 53-168; 58-169; 53-185; 53-188;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. June 1, 1995; August 1, 1978;

04 NCAC 03E .0201 OPERATION OF OTHER BUSINESS IN SAME OFFICE

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-92; 53-122(3); 53-168; 53-172; 53-185; 150B-21.2;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. September 1, 2006; January 1, 1993;

04 NCAC 03E .0204 TRANSFER OF LICENSE AND CHANGE OF LOCATION

(a) Requests to transfer or assign a license shall contain the name, address, and telephone number of the proposed transferee or assignee, the reasons for the transfer or assignment, and the date that the licensee proposes to make the transfer or assignment. In reviewing an application for transfer or assignment, the Commissioner of Banks shall consider whether a proposed transfer or assignment meets the requirements of G.S. 53-168(a). Transfer or assignments of a license to anyone other than existing licensees shall not be approved. If the request is approved, the licensee shall surrender to the Commissioner of Banks its consumer finance license for reissuance to the transferee or assignee.

(b) Prior to any change in the business location of a licensee, the licensee shall apply to the Commissioner of Banks. In reviewing an application for a change of location, the Commissioner of Banks shall consider whether a proposed change of location meets the requirements of G.S. 53-168(a). If the request is approved, the licensee shall submit to the Commissioner of Banks its license for amendment.

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-168(e); 53-170(a);
Eff. January 1, 1993;

04 NCAC 03E .0302 ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report form shall contain various schedules that reflect the financial condition of the licensee, as well as the results of its operations. The form and instructions shall be obtained and filed online through the agency's internal website for licensees, https://www.nccob.org/online.aspx.

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-184(b); 53-185;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. September 1, 2006; January 1, 1993; September 26, 1979;

SECTION .0400 - EXAMINATION

04 NCAC 03E .0401 EXAMINATION

04 NCAC 03E .0402 REPORTS OF EXAMINATION

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-92;53-99; 53-184; 53-185;
Eff. February 1, 1976;

04 NCAC 03E .0601 BOOKS, RECORDS, AND APPLICATION OF FEES

Each consumer finance office licensed by the Commissioner of Banks shall keep the following books and accounting records. Except as permitted by G.S. 53-184(a), these records shall be maintained in each office and be available to the Commissioner of Banks or his or her authorized agent. Licensees shall maintain separate loan ledgers and accounts related to the making and collecting of loans within the provisions of the Consumer Finance Act, including where a licensee is also an installment paper dealer. Allocation of expenses shall be made monthly according to generally accepted accounting principles. All books, records, and fees covered by this Rule shall be retained for a period of three years after the last transaction:

1. Cash Transaction Journal. All transactions of receipts and disbursements of any nature or amount shall be recorded in a cash transaction journal, which shall be the book of original entry. Each transaction made in connection with a loan shall be identified with the loan by the name or account number of the borrower and shall define the nature of each charge, collection, or refund made in connection with the loan. All entries shall state the exact date the transactions occur.

2. General Ledger. The general ledger shall be double entry, showing in detail the total of assets, liabilities, capital, income, and expenses. Each account shall be individually designated. No net or "wash" entries shall be made to any account. The general ledger shall be posted once each month and the posting shall include all transactions through the last business day of the month. The actual posting shall be completed by the 30th day of each ensuing month for the previous month's business. A licensee shall maintain a
description of each general ledger entry, including adjusting and closing entries. If any account on the general ledger does not agree with the corresponding account on the annual report to the Commissioner of Banks, a supplement to the annual report shall be furnished that reconciles or explains any differences.

(3) Individual Account Record. A separate account record shall be maintained for each loan made. Each account record shall provide the following information:
   (a) the name and address of borrower(s) and the name of any other person obligated directly or indirectly on the loan;
   (b) the cross reference to other loans of the borrower, endorser, guarantor, surety, or to any joint obligation of the borrower;
   (c) the account number;
   (d) the date of loan and maturity;
   (e) the length of contract;
   (f) the cash advance, finance charge, number of payments, and amount of each;
   (g) the date and amount of each payment, an allocation between principal, interest, and any fees authorized by statute for each payment, and the remaining loan balance after each payment;
   (h) a brief description of security;
   (i) the type of insurance, insurance origination fees, and amount of insurance premium for each coverage written;
   (j) the amount of recording fee or non-filing charges;
   (k) the amount of any other charge made in connection with the loan;
   (l) the amount of unearned insurance premium refunded for each coverage written;
   (m) if refunds are paid by cash or check, a receipt of refund; and

(4) Index of Borrowers. Each office shall keep a single report showing a cumulative index record of all loans to each individual, which shall be entered in order by date made, showing the account number, amount of loan, and date of cancellation.

(5) Loan Documents. Loans made by a licensee shall on the loan contract contain the following statement printed in a conspicuous manner: "This loan is regulated by the provisions of the North Carolina Consumer Finance Act, located at Chapter 53, Articles 15 of the North Carolina General Statutes." For the purpose of this Rule, "conspicuous" means the term as defined in G.S. 25-1-201(b).

(6) Judgments. When a loan has been reduced to final judgment, all of the following provisions shall be complied with:
   (a) the individual account record maintained pursuant to Item (3) of this Rule shall be designated a judgment account;
   (b) payments received shall be identified and applied on the judgment account record;
   (c) the licensee shall maintain a copy of the final judgment and any other court documents that are necessary to disclose the following information:
      (i) the final judgment date;
      (ii) the name of the licensee;
      (iii) the final judgment debtor's name;
      (iv) the date the suit was filed;
      (v) the nature of the suit;
      (vi) the name and location of the court;
      (vii) the amount of the final judgment, specifying principal, interest charges, any fees authorized by statute, and court costs; and
      (viii) the disposition of the case;
   (d) a licensee that charges a borrower for court costs it incurred on a final judgment account shall itemize these costs on the individual account record and retain a receipt or other document showing the costs; and
   (e) a licensee shall retain a copy of the sheriff's return of execution issued when property is sold pursuant to a final judgment.

(7) Repossessions. When property is taken in accordance with the terms of a security agreement, by judicial process, or abandonment, the individual account record shall be designated as a repossession account and shall state when and how possession of the
security was obtained and shall identify the proceeds of the sale of the property. The licensee shall also retain the following:

(a) a copy of any agreement entered into with the borrower with respect to the terms of surrender;
(b) a copy of the notice of sale, together with proof of mailing or personal delivery;
(c) an inventory of the property taken, unless it appears on the notice of sale;
(d) a signed bill of sale or a statement from the purchasers, or from the auctioneer if the sale was public, describing the collateral purchased and showing the amounts paid;
(e) evidence that the sale took place on the date set forth in the notice of sale, including a notice of any bids received;
(f) a copy of a final accounting sent to the borrower, setting forth the disposition of the proceeds of sale and the principal balance due, if any, on the account; and
(g) paid receipts showing the costs incurred in the repossession and sale of the security that have been charged to the borrower.

(8) Late Fees.
(a) Lenders may apply a borrower's most recent payment to the oldest installment due;
(b) A lender may not collect more than one late fee from any full or partial payment made toward a particular scheduled installment payment. However, a lender may collect more than one late fee from any payment made toward more than one installment payment, provided the number of late fees collected does not exceed the number of different installment payments that were past due for 10 days or more and to which such payment was applied.
(c) If a lender declares a borrower in default and accelerates a loan, the lender may collect a late fee for each installment payment that was, as of the date of refinancing, past due for 10 days or more.
(d) If a loan reaches maturity, a lender may include in the final balance owed a late fee for each installment payment that remains past due for 10 days or more.

(9) Deferral Charges. For any loan made on or after July 1, 2013, licensees may assess a deferral charge for each month of the remaining loan term on each installment owed after the date of deferral. Licensees may charge a late fee on deferred payments that remain past due for 10 days or more after the agreed upon due date. Deferrals shall not alter the maturity date of the loan contract, even where a payment is deferred beyond maturity.

(10) ELT Fees. Licensees who are required by the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles (NCDMV) to use its electronic lien title (ELT) system to file or record the licensee's security interest in a vehicle may collect from borrowers the fees charged by NCDMV, ELT vendors, and service provider vendors to use the ELT system at a rate prescribed by 20-58.4A(b)(3).

History Note:
Authority G.S. 20-58.4A; 53-177; 53-184; 53-185;
Eff. February 1, 1976;
Amended Eff. January 1, 1993;

04 NCAC 03E.0602 COLLECTION PRACTICES

History Note:
Authority G.S. 53C-2-1; 53C-2-2; 53-180;
53-185;
Eff. February 1, 1976;

04 NCAC 03F.0201 DEFINITIONS

History Note:
Authority G.S. 53-208.27;
Eff. February 1, 1993;
Amended Eff. November 1, 2013; September 1, 2006; June 1, 1995;
04 NCAC 03F .0301 INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS
Incomplete application files shall be closed and withdrawn without prejudice when the applicant has not submitted information requested by the Commissioner within 30 days of the request.

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-208.45; 53-208.60; Eff. February 1, 1993; Amended Eff. November 1, 2013; Readopted August 1, 2018.

04 NCAC 03F .0402 SURRENDER OF LICENSE

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-208.27; Eff. February 1, 1993; Repealed Eff. August 1, 2018.

04 NCAC 03F .0501 GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-208.27; Eff. February 1, 1993; Repealed Eff. August 1, 2018.

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History Note: Authority G.S. 53-208.5; 53-208.8; 53-208.27; Eff. February 1, 1993; Amended Eff. November 1, 2013; June 1, 1995; Repealed Eff. August 1, 2018.

04 NCAC 03F .0601 RECORD AND BOOKKEEPING REQUIREMENTS

04 NCAC 03F .0602 EXAMINATION FEE

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-208.15; 53-208.16; 53-208.20; 53-208.27; 53-282(c); Eff. February 1, 1993; Amended Eff. November 1, 2013; Repealed Eff. August 1, 2018.

04 NCAC 03H .0102 REGIONAL BANK HOLDING COMPANY ACQUISITIONS

04 NCAC 03H .0103 BANK HOLDING COMPANY REGISTRATION

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-211; 53-214(b); 53-227; 53-230; Eff. May 1, 1992; Amended Eff. September 1, 2006; April 1, 1999; Repealed Eff. August 1, 2018.

04 NCAC 03J .0101 DEFINITIONS; FILINGS
(a) In addition to the definitions in G.S. 53, Article 20, for the purposes of this Subchapter the following definitions apply:

(1) "Controlling person" means any person as defined in G.S. 53-246(7) who owns or holds with the power to vote 10% or more of the equity securities of the registrant, or who has the power to direct the management and policy of the registrant.

(2) "Creditor loan fee" means the charges, fees, or other consideration charged or imposed by the creditor for the making of a refund anticipation loan.

(3) "Electronic filing fee" means the fee imposed by the facilitator in consideration for the electronic filing of a tax return.

(4) "Facilitator loan fee" means the charges, fees, or other consideration charged or imposed by the facilitator for the making of a refund anticipation loan.

(5) "Transmitter" means any person who sends electronic returns directly to the Internal Revenue Service. This term shall include persons who receive information to be reformatted and transmitted to the Internal Revenue Service, i.e., third-party transmitters.

(b) An application for registration or any report, notice, or other document that is required by law or rule to be filed with the Commissioner shall be obtained from and filed online through https://www.nccob.gov.

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-245; 53-246; 53-248; 53-253; Eff. September 1, 1993; Amended Eff. September 1, 2006; Readopted Eff. August 1, 2018.

04 NCAC 03J .0201 APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A FACILITATOR
(a) The application for registration as a facilitator shall include the following:

(1) a description of the applicant's organizational structure, including the name, business address, and business telephone number of the applicant, and the name of its controlling persons;

(2) copies of the following documents, where applicable:

(A) the applicant's Articles of Incorporation, Articles of Organization, or partnership agreement;

(B) a Certificate of Existence or Certificate of Good Standing not more than 90 days old from the applicant's state of incorporation;

(C) a Certificate of Authority to do business in this State; and
(D) a copy of the applicant's Certificate of Assumed Name.

(3) a description of the applicant's operations, including the names and addresses of the lenders that will fund refund anticipation loans to its customers, the names and addresses of transmitters, and any other intermediary parties involved in the process of facilitating refund anticipation loans;

(4) a description of the business(es) in which the applicant is primarily engaged;

(5) the applicant's Electronic Filer Identification Number (EFIN) and Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) as provided by the Internal Revenue Service;

(6) proof that the applicant has been accepted by the Internal Revenue Service to participate in its electronic filing program for the present tax year;

(7) disclosure of any civil judgments entered against the applicant or its controlling persons during the past 10 years that are partially or wholly unpaid;

(8) disclosure of any civil proceedings pending against or civil judgments entered against the applicant or its controlling persons that involve fraud or dishonesty;

(9) disclosure of any felony convictions entered against the applicant or its controlling persons;

(10) disclosure of any misdemeanor convictions entered against the applicant or its controlling persons that involve theft, fraud, or dishonesty;

(11) disclosure of any enforcement proceeding brought against the applicant or its controlling persons by any agency or department of this State, the Federal government or any other state that involves the revocation or suspension of any business license;

(12) disclosure of whether the applicant, or its controlling persons have been denied acceptance in or suspended from the Electronic Filing Program of the Internal Revenue Service;

(13) disclosure of whether the applicant is, or has ever been, the subject of the following proceedings: bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, receivership, conservatorship, or similar proceeding; and the address of each office in this State where the applicant intends to facilitate refund anticipation loans.

(b) Incomplete applications shall be closed and the application withdrawn when the applicant has not submitted information requested by the Commissioner within 30 days of the request. If an application is withdrawn, in order to be registered, the applicant shall submit a new application and pay all fees associated with the application.

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-245(b); 53-247(a); 53-248(a); 53-253;
04 NCAC 03J .0302  RECORD AND BOOKKEEPING REQUIREMENTS
(a) A registrant shall maintain the following records with respect to each application for a refund anticipation loan in this State:
   (1) the name of applicant;
   (2) the social security number of applicant;
   (3) the date of application;
   (4) disposition of application, e.g., whether loan was funded, denied, etc.;
   (5) the gross amount of the refund anticipation loan;
   (6) the amount of the creditor fee;
   (7) the amount of the facilitator loan fee, if any;
   (8) the amount of the electronic filing fee;
   (9) the amount of refund anticipation loan proceeds disbursed by the registrant to the debtor;
   (10) the date on which refund anticipation loan proceeds were disbursed by the registrant to the debtor; and
   (11) the identity of the individual originating the application for the refund anticipation loan.

These records shall be kept in an office or offices of the registrant in this State. This Rule shall not be interpreted to require a registrant to maintain one central office where all records required are located.

(b) Evidence of all disbursements delivered by the registrant to each debtor in payment of the proceeds of the refund anticipation loan shall be available upon request by the Commissioner.

(c) All records required to be kept pursuant to Paragraph (a) of this Rule shall be kept for a period of three years.

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-253;
Eff. September 1, 1993;

04 NCAC 03J .0303  FILING AND POSTING OF FEE SCHEDULE
(a) The fee schedule of refund anticipation loan fees required by G.S. 53-249(a) shall be filed pursuant to Rule .0101(b) of this Subchapter.

(b) The fee schedule referenced in Paragraph (a) of this Rule shall include the following fees:
   (1) the creditor fee; and
   (2) the facilitator loan fee.

(c) Pursuant to G.S. 53-249(c), the registrant shall display the following fees:
   (1) the creditor fee;
   (2) the facilitator loan fee; and
   (3) the electronic filing fee.

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-249; 53-253;
Eff. September 1, 1993;

04 NCAC 03J .0304  DISCLOSURES
(a) For the purposes of G.S. 53-249(d)(1) and (2), the registrant shall disclose and provide a copy to the debtor the following fees:
   (1) The creditor loan fee;
   (2) The facilitator loan fee; and
   (3) The electronic filing fee.

(b) For the purposes of G.S. 53-249(d)(5), the term “appropriate taxing authority” shall mean the Internal Revenue Service.

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-249(d); 53-253;
Eff. September 1, 1993;

04 NCAC 03J .0305  AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATION
(a) A registrant shall maintain a current application with the Commissioner. If there is a change in the information contained in the application, the registrant shall notify the Commissioner within 30 days of the effective date of the change. Notification shall be made by either letter or by a revision of the applicable section of the application filed pursuant to Rule .0201 of this Subchapter.

(b) If a registrant decides to open a new office in this State where it intends to facilitate refund anticipation loans, it shall notify the Commissioner of the opening of the new office at least 30 days before it begins business as a facilitator in the new office. The notification shall comply with Paragraph (a) of this Rule and shall be accompanied by a fee made payable to the Commissioner in the amount set forth in G.S. 53-248(a) for each new office in this State at which the registrant facilitates refund anticipation loans.

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-253;
Eff. September 1, 1993;

04 NCAC 03J .0306  CESSION OF OPERATIONS

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-253; 150B-21.2;
Eff. September 1, 1993;

04 NCAC 03J .0401  HEARINGS

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-251; 53-253; 150B-21.2;
Eff. September 1, 1993;

04 NCAC 03J .0402  EXAMINATIONS, AUDITS

The Commissioner may conduct or cause to be conducted an examination or audit of the books and records of any registrant.

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-253;
Eff. September 1, 1993;

04 NCAC 03K .0101  DEFINITIONS; FILINGS
(a) In addition to the definitions in G.S. 53-257, for the purpose of this Subchapter, the following definitions apply:
   (1) “Accounting period” means either a period of 12 months (or less in the first year of operation) ending December 31 or a fiscal year of not more...
than 12 months ending on the last day of any month except December.

(2) "Application fee" means any fee accepted by an authorized lender or lenders in connection with an application for a reverse mortgage loan including any charge for soliciting, processing, placing, or negotiating a reverse mortgage loan.

(3) "Branch office" has the same meaning as defined in G.S. 53-244.030.

(4) "Engaging in the mortgage business" has the same meaning at G.S. 53-244.030.

(5) "Mortgage lender" has the same meaning as G.S. 53-244.030.

(6) "NC SAFE Act authorized lender" means a mortgage lender licensed in this State that has obtained a Notice of Authorization.

(7) "Notice of Authorization" means the document granted by the Commissioner that authorizes a mortgage lender to engage in the business of making reverse mortgage loans.

(8) "Person" has the same meaning as G.S. 53-244.030.

(b) Any application for authorization to make reverse mortgage loans, any report, annual statement, amendment to application, notice, or other document that is required by law or rule shall be obtained and filed with the Commissioner of Banks. Any application shall be obtained and filed with the Commissioner of Banks at http://www.nccob.gov.

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-257; 53-259; 53-271(a);
Eff. January 1, 1995;
Amended Eff. September 1, 2006;

04 NCAC 03K .0201 APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION AS A REVERSE MORTGAGE LENDER

(a) The application shall be in writing, attested by the applicant, and filed pursuant to Rule .0101(b) of this Subchapter, and shall include the following:

1. a business plan that includes a description of the applicant's reverse mortgage business operations;
2. the addresses where the applicant intends to engage in business as a reverse mortgage lender, including branch offices and the name of each branch manager;
3. a description of the business experience and current business activities of the applicant, its partners, directors, principal officers and controlling persons; and
4. three business references, including one bank reference.

(b) In addition to the documents and information described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule, the Commissioner may require additional information as necessary to make the findings required by G.S 53-258.

(c) Incomplete application files may be closed and deemed withdrawn when the applicant has not submitted information requested by the Commissioner within 30 days of the request.

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-258; 53-259;
Eff. January 1, 1995;

04 NCAC 03K .0202 NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENGAGE IN REVERSE MORTGAGE LENDING

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-258(a)(c); 53-259; 53-271(a);
Eff. January 1, 1995;

04 NCAC 03K .0203 CURRENT AUTHORIZED LENDER INFORMATION

(a) A NC SAFE Act authorized lender shall notify the Commissioner within 30 days of the effective date of any material changes to the information on file with the Commissioner. Notification shall be made on the lender's letterhead.

(b) For the purposes of this Rule, the term "material" means any information that would influence the granting of authorization to engage in reverse mortgage lending. The term "material" shall include information concerning a change in the address of the authorized lender's reverse mortgage branch office locations or the cessation of reverse mortgage lending activities in this State.

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-258; 53-259; 53-271;
Eff. January 1, 1995;

04 NCAC 03K .0204 ANNUAL RENEWAL FEE

(a) On or before December 31 of each year, each NC SAFE Act authorized lender shall pay the annual fee set forth in G.S. 53-258(d).

(b) Failure of an NC SAFE Act authorized lender to pay the annual fee as of the date specified in Paragraph (a) of this Rule shall be grounds for revocation of its authorization to make reverse mortgage loans.

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-258(d); 53-259; 53-271;
Eff. January 1, 1995;

04 NCAC 03K .0205 CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-122(3); 53-258(b)(d); 53-259; 53-271(a);
Eff. January 1, 1995;

04 NCAC 03K .0206 NONTRANSFERABILITY OF CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION

A Certificate of Authorization shall be neither transferrable nor assignable.
04 NCAC 03K .0301  MINIMUM NET WORTH
REQUIREMENT FOR AUTHORIZED LENDER OR
LENDERS

History Note:  Authority G.S. 53-258(b); 53-259; 53-271(a);
Eff. January 1, 1995;

04 NCAC 03K .0302  SURETY BONDS
All NC SAFE Act authorized lenders shall post a surety bond in
the amount of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) with the
Commissioner that shall run to the benefit of the State. The bond
shall be executed by an insurance company authorized to do
business in North Carolina and not affiliated with the lender. The
bond shall be conditioned upon the authorized lender's
compliance with the provisions of Articles 19B and 21 of Chapter
53 of the General Statutes and all rules adopted thereunder.

History Note:  Authority G.S. 53-244.103; 53-244.118; 53-
258(b); 53-259; 53-271(a);
Eff. January 1, 1995;

04 NCAC 03K .0401  CERTIFIED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS

History Note:  Authority G.S. 53-259; 53-271(a);
Eff. January 1, 1995;

04 NCAC 03K .0402  RECORD AND BOOKKEEPING
REQUIREMENTS
(a) All NC SAFE Act authorized lenders shall maintain their
books and records relating to the making of reverse mortgage
loans for a period of three years after payment of the debt and
make them available for inspection by the Commissioner.
(b) An NC SAFE Act authorized lender shall notify the
Commissioner of any change in the location of its books and
records.

History Note:  Authority G.S. 53-244.105; 53-259; 53-271(a);
Eff. January 1, 1995;

04 NCAC 03K .0403  EXAMINATIONS
The Commissioner may make such examination of the books,
records and affairs of NC SAFE Act authorized lenders pursuant
to G.S. 53-244.115.

History Note:  Authority G.S. 53-244.115; 53-259; 53-270;
53-271(a);
Eff. January 1, 1995;

04 NCAC 03K .0405  IMPAIRMENT OF SURETY
BOND
(a) A NC SAFE authorized lender shall notify the Commissioner
in writing within three business days of any cancellation or
suspension of the surety bond required by Rule .0302 of this
Subchapter.
(b) If an applicant fails to meet the minimum surety bond
requirements, the Commissioner may revoke or suspend
authorization of NC SAFE Act authorized lender to engage in
reverse mortgages.

History Note:  Authority G.S. 53-244.114; 53-258(b); 53-259;
53-271;
Eff. January 1, 1995;

SECTION .0500 - DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

04 NCAC 03K .0501  REVERSE MORTGAGE
LENDER APPLICATION DISCLOSURE

04 NCAC 03K .0502  PERMITTED FEES

04 NCAC 03K .0601  COUNSELING

04 NCAC 03K .0701  PROHIBITED ACTS
The grounds upon which the Commissioner may revoke the
authorization of a lender to engage in reverse mortgage loans
includes the following:

(1) The making of any false statement in an
application for authorization;
(2) The making of any false statement on any form
or document requested by the Commissioner;
(3) One or more violations of G.S. 53, Article 21 or
rules of this Subchapter;
(4) The conviction of any crime that would have a
bearing upon the fitness or ability of the
authorized lender to conduct its business; or
(5) The commission of any action that involves
dishonesty, fraud, or misrepresentation.

History Note:  Authority G.S. 53-259; 53-270; 53-271;
Eff. January 1, 1995;
04 NCAC 03K .0703  HEARINGS

History Note:  Authority G.S. 53-259; 53-270; 53-271; 53-272;
Eff. January 1, 1995;

04 NCAC 03L .0101  DEFINITIONS
(a) In addition to the definitions in G.S. 53, Article 22, the following definitions apply:
(1) "Any one maker" means any single signatory on a personal checking account.
(2) "Branch location" means a location, including a mobile unit, but not the principal place of business, where the licensee holds itself out to the public as engaging in a check-cashing business.
(3) "Business day" means a calendar day, other than Saturday, Sunday, or State recognized holiday under 25 NCAC 01E .0901, which is incorporated by reference and includes subsequent amendments.
(4) "Check" means a draft (other than a draft payable upon presentation of documentation, such as securities) payable on demand and drawn on a bank. The term "check" may also include any cashier's check or teller's check, but shall not include travelers checks or foreign denomination payment instruments.
(5) "Conspicuously posted" means placed in public view in a location, manner, and size of typeface that a person seeking the services of a licensee could see and read the contents of the posted notice.
(6) "Controlling person" means a person who owns or holds with the power to vote 10% or more of the equity securities of an applicant or licensee, or who has the power to direct the management and policy of the licensee.
(7) "Draft" means a written order to pay money signed by the drawer, to another person, who is the drawee.
(8) "Liquid assets" means cash, bank deposit accounts, money market accounts, and US Treasury bonds owned by the applicant or licensee, plus undeposited checks cashed by a licensee, less any returned checks doubtful of collection and cash remittances due others.
(9) "Location" means a place of business where check-cashing activity is conducted.
(10) "Mobile unit" means a vehicle, or other movable means, or a computer terminal from which the business of check cashing is conducted.
(11) "Principal" means:
(A) any person who controls directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, alone or in concert with others, a 10 percent or greater interest in a partnership, company, association, or corporation;
(B) the owner of a sole proprietorship;
(C) any natural person acting with apparent authority for or on behalf of an owner, officer, member, or director of a licensee; or
(D) any natural person who directs the performance of other employees as manager of a branch of any licensee.
(12) "Principal place of business" means the location where the licensee holds itself out to the public as engaging in a check cashing business and that the licensee has declared to the Commissioner to be the main site of its business operations.
(13) "Receipt" means a written record of a check-cashing transaction.
(b) A term not defined in this Rule or in G.S. 53, Article 22 shall have the meaning given it, if any, by G.S. 25, Article 3.

History Note:  Authority G.S. 53-288;
Eff. July 1, 2000;
Amended Eff. November 1, 2013;

04 NCAC 03L .0102  FILINGS
Licensees may obtain from the agency's website, located at https://www.nccob.gov, information concerning applications for a license, reports, applications for annual renewal, amendments to applications, renewal notices, or other documents that are required by law or rule to be filed with the Commissioner.

History Note:  Authority G.S. 53-288;
Eff. July 1, 2000;
Amended Eff. September 1, 2006;

04 NCAC 03L .0201  APPLICATION FOR LICENSE
(a) An application for a license as a check-cashing business shall include a financial statement that shows liquid assets of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) as required by G.S. 53-279(a) and shall include the following:
(1) the business address in North Carolina, mailing address, business telephone number, facsimile number, and name of the supervisor or manager for the principal place of business and for each branch location;
(2) the address where books and records for the business will be kept;
(3) name, title, and business telephone number and facsimile number for the application contact person;
(4) the applicant's federal employer identification number; and
(5) a declaration as to whether the applicant's business will be conducted as a sole proprietorship, a partnership, a limited liability company, or a corporation.
(b) Each applicant shall provide a signed statement authorizing the Commissioner to run a credit report on the applicant and on each owner, partner, director, principal, or controlling person.
(c) Each applicant shall provide a signed statement making disclosure to the Commissioner concerning information that pertains to either the applicant, its partners, directors, principal officers, or controlling persons for the following:
   (1) all criminal proceedings or criminal convictions;
   (2) all civil proceedings or civil judgments entered that involve fraud or dishonesty;
   (3) all civil judgments during the past 10 years that have remained partially or wholly unpaid;
   (4) all of the following proceedings: bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, receivership, conservatorship, or similar proceeding;
   (5) all proceedings brought by a state or federal administrative agency;
   (6) all judgments entered by state or federal administrative agency that involve fraud, dishonesty, or that reflect on the applicants' character and fitness to command the confidence of the public; and
   (7) a description of the current business activities of the applicant and the business experience, business activities, and education of the applicant's partners, directors, principal officers, and controlling persons.
(d) The application shall be verified by the oath of the applicant.
(e) In addition to the documents and information described in this Rule, the Commissioner may require additional information necessary or helpful in order to perform the investigation required by G.S. 53-278 and to make the findings required by G.S. 53-279.
(f) Incomplete application files may be closed and may be denied without prejudice when the applicant has not submitted information requested by the Commissioner within 30 days of the request.

History Note:  
Authority G.S. 53-276; 53-278; 53-279; 53-288;
Eff. July 1, 2000;

04 NCAC 03L .0302 FEES

History Note:  
Authority G.S. 53-276; 53-278; 53C-2-1; 53C-2-2;
Eff. July 1, 2000;

04 NCAC 03L .0301 ISSUANCE

History Note:  
Authority G.S. 53-276; 53-279; 53-288; 53C-2-1; 53C-2-2;
Eff. July 1, 2000;

04 NCAC 03L .0302 NONTRANSFERABILITY OF LICENSE

(a) A check-cashing license shall be neither transferable nor assignable.
(b) A change in the licensee's organizational structure that constitutes a transfer or assignment of the license shall include the following:
   (1) if the licensee is a corporation or limited liability company:
      (A) a change in ownership of 50% or more of the licensee's stock; or
      (B) the conversion of the corporation or company into a general or limited partnership or sole proprietorship;
   (2) if the licensee is a general or limited partnership:
      (A) a change in one of the licensee's general partners;
      (B) the conversion of the general partnership into a limited partnership, corporation, or sole proprietorship; or
      (C) the conversion of the limited partnership into a general partnership, corporation, or sole proprietorship; and
   (3) if the licensee is a sole proprietor:
      (A) the conversion of the sole proprietorship into a general or limited partnership or corporation; or
      (B) the sale or assignment of all of the assets of the licensee's business to another person.
(c) Upon a change in organization as set forth in Paragraph (b) of this Rule, the licensee's license shall become void and the licensee shall surrender its license to the Commissioner within 10 days of the change. The entity that results from the change in the licensee's organizational structure shall not engage in a check-cashing business in this State, unless it first obtains a license pursuant to Section .0200 of this Subchapter. An application for a license may be made prior to the effective date of the change in structure.

History Note:  
Authority G.S. 53-276; 53-278; 53-288;
Eff. July 1, 2000;

04 NCAC 03L .0303 ANNUAL RENEWAL OF LICENSE

A check-cashing license shall be valid from the date of issuance and, unless renewed, shall expire on September 30 of each year without further action by the Commissioner. The renewal period shall begin on July 1 of each year. Licensees may file renewal applications and pay applicable renewal fees on the agency website located at www.nccob.gov. Any new license issued on or after July 1 of each year shall not be required to be renewed until the subsequent renewal period.

History Note:  
Authority G.S. 53-276; 53-278; 53-288;
Eff. July 1, 2000;
04 NCAC 03L .0401 POSTING OF LICENSE OR BRANCH CERTIFICATE
A licensee shall obtain a branch location certificate for each location other than its principal place of business where its business of cashing checks is conducted. The license or certificate shall be conspicuously posted.


04 NCAC 03L .0402 SURRENDER OF LICENSE
A licensee shall notify the Commissioner in writing of its decision to cease operations as a check-cashing business in this State within seven days of the decision. A licensee shall surrender its license and branch certificates, if any, to the Commissioner no later than 30 days after it has voluntarily ceased operations in this State or within a shorter time as the Commissioner may order if operations end involuntarily pursuant to G.S. 53-284 or G.S. 53-285.


04 NCAC 03L .0403 POSTING OF FEES
(a) The notice of fees required by G.S. 53-280(c) shall be conspicuously posted.
(b) A licensee shall file with the Commissioner a scaled duplicate of the notice of fees on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper.


04 NCAC 03L .0501 BOOKS AND RECORDS
(a) Each check-cashing business licensed by the Commissioner of Banks shall record all transactions of receipts and disbursements pertaining to checks cashed. All entries shall document the date the transactions occur. A licensee shall maintain books and accounting records that include the following:
   (1) a daily transaction journal or equivalent record that shows the customer's name for each transaction;
   (2) the written receipt required by G.S. 53-282(b); and
   (3) the bank statements of the licensee. If the statements are not maintained on the premises of the licensee, they shall be made available upon request by the Office of the Commissioner of Banks.
(b) These records shall be maintained for a period of three years from the date of entry and shall be made available by the close of business on the next business day upon request to the Commissioner of Banks or his or her designee for inspection or examination.


04 NCAC 03L .0502 EXAMINATIONS
(a) Examinations may be done with or without advance notice to the licensee.
(b) In addition to examinations authorized by G.S. 53-278(b) or G.S. 53-282(c), the Commissioner may request reports from the licensee for the purpose of determining the general results of operations pursuant to Article 22 of Chapter 53.
(c) If a licensee fails to pay the costs of examination as authorized by G.S. 53-282(c) and at a rate pursuant to 04 NCAC 03C .1601 to the Commissioner within 60 days of billing, the Commissioner may proceed to remedies set forth in G.S. 53-284.


04 NCAC 03L .0601 AMENDMENTS TO INFORMATION ON FILE WITH THE COMMISSIONER
(a) A licensee shall notify the Commissioner within 30 days of any material change to information that it submitted to the Commissioner, whether provided in the initial application, request for annual renewal, or in any other report or information.
(b) Notification shall be by letter or by revision or modification of the appropriate portions of the application (whether initial or renewal).
(c) For the purposes of this Rule, the term "material" shall mean any information that would influence the granting, revocation, or expiration of a license. The term "material" includes the following:
   (1) changes in the licensee's corporate officers, partners, or business structure;
   (2) changes in the address of the licensee's main or branch locations and any names under which the licensee operates; or
   (3) changes that would render untrue, inaccurate, or misleading any of the disclosures made by the licensee in its application pursuant to Rule .0201 of this Subchapter.


04 NCAC 03L .0602 EXPANSION OR RELOCATION
(a) A licensee shall notify the Commissioner of the opening of any new branch locations or the relocation of its principal place of business or of any branch locations at least 20 days prior to the effective date of the change. The notification shall be on a form obtained from the Commissioner. The notification shall provide an explanation of the reasons for the change and shall be accompanied by a certificate fee for the new branch certificate in the amount of fifty dollars ($50.00). Licensees may surrender their inaccurate certificate by mailing the certificate to the
Commissioner at: Office of the Commissioner of Banks, 4309 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4309 or may be delivered to the physical address: 316 West Edenton Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603.

(b) The Commissioner shall issue a revised branch certificate upon his or her receipt of the required notification, the explanation, and the filing fee and upon surrender of the licensee's inaccurate certificate.


04 NCAC 03L .0603 IMPAIRMENT OF FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

A licensee shall notify the Commissioner in writing within 30 days if it fails to meet the minimum liquid asset requirement of G.S. 53-279(a).


04 NCAC 03M .0101 DEFINITIONS

In addition to the definitions in G.S. 53, Article 19B for the purposes of this Subchapter the following definitions apply:


2. "Advertisement" means material used or intended to be used to induce the public to apply for a mortgage loan. The term includes any printed or published material, or descriptive literature concerning a mortgage loan to be solicited, processed, negotiated, or funded by a licensee or exempt entity whether disseminated by direct mail, newspaper, magazine, radio or television broadcast, electronic mail or other electronic means, or billboard or similar display. The term does not include any disclosures, program descriptions, or other materials prepared or authorized by any state or federal government agency, nor does the term include any material or communication that has been excluded for purposes of any regulation of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System regulating consumer credit disclosures.

3. "Call Report" means a report of condition on a company and its operations that includes financial and loan activity information.

4. "License" means a mortgage lender, mortgage servicer, mortgage broker, exclusive mortgage broker, or mortgage loan originator license issued pursuant to the Act and this Subchapter.

5. "Material borrower information" means facts or information that a reasonable person knows, or should know, would reasonably be expected to influence a borrower's decision with regard to one or more loans, including:

   a. the total compensation the mortgage broker expects to receive from all sources in connection with each loan option presented to the borrower;

   b. the terms of each loan option presented to the borrower;

   c. the anticipated monthly payment (including property tax and insurance payments) for each loan option presented to the borrower;

   d. if the loan contains a variable rate feature or other terms that may result in a change to the borrower's monthly payments over the life of the loan, the circumstances upon which the terms or payments will change and the impact of the changes upon the borrower's required monthly payments; and

   e. any affiliate relationships that may exist between the licensee and any party or parties to the sale or financing of the subject property, or any provider of settlement services.

   f. notice of a pending administrative action involving the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which the licensee or applicant for licensure by any state or federal authority to which

   i. a plea of guilty;
(ii) a plea of no contest or nolo contendere;
(iii) a prayer for judgment continued;
(iv) a deferred prosecution agreement;
(v) an adjudication or verdict of guilty by a domestic, foreign, military, or other court of competent jurisdiction;
(vi) the equivalent of any of the foregoing in a domestic, foreign, military, or other court of competent jurisdiction; or
(vii) any other classification that is a conviction pursuant to the applicable law in the jurisdiction where the criminal charge was brought.

(e) a change in status to the licensee's bond, including the reduction or cancellation of such bond;
(f) the licensee's primary number, mailing address, and principal office address;
(g) any assumed name, trade name, or d/b/a (doing business as) under which the licensee may be operating;
(h) the address at which files and documents retained pursuant to the Act or the rules in this Subchapter are stored;
(i) the identity of the licensee's bonding company or carrier, and the bond number;
(j) for corporate licensees, the identity of any affiliated mortgage lender, mortgage broker, mortgage servicer, or provider of settlement services; and
(k) for a corporate license, the identity of the licensee's owners, officers, directors, qualifying individual, branch manager(s), or control persons.

(8) "Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry" or "NMLS&R" has the same meaning as defined in the NC SAFE Act.

(9) "Registration" means the approval granted to a mortgage origination support registrant to engage exclusively in the processing or underwriting of residential mortgage loans but not the mortgage business.


History Note: Authority G.S. 53-244.118; Temporary Adoption Eff. July 1, 2002; Eff. April 1, 2003; Amended Eff. July 1, 2010; July 18, 2008; Readopted Eff. August 1, 2018.

04 NCAC 03M .0102 NOTICES

(a) Except as otherwise required by G.S. 53-244.113(b), Article 3A, Chapter 150B of the General Statutes, or by the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, 26 NCAC 03, which are incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions, any document, decision, or other communication required or permitted to be given by the Commissioner to a person is considered given when either:

(1) deposited in the United States mail with sufficient first class postage affixed, addressed to the most recent principal office address provided by the addressee to the Office of the Commissioner of Banks; or
(2) transmitted through electronic mail to the address provided by the addressee to the Office of the Commissioner of Banks.

(b) Any application for licensure, report, annual statement, amendment to application, notice, or other document that is required or permitted by law or rule to be filed with the Commissioner shall be through the NMLS&R.

(c) Where the NMLS&R does not make available submission of any document required or permitted by law to be filed with the Commissioner, the document may be filed by electronic submission through the Office of the Commissioner of Bank's website https://www.nccob.gov if the Commissioner makes electronic submission available.

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-244.118; 53-244.119; Temporary Adoption Eff. July 1, 2002; Eff. April 1, 2003; Amended Eff. May 1, 2010; Readopted Eff. August 1, 2018.

04 NCAC 03M .0201 APPLICATION

(a) Each type of application required by the rules in this Subchapter or the Act shall be filed through the NMLS&R and shall be verified by the affirmation of the applicant or a principal officer.

(b) In addition to the documents and information required by the rules in this Subchapter, the Commissioner may require additional information r to determine that the applicant meets or continues to meet the requirements of the Act.

(c) Applications submitted without the required fees, missing material facts, or any information requested under Paragraph (b) of this Rule shall be held in pending status for a period of 30 calendar days after notification through the NMLS&R to the applicant specifying the nature of the deficiency. If the deficiency
remains outstanding for more than 30 days, the application shall automatically be considered withdrawn without further action by the Commissioner, and in order to become licensed, the applicant shall submit a new application and pay all fees.

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-244.040; 53-244.050; 53-244.060; 53-244.070; 53-244.080; 53-244.100; 53-244.101; 53-244.102; 53-244.103; 53-244.104; 53-244.115; 53-244.118; Temporary Adoption Eff. July 1, 2002; Eff. April 1, 2003; Amended Eff. May 1, 2010; Readopted Eff. August 1, 2018.

04 NCAC 03M .0202 NONTRANSFERABILITY
(a) Any attempt to transfer or assign a license or registration through a change of control without the prior consent of the Commissioner shall:

1. be ineffective; and
2. be grounds for summary suspension, revocation of the license or registration, or other remedies available to the Commissioner.

(b) A change in the identity of a control person or any material change in organizational structure shall be considered a transfer or assignment of the license or registration. A licensee or registrant may transfer a license or registration without submission of an application by providing the following to the Commissioner:

1. the licensee or registrant gives notice to the Commissioner at least 60 days in advance of the effective date of the proposed change; and
2. the Commissioner determines that permitting the licensee or registrant to continue to operate under its existing license or registration would not be inconsistent with the purposes of the Act.

(c) A notice pursuant to Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule shall include information to enable the Commissioner to make the determination described in that Subparagraph (b)(2) of this Rule.

(d) The Commissioner shall waive or reduce the advance notice requirement of Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule if the Commissioner determines that:

1. circumstances beyond the licensee or registrant's control would make compliance unduly burdensome to the licensee or registrant; and
2. consumers would not be harmed by such a waiver or reduction of the advance notice requirement;
3. the licensee or registrant has otherwise satisfied the requirements of this Rule; and
4. waiver of the requirement of Subparagraph (b)(1) is in the public interest.

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-244.040; 53-244.050; 53-244.060; 53-244.100; 53-244.118; Temporary Adoption Eff. July 1, 2002; Eff. April 1, 2003; Amended Eff. May 1, 2010; Readopted Eff. August 1, 2018.

04 NCAC 03M .0203 NAME CHANGES
A licensee or registrant may change its corporate name or the name under which it operates, provided:

1. the licensee or registrant and the proposed new name satisfies all applicable laws pertaining to assumed business names;
2. the licensee or registrant has given the Commissioner at least 30 days prior notice of the proposed new name; and
3. the Commissioner determines that the new name will not result in confusion among the general public regarding the licensee or registrant's identity or powers in accordance with G.S. 53C-1-3.

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-244.118; 53C-1-3; Temporary Adoption Eff. July 1, 2002; Eff. April 1, 2003; Readopted Eff. August 1, 2018.

04 NCAC 03M .0204 EXPERIENCE
As used in G.S. 53-244.050(b)(2), an individual is considered to have acquired "experience in residential mortgage lending" during any documented period in which:

1. more than half of the individual's employment income was derived from employment in the mortgage lending, mortgage servicing, or mortgage brokerage industry; and
2. that individual had actual responsibility for job functions in each area of study included in a prelicensing education program.

History Note: Authority G.S. 244-118; Eff. April 1, 2003; Amended Eff. May 1, 2010; April 1, 2008; Readopted Eff. August 1, 2018.

04 NCAC 03M .0205 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
Financial Responsibility is an ongoing requirement and upon issuance of a license, a licensee must continue to meet the requirements of G.S. 53-244.060(4).

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-244.060(4); 53-244.104; 53-244.118; Eff. July 18, 2008; Amended Eff. July 1, 2010; Readopted Eff. August 1, 2018.

04 NCAC 03M .0206 SURETY BOND
(a) All licensees with surety bonds under G.S. 53-244.103 shall ensure that full amount of the surety bond is in effect at all times. Failure to maintain the surety bond at the level required in G.S. 53-244.103 is grounds for immediate suspension of licensure.

(b) All licensees with surety bonds under G.S. 53-244.103 shall report any claims made against the surety bond to the Commissioner within 10 business days upon receipt of notice of any claim.

(c) All surety bonds under G.S. 53-244.103 shall:
(1) require the bonding company to report all claims and any claims paid on the bond to the Commissioner within 10 days of such claim or payment;

(2) require the bonding company to pay within 30 days any amount that the Commissioner orders the bonding company to pay upon a determination by the Commissioner that the licensee has failed to faithfully perform the licensee's obligations; and

(3) remain in effect for a minimum of five years after lapse or termination of the bond in order to satisfy possible claims for failure to faithfully fulfill obligations during the term of the bond.

History Note:  Authority G.S. 53-103; 53-244.118; Eff. April 1, 2008; Amended Eff. May 1, 2010; Readopted Eff. August 1, 2018.

04 NCAC 03M .0401 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

(a) No later than 90 days after the end of the calendar year, mortgage lenders, mortgage servicers, and mortgage brokers shall file an annual report in the NMLS&R. The annual report shall be supplemented with additional information about operations, characteristics of loans made, or other similar composite data if the Commissioner determines that this additional information is necessary to safeguard the interests of the borrowing public. Mortgage brokers shall as a part of the annual report provide certification from an insured depository institution that the broker has for the year of the current annual report owned and held on a continual basis cash or other liquid assets of at least ten thousand dollars ($10,000) in a deposit account under the firm's name.

Failure to submit an annual report within 90 days after the end of the calendar year is grounds for summary suspension pursuant to G.S. 53-244.114.

(b) Mortgage lenders, mortgage servicers, and mortgage brokers shall provide an audited statement of financial condition or a certified statement of financial condition as required by G.S. 53-244.104 within 90 days of the end of the licensee's fiscal year. If not shown in the audited statement of financial condition, mortgage lenders shall provide evidence of available warehouse lines of credit or other funding facilities.

(c) Mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers shall provide information on the characteristics of loan originations in an electronic format prescribed by the Commissioner on a quarterly basis within 45 days after the close of the calendar quarter. Mortgage lenders shall provide:

(1) information sufficient to identify the mortgage loan and the unique identifier of the mortgage loan originator, mortgage broker (if applicable), and mortgage lender for the loan;

(2) information sufficient to enable a computation of applicable loan terms in the Federal Truth in Lending disclosures, including the annual percentage rate, finance charge, and a schedule of payments, and any deviations between the final disclosures and the most recent disclosures issued prior to the final disclosures;

(3) information included in the "Loan Estimate" (LE) or "Good Faith Estimate" (GFE) disclosure required under the Federal Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act including the rate, the date of any interest rate lock, itemization of settlement charges, and all broker compensation;

(4) information included in the final Closing Disclosure or HUD-1 Settlement Statement, if maintained by the mortgage lender in an electronic format;

(5) information related to the terms of the loans, including adjustable rate loan features (including timing of adjustments, indices used in setting rates, maximum and minimum adjustments, and floors and ceilings of adjustments), the undiscounted interest rate (if maintained by the mortgage lender in an electronic format), penalties for late payments, and penalties for prepayment (including computation of the penalty amount, duration of prepayment penalty, and the maximum amount of penalty);

(6) information used in underwriting, including the appraised value of the property, sales price of the property (if a purchase loan), borrowers' income, monthly payment amount, housing debt-to-income ratio, total debt-to-income ratio, and credit score(s) of borrower(s); and

(7) information included in a Loan Application Register for mortgage lenders required to submit information pursuant to the Federal Home Mortgage Disclosure Act.

Mortgage brokers shall provide information identified in this Paragraph unless such information is not prepared or known by the mortgage broker and the mortgage broker does not have access to the information in an electronic format.

(d) On a quarterly basis, mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers shall provide call reports containing financial and loan activity information in an electronic format through the NMLS&R.

(e) A licensee or registrant shall report within 30 days the name of any person suspected of making a misstatement of a material fact or material borrower information in connection with the mortgage lending or servicing process to the Commissioner. Mortgage lenders and mortgage brokers shall report within 30 days any loan repurchased due to a misstatement of material facts or material borrower information made in connection with the mortgage lending process.

(f) A licensee or registrant shall report within 30 days the name of any person suspected of making a misstatement of material facts or material borrower information in connection with an inquiry, investigation, or examination to the Commissioner.

History Note:  Authority G.S. 53-244.104; 53-244.108; 53-244.115; 53-244.118; Eff. April 1, 2003; Amended Eff. July 1, 2010; July 3, 2008; Readopted Eff. August 1, 2018.
04 NCAC 03M .0402 SECURITY BREACHES
(a) Upon discovery of a security breach as defined in G.S. 75-61(14), the licensee or registrant shall within one business day provide to the Commissioner a copy of any notification that is required pursuant to G.S. 75-65.
(b) Notification by the licensee or registrant shall be in accordance with Rule .0102 of this Subchapter.

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-244.105(b); 53-244.118; Eff. April 1, 2003; Amended Eff. May 1, 2010; April 1, 2008; Readopted Eff. August 1, 2018.

04 NCAC 03M .0403 TERMINATION OF OPERATIONS OR EMPLOYMENT
(a) A licensee or registrant shall notify the Commissioner in writing of its decision to cease operations in this State, and the anticipated effective date of the cessation of operations, at least 15 days before the cessation.
(b) A mortgage lender, mortgage servicer, or mortgage broker that has not originated or serviced a mortgage loan within a 12-month period is considered to have ceased operations. A mortgage origination support registrant that has not processed or underwritten a mortgage loan within a 12-month period is considered to have ceased operations. Cessation of operations is grounds for summary suspension pursuant to G.S. 53-244.114(b).

However, that suspension for cessation of operations shall not extend or revive any license that would otherwise terminate on December 31st based on the person’s failure to renew its license or registration or the Commissioner’s refusal to renew the license or registration.
(c) A mortgage broker, mortgage lender, mortgage servicer, or mortgage origination support registrant shall not sponsor a mortgage loan originator who is not an employee of the person and shall notify the Commissioner within 30 days of the termination of the individual mortgage loan originator’s employment and sponsorship.

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-244.100; 53-244.114(b); 53-244.118; Eff. April 1, 2003; Amended Eff. May 1, 2010; April 1, 2008; Readopted Eff. August 1, 2018.

04 NCAC 03M .0501 RECORDS TO BE MAINTAINED
(a) A licensee shall maintain or cause to be maintained a record of all cash, checks, or other monetary instruments received in connection with each mortgage loan application showing the identity of the payor, date received, amount, and purpose.
(b) A licensee shall maintain a record showing a sequential listing of checks written for each bank account relating to the licensee’s business as a mortgage broker or mortgage lender, showing the payee, amount, date, and purpose of payment, including identification of the loan to which it relates. The licensee shall reconcile the bank accounts monthly. Financial records shall be kept in a manner to permit review by examiners.
(c) A licensed mortgage lender or mortgage broker shall maintain a current listing of all mortgage loan applications in an electronic, searchable, and sortable format that permits a review of information by the Commissioner.
(d) A licensed mortgage lender or mortgage broker shall create and retain a file for each mortgage loan application that contains the following, as applicable:
   (1) the applicant’s name;
   (2) the date the application was taken;
   (3) name of the person taking the application;
   (4) the executed application itself; and
   (5) if the loan was closed;
      (A) the Closing Disclosure or HUD-1 Settlement Statement;
      (B) the loan note;
      (C) the deed of trust;
      (D) all agreements or contracts with the applicant, including any commitment and lock-in agreements, and other information utilized in the origination of the mortgage loan; and
      (E) all disclosures required by State or Federal law.
(e) A licensed mortgage servicer shall create and retain a file for each mortgage loan that it services that contains the following:
   (1) the borrower or borrowers names;
   (2) a copy of the original note and deed of trust;
   (3) a copy of any disclosures or notifications provided to the borrower required by State or Federal law;
   (4) a copy of all written requests for information received from the borrower and the servicer’s response to the requests as required by State or Federal law;
   (5) a record of all payments received from the borrower that contains all information required to be provided to a borrower upon request under G.S. 45-93(2)b;
   (6) a copy of any bankruptcy plan approved in a proceeding filed by the borrower or a co-owner of the property subject to the mortgage;
   (7) a communications log, if maintained by the servicer, that documents all verbal communication with the borrower or the borrower’s representative;
   (8) a record of all efforts by the servicer to comply with the duties required under G.S. 53-244.110(7) including all information utilized in the servicer’s determination regarding loss mitigation proposals offered to the borrower; a copy of all notices sent to the borrower related to any foreclosure proceeding filed against the encumbered property; and
   (9) records regarding the final disposition of the loan including a copy of any collateral release document, records of servicing transfers, charge-off information, or real estate owned disposition.
(f) A licensee shall maintain a record of samples of each piece of advertising relating to the licensee’s business of mortgage lending...
or mortgage brokerage in North Carolina for a period of 12 months.

(g) A licensee shall maintain copies of all contracts, agreements, and escrow instructions to or with any depository institution, mortgage lender, mortgage servicer, mortgage broker, warehouse lender or other funding facility, servicer of mortgage loans, and investor, for a period of three years after expiration of the contract or agreement.

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-244.105; 53-244.115; 53-244.118;
Eff. April 1, 2003;
Amended Eff. May 1, 2010; April 1, 2008;

04 NCAC 03M .0502 FORM AND LOCATION OF RECORDS

(a) The records may be maintained in any form that is convertible into legible, tangible documents by the licensee.
(b) All records required by this Section shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, where applicable.
(c) All records required to be maintained shall be secured against unauthorized access and damage in a location within the State accessible to the Commissioner. However, a licensee or registrant that maintains a centralized out-of-state storage facility for the records from multiple states may request the Commissioner to approve its storage of such records in such out-of-state location. The requests shall be approved provided that:

(1) the Commissioner determines that the proposed storage will ensure that the records are secured against unauthorized access and damage; and
(2) the licensee or registrant agrees in writing to make available at its expense for inspection and copying upon request by the Commissioner copies of all requested records in a form that satisfies the requirements of Paragraph (a) of this Rule.
(d) If the Commissioner has reason to believe that records are not or will not be secured against unauthorized access or damage, the Commissioner shall summarily revoke any approval granted under Paragraph (c) of this Rule.
(e) A licensee or registrant shall notify the Commissioner of any change in the location of its books and records within 15 days following such change.

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-244.105; 53-244.115; 53-244.118;
Eff. April 1, 2003;
Amended Eff. May 1, 2010;

04 NCAC 03M .0602 SELLER DISCOUNTS FOR USE OF AFFILIATED MORTGAGE LENDER OR BROKER

(a) A mortgage lender or mortgage broker shall not originate a mortgage loan if the use of that mortgage lender or mortgage broker is a condition for the borrower to receive a discount or thing of value from a seller affiliated with the mortgage lender or mortgage broker, unless:

(1) the discount conditioned on the use of the mortgage lender or mortgage broker is disclosed on a separate document from any other discount provided by the seller in a written document that informs the borrower that the choice of a lender not affiliated with the seller will not affect any other concessions or discounts offered to the borrower for the purchase of the home, other than the incentive offered for the use of the affiliated lender;
(2) the discount conditioned on the use of the mortgage lender or mortgage broker may be used to pay only the following:
(A) bona fide and reasonable closing costs associated with the loan as permitted under G.S. 24-8(d); and
(B) bona fide discount points, that are paid by the borrower for the purpose of reducing the interest rate below the market rate for that loan product and which in fact reduces the interest rate below the market rate for that loan product; and
(3) the discount does not exceed three percent of the final sales price.
(b) For any discount used as described in Part (a)(2)(B) of this Rule, the following documents shall be maintained in the individual loan file:

(1) the disclosure required under Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule;
(2) the rate sheet used by the mortgage lender or mortgage broker to inform the borrower of the available interest rate of the loan; and
(3) the signed lock-in agreement that demonstrates the below-market rate chosen by the borrower.
(c) For any discount used as described in Part (a)(2)(B) of this Rule, the mortgage lender shall maintain written policies and procedures related to the charging of discount points, which include the method of informing borrowers of the benefits and costs of discount points and a commercially reasonable method for determining the amount by which the interest rate will be reduced for the payment of a discount point.
(d) The discount provided in Paragraph (a) of this Rule shall not be applied in a manner that would exceed amounts that may be imposed under North Carolina or Federal law related to mortgage lending or mortgage servicing regardless of whether a party affiliated with the lender directly or indirectly pays for any portion of such charges.

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-244.111(1); 53-244.111(8);
53-244.118(a);
Eff. April 1, 2011;

04 NCAC 03M .0701 TRANSFER OF SERVICING RIGHTS

A person shall not transfer servicing rights or obligations to a person unless that person holds a mortgage servicing license or is a person exempt from the Act pursuant to G.S. 53-244.040.
04 NCAC 03M .0702 REQUIREMENTS FOR MORTGAGE SERVICERS TO COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY WITH BORROWERS REGARDING LOSS MITIGATION

(a) A mortgage servicer shall acknowledge in writing a borrower's loss mitigation request no later than 10 business days after the request. The acknowledgement shall identify information needed from the borrower in order for the mortgage servicer to consider the borrower's loss mitigation request. For purposes of this Rule and Rule .0703 of this Subchapter, a loss mitigation request is considered received by a servicer upon the borrower or the borrower's agent by contacting the servicer at the address, phone, or other contact information required to be provided to borrowers in a notice complying with G.S. 53-244.111(22).

(b) A mortgage servicer shall respond to a loss mitigation request from a borrower no later than 30 business days after the receipt of all information necessary from the borrower to assess whether or not a borrower qualifies for any loss mitigation programs offered by the mortgage servicer.

(c) A mortgage servicer shall include in a final response denying a loss mitigation request the reason for the denial and contact information for a person at the mortgage servicer's telephone number to reconsider the denial. In addition, the denial shall also include the following statement, in a boldface type and in a print no smaller than the largest print used elsewhere in the main body of the denial: "If you believe the loss mitigation request has been wrongly denied, you may file a complaint with the North Carolina Office of the Commissioner of Banks website, www.nccob.gov."

04 NCAC 03M .0703 CESSATION OF FORECLOSURE ACTIVITY DURING PENDENCY OF LOSS MITIGATION REQUEST

(a) A mortgage servicer shall not initiate or further a foreclosure proceeding or impose a charge incident to a foreclosure proceeding during the pendency of a loss mitigation request. This requirement does not apply if:

- the borrower has failed to comply with the terms of a loss mitigation plan within the previous 12 months, if the loss mitigation plan:
  - was implemented pursuant to a Federal or State foreclosure prevention program, including the Home Affordable Modification Program; or
  - reduced the monthly payment of loan by six percent from the scheduled monthly payment and resulted in a monthly payment of principal, interest, taxes, and insurance of less than 31 percent of the borrower's household income;

- the mortgage servicer has provided a final response regarding a loss mitigation request within the last 12 months and believes that the current loss mitigation request was not made in good faith;

- the borrower has failed to comply with a Chapter 13 bankruptcy repayment plan or has had any bankruptcy proceedings dismissed for abuse of process within the last 12 months;

- the loss mitigation request is received by the servicer after the time for appealing an order granting foreclosure of the secured residential real estate has passed in accordance with Article 2A of Chapter 45; or

- the servicing contract or the terms of the mortgage loan, entered into prior to October 1, 2009, prohibits such a delay.

(b) Nothing in this Rule shall prevent a mortgage servicer, in order to avoid dismissal or any other adverse order in a foreclosure proceeding that was initiated prior to the loss mitigation request being received, from filing or causing to be filed any pleading or notice that is required under Article 2A of Chapter 45, the Rules of Civil Procedure, or the Local Rules of Court to continue or delay further proceedings.

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11 NCAC 20 .0202 CONTRACT PROVISIONS

All contract forms shall contain provisions addressing the following:

- Whether the contract and any attached or incorporated amendments, exhibits, or appendices constitute the entire contract between the parties.

- Definitions of technical insurance or managed care terms used in the contract, and whether those definitions reference other documents distributed to providers and are consistent with definitions included in the evidence of coverage issued in conjunction with the network plan.

- Term of the contract.

- Any requirements for written notice of termination and each party's grounds for termination.

- The provider's continuing obligations after termination of the provider contract or in the case of the carrier or intermediary's insolvency. The obligations shall address:
  - Transition of administrative duties and records.
  - Continuation of care, when inpatient care is on-going. If the carrier provides

History Note: Authority G.S. 53-244.110(a); 53-244.118(a); Eff. June 1, 2010; Readopted Eff. August 1, 2018.
or arranges for the delivery of health care services on a prepaid basis, inpatient care shall be continued until the patient is ready for discharge.

(6) The provider's obligation to maintain licensure, accreditation, and credentials that meet the carrier's credential verification program requirements and to notify the carrier of subsequent changes in status of any information relating to the provider's professional credentials.

(7) The provider's obligation to maintain professional liability insurance coverage in an amount acceptable to the carrier and notify the carrier of subsequent changes in status of professional liability insurance.

(8) With respect to member billing:
   (a) If the carrier provides or arranges for the delivery of health care services on a prepaid basis under G.S. 58, the provider shall not bill any network plan member for covered services, except for specified coinsurance, copayments, and applicable deductibles. This provision shall not prohibit a provider and member from agreeing to continue non-covered services at the member's own expense, as long as the provider has notified the member in advance that the carrier may not cover or continue to cover specific services and the member chooses to receive the service.
   (b) Any provider's responsibility to collect applicable member deductibles, copayments, coinsurance, and fees for noncovered services shall be specified.

(9) Any provider's obligation to arrange for call coverage or other back-up to provide service in accordance with the carrier's standards for provider accessibility.

(10) The carrier's obligation to provide a mechanism that allows providers to verify member eligibility, based on current information held by the carrier, before rendering health care services. Mutually agreeable provision may be made for cases where incorrect or retroactive information was submitted by employer groups.

(11) Provider requirements regarding patients' records. The provider shall:
   (a) Maintain confidentiality of enrollee medical records and personal information as required by G.S. 58, Article 39 and other health records as required by law.
   (b) Maintain medical and other health records according to standards established by the carrier and as required by law.
  (c) Make copies of such records available to the carrier and Department in conjunction with its regulation of the carrier.

(12) The provider's obligation to cooperate with members in member grievance procedures.

(13) A provision that the provider shall not discriminate against members on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, religion, marital status, health status, or health insurance coverage.

(14) Provider payment that describes the methodology to be used as a basis for payment to the provider. For example, Medicare DRG reimbursement, discounted fee for service, withhold arrangement, HMO provider capitation, or capitation with bonus.

(15) The carrier's obligations to provide data and information to the provider, such as:
   (a) Performance feedback reports or information to the provider, if compensation is related to efficiency criteria.
   (b) Information on:
      (i) benefit exclusions;
      (ii) administrative and utilization management requirements;
      (iii) credential verification programs;
      (iv) quality assessment programs; and
      (v) provider sanction policies.

Notification of changes in these requirements shall also be provided by the carrier, allowing providers time to comply with such changes.

(16) The provider's obligations to comply with the carrier's utilization management programs, credential verification programs, quality management programs, and provider sanctions programs with the stipulation that none of these shall override the professional or ethical responsibility of the provider or interfere with the provider's ability to provide information or assistance to their patients.

(17) The provider's authorization and the carrier's obligation to include the name of the provider or the provider group in the provider directory distributed to its members.

(18) Any process to be followed to resolve contractual differences between the carrier and the provider.

(19) Provisions on assignment of the contract shall contain:
   (a) The provider's duties and obligations under the contract shall not be assigned, delegated, or transferred
(C) To the extent provided by law, the Department shall have access to the books, records, and financial information to examine activities performed by the intermediary on behalf of the carrier. Such books and records shall be maintained in North Carolina.

(7) The intermediary shall comply with all statutory and regulatory requirements that apply to the functions delegated by the carrier and assumed by the intermediary.

(c) If a carrier contracts with an intermediary to provide health care services and pays that intermediary directly for the services provided, the carrier shall either monitor the financial condition of the intermediary to ensure that providers are paid for services, or maintain member hold harmless agreements with providers.

Eff. October 1, 1996;

11 NCAC 20 .0204 CARRIER AND INTERMEDIARY CONTRACTS

(a) If a carrier contracts with an intermediary for the provision of a network to deliver health care services, the carrier shall file with the Division for prior approval its form contract with the intermediary. The filing shall be accompanied by a certification from the carrier that the intermediary will, by the terms of the contract, be required to comply with all statutory and regulatory requirements that apply to the functions delegated. The certification shall also state that the carrier shall monitor such compliance.

(b) A carrier's contract form with the intermediary shall state that:

1. All provider contracts used by the intermediary shall comply with the provisions of Rule .0202 of this Section.
2. The network carrier retains its legal responsibility to monitor and oversee the offering of services to its members and financial responsibility to its members.
3. The intermediary may not subcontract for its services without the carrier's written permission.
4. The carrier may approve or disapprove participation of individual providers contracting with the intermediary for inclusion in or removal from the carrier's own network plan.
5. The carrier shall retain copies of the intermediary shall make available for review by the Department all provider contracts and subcontracts held by the intermediary.
6. If the intermediary organization assumes risk from the carrier or pays its providers on a risk basis or is responsible for claims payment to its providers:

   (A) The carrier shall receive documentation of utilization and claims payment and maintain accounting systems and records.
   (B) The carrier shall arrange for financial protection of itself and its members through such approaches as member hold harmless language, retention of signatory control of the funds to be disbursed, or financial reporting requirements.

Eff. October 1, 1996;

TITLE 14B - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

14B NCAC 15B .0217 FILL OR REFILL ORIGINAL CONTAINERS

No permittee shall fill or refill in whole or in part any original container of alcoholic beverages with the same or any other kind of alcoholic beverage, except a bottler, manufacturer, or permittee authorized pursuant to G.S. 18B-1001(1), (2), (3), (4), or (16).

History Note: Authority G.S. 18B-206(a); 18B-207; 18B-1001;
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14B NCAC 15B .0220 DISPENSING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

(a) Malt Beverages, On-Premises. Malt beverages may be sold by persons holding on-premise permits in the original containers, by the glass, by the mug, by the pitcher, or a single-service and single-use container as defined by FDA Food Code 2009, 1-201.10(B). The brand name of draught malt beverages dispensed in retail outlets shall be shown on the knobs of draught faucets. Covers for these faucets bearing a brand name may be used if the brand name appearing on the cover corresponds with the brand name on the knob of the faucets that are to be used for that brand.

(b) Malt Beverages, Off-Premises. Malt beverages may be sold by persons holding an off-premise permit only in the unopened
original container that was filled by the product manufacturer, except as permitted pursuant to G.S. 18B-1001.

(c) Wine, On-Premises. A person holding an on-premises wine permit may sell wine in the unopened original container, by the carafe, by the glass, or a single-service and single-use container. A person holding an on-premises wine permit may sell wine mixed with non-alcoholic beverages by the carafe, by the glass, or a single-service and single-use container. Wine served in carafes, by the glass, or single-service and single-use containers may be dispensed under pressure from nitrogen from sealed bulk containers provided the containers and dispensing systems have been approved by the Commission and the Commission for Public Health. The vintner, brand, and type of wine dispensed by the carafe, glass, or single-service and single-use container, except for the house wine, shall appear on the wine list. Where the wine is dispensed from bulk containers, the vintner, brand, and type shall be shown on the knobs of draught faucets.

(d) Use of Siphons. The use of siphons or pressurized dispensers is allowed if the malt beverage or wine contents are dispensed directly from the original containers.

(e) Mixed Beverages. A person holding a mixed beverages permit may sell mixed beverages in a glass, in a pitcher, or in a single-service and single-use container.

(f) Multi-Use Containers. All multi-use containers used by permittees to serve any alcoholic beverages shall meet the requirements as referenced by FDA Food Code 2009, 3-304.11(a). Multi-use containers include glassware, mugs, pitchers, and carafes.

(g) Incorporation by Reference. The 2009 FDA Food Code, as established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, is hereby incorporated by reference, excluding subsequent amendments and editions, and may be accessed at no cost at https://www.fda.gov/food/guidanceregulation/retailfoodprotection/n/foodcode/ucm2019396.htm.

History Note: Authority G.S. 18B-100; 18B-206; 18B-207; 18B-1001; 130A-248(a); Eff. January 1, 1982; Amended Eff. June 1, 2013; May 1, 1984; Transferred and Recodified from 04 NCAC 02T .0302 Eff. August 1, 2015; Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. August 20, 2016; Temporary Amendment Eff. November 28, 2017; Amended Eff. August 1, 2018.

14B NCAC 15C .0303 LABEL CONTENTS: MALT BEVERAGES

(a) Containers that are prefilled by the manufacturer shall be affixed with malt beverage labels that shall contain the following information in a form legible to the consumer:

1. brand name of product;
2. name and address of brewer or bottler;
3. class of product (e.g., beer, ale, porter, lager, bock, stout, or other brewed or fermented beverage);
4. net contents;
5. if the malt beverage is fortified with any stimulants, the amount of each (milligrams) per container; and
6. the alcoholic beverage health warning statement as required by the Federal Alcohol Administration Act, 27 C.F.R. Sections 16.20 through 16.22.

(b) Growlers that are filled or refilled on demand with malt beverages pursuant to Rule .0308 of this Section shall be affixed with a label or a tag containing the following information in type not smaller than 3 millimeters in height and not more than 12 characters per inch:

1. brand name of the product dispensed;
2. name of brewer or bottler;
3. class of product (e.g., beer, ale, porter, lager, bock, stout, or other brewed or fermented beverage);
4. net contents;
5. if the malt beverage is fortified with any stimulants from the original manufacturer, the amount of each (milligrams) per container;
6. name and address of business that filled or refilled the growler;
7. date of fill or refill;
8. if the malt beverage is more than six percent alcohol by volume, the amount of alcohol by volume pursuant to G.S. 18B-101(9); and
9. the following statement: "This product may be unfiltered and unpasteurized. Keep refrigerated at all times."

(c) Growlers that are filled or refilled on demand pursuant to Rule .0308 of this Section shall be affixed with the alcoholic beverage health warning statement as required by the Federal Alcohol


14B NCAC 15C .0304 LABEL CONTENTS: WINE
(a) All wine labels shall contain the following information, in a form legible to the consumer:

1. brand name of product;
2. class and type, in conformity with Section .0400 of this Subchapter;
3. name and address of manufacturer, or bottler, except as otherwise provided in these Rules;
4. on blends consisting of foreign and domestic wine, if any reference is made to the presence of foreign wine, the exact percentage by volume the foreign wine;
5. net contents (unless blown or otherwise permanently inscribed in the container); and
6. the alcoholic beverage health warning statement as required by the Federal Alcohol Administration Act, 27 C.F.R. Sections 16.20 through 16.22.

(b) Exception for Retailer's Private Brand. In the case of wine bottles packaged for a retailer or other person under the person's private brand, the name and address of the bottler may be stated on another label affixed to the container, if the name and address of the person for whom the wine was bottled or packed appears on the label. The net contents shall be stated on the brand label or on a separate label affixed thereto on the same side of the container in legible form, unless blown or otherwise permanently inscribed in the container.

(c) Imported Wines. The name and address of the importer of a foreign wine need not be stated on the brand label if it is stated upon another label affixed to the container.

(d) Growlers that are filled or refilled on demand with unfortified wine pursuant to Rule .0308 of this Section shall be affixed with a label or a tag containing the following information in type not smaller than 3 millimeters in height and not more than 12 characters per inch:

1. brand name of the product dispensed;
2. name of manufacturer or bottler;
3. class and type of product;
4. net contents;

5. name and address of business that filled or refilled the growler;
6. date of fill or refill; and
7. the following statement: "This product may be unfiltered and unpasteurized. Keep refrigerated at all times."

(e) Growlers that are filled or refilled on demand pursuant to Rule .0308 of this Section shall be affixed with the alcoholic beverage health warning statement as required by the Federal Alcohol Administration Act, 27 C.F.R. Sections 16.20 through 16.22.


14B NCAC 15C .0307 GROWLERS
(a) As used in this Section, a "growler" is a rigid glass, ceramic, plastic, aluminum, or stainless steel container with a closure or cap with a secure sealing that is no larger than 2 liters (0.5283 gallons) into which a malt beverage or unfortified wine is prefilled, filled, or refilled for off-premises consumption.

(b) Malt beverages may be sold in growlers as follows:

1. Holders of only a brewery permit shall not prefill growlers with malt beverage.

2. Holders of retail permits pursuant to G.S. 18B-1001(1), (2), or (16) who do not hold a brewery permit shall not prefill growlers with malt beverage.

3. Holders of a brewery permit who also have retail permits pursuant to G.S. 18B-1001(1) may fill or refill growlers on demand with the brewery's malt beverage for off-premises consumption, provided the label as required by Rules .0303(b) and .0305 of this Section is affixed to the growler.

4. Holders of retail permits pursuant to G.S. 18B-1001(1), (2), or (16) may fill or refill growlers on demand with draft malt beverage for off-premises consumption, provided the label as required by Rules .0303(b) and (c) and .0305 of this Section is affixed to the growler.

(c) Unfortified wine may be sold in growlers as follows:

1. Holders of only an unfortified winery permit may sell, deliver, and ship growlers prefilled with the winery's unfortified wine for off-premises consumption provided a label is affixed to the growler that provides the
information as required by Rules .0304(a), (b), and (c), and .0305 of this Section.

(2) Holders of retail permits pursuant to G.S. 18B-1001(3), (4), or (16) who do not hold an unfortified winery permit shall not prefill growlers with unfortified wine.

(3) Holders of an unfortified winery permit who also have retail permits pursuant to G.S. 18B-1001(3) may fill or refill growlers on demand with the winery's unfortified wine for off-premises consumption, provided the label as required by Rules .0304(d) and (e) and .0305 of this Section is affixed to the growler.

(4) Holders of retail permits pursuant to G.S. 18B-1001(3), (4), or (16) may fill or refill growlers on demand with unfortified wine for off-premises consumption, provided the label as required by Rules .0304(d) and (e) and .0305 of this Section is affixed to the growler.

(d) Holders of retail permits pursuant to G.S. 18B-1001(1), (2), (3), (4), or (16) shall affix a label as required by Rules .0303(b) and (c), .0304(d) and (e), and .0305 of this Section to the growler when filling or refilling a growler.

(e) Holders of retail permits pursuant to G.S. 18B-1001(1), (2), (3), (4), or (16), may, in their discretion, refuse to fill or refill a growler, except in matters of discrimination pursuant to G.S. 18B-305(c).

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14B NCAC 15C .0308 GROWLERS: CLEANING, SANITIZING, FILLING AND SEALING

(a) Except as permitted pursuant to Rules .0307(b) and (c) of this Section, filling and refilling growlers shall only occur on demand by a consumer.

(b) Growlers shall only be filled or refilled by a permittee or the permittee's employee.

(c) Prior to filling or refilling a growler, the growler and its cap shall be cleaned and sanitized by the permittee or the permittee's employee using one of the following methods:

1. Manual washing in a three compartment sink:
   A. prior to starting, clean sinks and work area to remove any chemicals, oils, or grease from other cleaning activities;
   B. empty residual liquid from the growler to a drain. Growlers shall not be emptied into the cleaning water;
   C. clean the growler and cap in water and detergent. Water temperature shall be

at a minimum 110°F or the temperature specified on the cleaning agent manufacturer's label instructions. Detergent shall not be fat or oil based;

2. Mechanical washing and sanitizing machine:
   A. mechanical washing and sanitizing machines shall be provided with an easily accessible and readable data plate affixed to the machine by the manufacturer and shall be used according to the machine's design and operation specifications;
   B. mechanical washing and sanitizing machines shall be equipped with chemical or hot water sanitization;
   C. concentration of the sanitizing solution or the water temperature shall be accurately determined by using a test kit or other device; and
   D. the machine shall be regularly serviced based upon the manufacturer's or installer's guidelines.

(d) Notwithstanding Paragraph (c) of this Rule, a growler may be filled or refilled without cleaning and sanitizing the growler, as follows:

1. Filling or refilling a growler with a tube as referenced by Paragraph (e) of this Rule:
   A. food grade sanitizer shall be used in accordance with the EPA-registered label use instructions;
   B. a container of liquid food grade sanitizer shall be maintained for no more than 10 malt beverage taps that will be used for filling and refilling growlers;
(C) each container shall contain no fewer than five tubes that will be used only for filling and refilling growlers;

(D) the growler is inspected visually for contamination;

(E) after each filling or refilling of a growler, the tube shall be immersed in the container with the liquid food grade sanitizer; and

(F) a different tube from the container shall be used for each fill or refill of a growler; or

(2) Filling a growler with a contamination-free process:

(A) the growler shall be inspected visually for contamination;

(B) for growlers that can be refilled, the process shall be otherwise in compliance with the FDA Food Code 2009, Section 3-304.17(C); and

(C) for growlers that are for single use, the process shall be otherwise in compliance with the FDA Food Code 2009, Sections 4-903.11 and 4-903.12.

(e) Growlers shall be filled or refilled from the bottom of the growler to the top with a tube that is attached to the malt beverage or unfortified wine faucet and extends to the bottom of the growler or with a commercial filling machine.

(f) When not in use, tubes to fill or refill growlers shall be immersed and stored in a container with liquid food grade sanitizer.

(g) After filling or refilling a growler, the growler shall be sealed with a closure or cap.

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### 14B NCAC 15C .0403 CONTAINERS

(a) Unsealed Container Prohibited. Except as permitted by Rule .0307 of this Subchapter, the sale of wine in any unsealed container, any container originally designed for a product other than wine, or in any container the design or shape of which would tend to mislead the consumer as to the nature of the contents is prohibited.

(b) Distinguishing Mark Different from Retailer. The sale of wine in containers that have the blown, branded, or burned name or other distinguishing mark of any person engaged in business as a wine producer, importer, wholesaler, or bottler or any other person different from the person whose name is required to appear on the brand label by Rule .0304 of this Subchapter is prohibited.
(14) have the school separate from any other place or type of business, except for a business allowed by G.S. 86A-15(a)(1)(b), by a wall of ceiling height;

(15) have a classroom area, separate from the practical area, with desk chairs sufficient to serve the number of students enrolled, and a desk and chair for the instructors;

(16) have a means for electronic recordation of student hours;

(17) have a sign displayed in each practical area of the school stating that all barbering services are performed by students; and

(18) have a bulletin board hanging in each classroom area with a posting of the rules in this Subchapter and the minimum school curricula as set forth in 21 NCAC 06F .0120.

This Paragraph applies to barber schools permitted on or after December 1, 1994 or which undergo structural renovations after that date.

c) All barber schools seeking a new permit shall receive a satisfactory building inspection by the jurisdiction having authority prior to obtaining a shop inspection pursuant to 21 NCAC 06L .0105.

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CHAPTER 16 – BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

21 NCAC 16Q .0202 GENERAL ANESTHESIA EQUIPMENT AND CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS

(a) A dentist administering general anesthesia shall ensure that the facility where the general anesthesia is administered meets the following requirements:

(1) The facility shall be equipped with the following:

(A) an operatory of size and design to permit access of emergency equipment and personnel and to permit emergency management;

(B) a CPR board or a dental chair without enhancements, suitable for providing emergency treatment;

(C) lighting as necessary for specific procedures and back-up lighting; and

(D) suction equipment as necessary for specific procedures, including non-electrical back-up suction;

(E) positive pressure oxygen delivery system, including full face masks for small, medium, and large patients, and back-up E-cylinder portable oxygen tank apart from the central system;

(F) small, medium, and large oral and nasal airways;

(G) blood pressure monitoring device;

(H) EKG monitor;

(I) pulse oximeter;

(J) automatic external defibrillator (AED);

(K) precordial stethoscope or capnograph;

(L) thermometer;

(M) vascular access set-up as necessary for specific procedures, including hardware and fluids;

(N) laryngoscope with working batteries;

(O) intubation forceps and advanced airway devices;

(P) tonsillar suction with back-up suction;

(Q) syringes as necessary for specific procedures; and

(R) tourniquet and tape.

(2) The following unexpired drugs shall be maintained in the facility and with access from the operator and recovery rooms:

(A) Epinephrine;

(B) Atropine;

(C) antiarrhythmic;

(D) antihistamine;

(E) antihypertensive;

(F) bronchodilator;

(G) antihypoglycemic agent;

(H) vasopressor;

(I) corticosteroid;

(J) anticonvulsant;

(K) muscle relaxant;

(L) appropriate reversal agents;

(M) nitroglycerine;

(N) antiemetic; and

(O) Dextrose.

(3) The permit holder shall maintain written emergency and patient discharge protocols and training to familiarize auxiliaries in the treatment of clinical emergencies shall be provided;

(4) The permit holder shall maintain the following records for 10 years:

(A) Patient's current written medical history, including a record of known allergies and previous surgeries;

(B) Consent to general anesthesia, signed by the patient or guardian, identifying the risks and benefits, level of anesthesia, and date signed;

(C) Consent to the procedure, signed by the patient or guardian identifying the risks, benefits, and date signed; and

(D) Patient base line vital signs, including temperature, SPO2, blood pressure, and pulse;
(5) The anesthesia record shall include:
   (A) base line vital signs, blood pressure (unless patient behavior prevents recording), oxygen saturation, ET CO2 if capnography is utilized, pulse and respiration rates of the patient recorded in real time at 15 minute intervals;
   (B) procedure start and end times;
   (C) gauge of needle and location of IV on the patient, if used;
   (D) status of patient upon discharge; and
   (E) documentation of complications or morbidity; and

(6) The facility shall be staffed with at least two BLS certified auxiliaries, one of whom shall be dedicated to patient monitoring and recording general anesthesia or sedation data throughout the sedation procedure. This Subparagraph shall not apply if the dentist permit holder is dedicated to patient care and monitoring regarding general anesthesia or sedation throughout the sedation procedure and is not performing the surgery or other dental procedure.

(b) During an inspection or evaluation, the applicant or permit holder shall demonstrate the administration of anesthesia while the evaluator observes, and shall demonstrate competency in the following areas:

   (1) monitoring of blood pressure, pulse, ET CO2 if capnography is utilized, and respiration;
   (2) drug dosage and administration;
   (3) treatment of untoward reactions including respiratory or cardiac depression;
   (4) sterile technique;
   (5) use of BLS certified auxiliaries;
   (6) monitoring of patient during recovery; and
   (7) sufficiency of patient recovery time.

(c) During an inspection or evaluation, the applicant or permit holder shall verbally demonstrate competency in the treatment of the following clinical emergencies:

   (1) laryngospasm;
   (2) bronchospasm;
   (3) emesis and aspiration;
   (4) respiratory depression and arrest;
   (5) angina pectoris;
   (6) myocardial infarction;
   (7) hypertension and hypotension;
   (8) syncope;
   (9) allergic reactions;
   (10) convulsions;
   (11) bradycardia;
   (12) hypoglycemia;
   (13) cardiac arrest; and
   (14) airway obstruction.

(d) A general anesthesia permit holder shall evaluate a patient for health risks before starting any anesthesia procedure.

(e) Post-operative monitoring and discharge shall include the following:

   (1) vital signs shall be continuously monitored when the sedation is no longer being administered and the patient shall have direct continuous supervision until oxygenation and circulation are stable and the patient is recovered as defined by Subparagraph (e)(2) of this Rule and is ready for discharge from the office; and

   (2) recovery from general anesthesia shall include documentation of the following:

      (A) cardiovascular function stable;
      (B) airway patency uncompromised;
      (C) patient arousable and protective reflexes intact;
      (D) state of hydration within normal limits;
      (E) patient can talk, if applicable;
      (F) patient can sit unaided, if applicable;
      (G) patient can ambulate, if applicable, with minimal assistance; and
      (H) for the special needs patient or a patient incapable of the usually expected responses, the pre-sedation level of responsiveness or the level as close as possible for that patient shall be achieved; and

   (3) before allowing the patient to leave the office, the dentist shall determine that the patient has met the recovery criteria set out in Subparagraph (e)(2) of this Rule and the following discharge criteria:

      (A) oxygenation, circulation, activity, skin color, and level of consciousness are sufficient, stable, and have been documented;
      (B) explanation and documentation of written postoperative instructions have been provided to the patient or a responsible adult at time of discharge; and
      (C) vested adult is available to transport the patient after discharge.

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21 NCAC 16Q .0204  PROCEDURE FOR GENERAL ANESTHESIA EVALUATION OR INSPECTION AND RE-INSPECTION
(a) When both an evaluation and on-site inspection is required, the Board shall designate two or more qualified persons to serve as evaluators, each of whom has administered general anesthesia for at least three years preceding the inspection. Training in general anesthesia shall not be counted in the three years. The fee
for an evaluation and on-site inspection shall be three-hundred seventy-five dollars ($375.00). When an on-site inspection involves only a facility and equipment check and not an evaluation of the dentist, the inspection may be accomplished by one evaluator, and the fee for the on-site inspection shall be two-hundred seventy-five dollars ($275.00).

(b) An inspection fee of two-hundred seventy-five dollars ($275.00) shall be due 10 days after the dentist receives notice of the inspection of each additional location at which the dentist administers general anesthesia.

(c) Any dentist-member of the Board may observe or consult in any evaluation or inspection.

(d) The inspection team shall determine compliance with the requirements of the rules in this Subchapter, as applicable, by assigning a grade of "pass" or "fail."

(e) Each evaluator shall report his or her recommendation to the Board's Anesthesia and Sedation Committee, setting forth the details supporting his or her conclusion. The Committee shall not be bound by these recommendations. The Committee shall determine whether the applicant has passed the evaluation and inspection and shall notify the applicant in writing of its decision.

(f) An applicant who fails an inspection or evaluation shall not receive a permit to administer general anesthesia. If a permit holder's facility fails an inspection, no further general anesthesia procedures shall be performed at the facility until it passes a re-inspection by the Board.

(g) An applicant who fails an inspection or evaluation may request a re-evaluation or re-inspection within 15 days of receiving the notice of failure. The request shall be directed to the Board in writing and shall include a statement of the grounds supporting the re-evaluation or re-inspection. The Board shall require the applicant to receive additional training prior to the re-evaluation to address the areas of deficiency determined by the evaluation. The Board shall notify the applicant in writing of the need for additional training.

(h) Re-evaluations and re-inspections shall be conducted by Board-appointed evaluators not involved in the failed evaluation or inspection.

History Note: Authority G.S. 90-28; 90-30.1; 90-39; Eff. February 1, 1990; Amended Eff. April 1, 2016; February 1, 2009; December 4, 2002; January 1, 1994; Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018; Amended Eff. August 1, 2018.

21 NCAC 16Q .0206 ITINERANT (MOBILE) GENERAL ANESTHESIA PERMIT, EQUIPMENT AND EVALUATION

(a) A dentist who holds a general anesthesia permit from the Board and who wishes to provide general anesthesia or other sedation services in the office of another practitioner shall obtain a mobile general anesthesia permit from the Board by completing the application requirements of this Rule and paying a one hundred dollar ($100.00) application fee and a two-hundred seventy-five dollar ($275.00) inspection fee. No mobile permit shall be required to administer general anesthesia in a hospital or credentialed surgery center.

(b) Before a mobile general anesthesia permit may be issued, a general anesthesia permit holder appointed by the Board shall inspect the applicant's equipment and medications to ensure that they comply with Paragraphs (c) and (d) of this Rule.

(c) The permit holder shall maintain in good working order the equipment required by Rule .0202(a)(1) of this Section.

(d) The unexpired medications required by Rule .0202(a)(2) of this Section shall be on site and available to the permit holder.

(e) The evaluation and on-site inspection shall be conducted as set out in Rule .0204 of this Section.

(f) Prior to administering general anesthesia or sedation at another provider's office, the mobile permit holder shall inspect the host facility within 24 business hours before each procedure and shall ensure that:

1. the operatory's size and design permit emergency management and access of emergency equipment and personnel;
2. there is a CPR board or dental chair without enhancements suitable for providing emergency treatment;
3. there is lighting to permit performance of all procedures planned for the facility;
4. there is suction equipment, including non-electrical back-up suction; and
5. the facility shall be staffed with at least two BLS certified auxiliaries, one of whom shall be dedicated to patient monitoring and recording general anesthesia or sedation data throughout the sedation procedure. This Subparagraph shall not apply if the dentist permit holder is dedicated to patient care and monitoring regarding general anesthesia or sedation throughout the sedation procedure and is not performing the surgery or other dental procedure.

(g) Upon inspection, the permit holder shall document that the facility where the general anesthesia or sedation procedure will be performed was inspected and that it met the requirements of Paragraph (f) of this Rule. The permit holder shall retain the inspection and compliance record required by this Paragraph for 10 years following the procedure and provide these records to the Board upon request.

(h) The mobile general anesthesia permit shall be displayed in the host facility where it is visible to patients receiving treatment.

(i) All applicants for mobile general anesthesia permit shall be in good standing with the Board.

History Note: Authority G.S. 90-28; 90-30.1; 90-39; 90-48; Eff. June 1, 2017; Amended Eff. August 1, 2018.

21 NCAC 16Q .0207 ANNUAL RENEWAL OF GENERAL ANESTHESIA AND ITINERANT (MOBILE) GENERAL ANESTHESIA PERMIT REQUIRED

(a) General anesthesia and itinerant general anesthesia permits shall be renewed by the Board annually at the same time as dental licenses by the dentist paying a one-hundred dollar ($100.00) fee and completing the application requirements of this Rule. If the completed general anesthesia and itinerant general anesthesia
permit renewal application and renewal fee are not received before January 31 of each year, a fifty dollar ($50.00) late fee shall be paid.

(b) Itinerant general anesthesia permits shall be renewed by the Board annually at the same time as dental licenses by paying a one hundred dollar ($100.00) fee and completing the application requirements of this Rule. The application is available on the Board's website: www.ncdentalboard.org. If the completed itinerant general sedation permit application and renewal fee are not received before January 31 of each year, a fifty dollar ($50.00) late fee shall be paid.

(c) Any dentist who fails to renew a general anesthesia permit or itinerant general anesthesia permit before March 31 of each year shall complete a reinstatement application, pay the renewal fee, late fee, and comply with all conditions for renewal set out in this Rule. Dentists whose anesthesia permits or itinerant general anesthesia permits have been lapsed for more than 12 calendar months shall pass an inspection and an evaluation as part of the reinstatement process.

(d) A dentist who administers general anesthesia in violation of this Rule shall be subject to the penalties prescribed by Rule .0701 of this Subchapter.

(e) As a condition for renewal of the general anesthesia and itinerant general anesthesia permit, the general anesthesia permit holder shall meet the clinical equipment and requirements set out in Rule .0202 of this Section and the itinerant general anesthesia permit holder shall maintain the clinical equipment and requirements set out in Rule .0206 of this Section and shall document the following:

   (1) six hours of continuing education each year in one or more of the following areas, which shall be counted toward fulfillment of the continuing education required each calendar year for license renewal:
      (A) sedation;
      (B) medical emergencies;
      (C) monitoring IV sedation and the use of monitoring equipment;
      (D) pharmacology of drugs and agents used in general anesthesia and IV sedation;
      (E) physical evaluation, risk assessment, or behavioral management; or
      (F) airway management;

   (2) unexpired ACLS certification, which shall not count towards the six hours of continuing education required in Subparagraph (e)(1) of this Rule;

   (3) that the permit holder and all auxiliaries involved in anesthesia or sedation procedures have practiced responding to dental emergencies as a team at least once every six months in the preceding year;

   (4) that the permit holder and all auxiliaries involved in anesthesia or sedation procedures have read the practice's emergency manual in the preceding year; and

   (5) that all auxiliaries involved in sedation procedures have completed BLS certification and three hours of continuing education annually in any of the areas set forth in Subparagraph (e)(1) of this Rule.

(f) All permit holders applying for renewal of a general anesthesia or itinerant general anesthesia permit shall be in good standing and their office shall be subject to inspection by the Board.

History Note: Authority G.S. 90-28; 90-30.1; 90-31; 90-39(12); 90-48; Eff June 1, 2017; Amended Eff August 1, 2018.

21 NCAC 16Q.0301 CREDENTIALS AND PERMITS FOR MODERATE PARENTERAL AND ENTERAL CONSCIOUS SEDATION

(a) Before a dentist licensed to practice in North Carolina may administer or supervise a CRNA employed to administer or RN employed to deliver moderate sedation, the dentist shall obtain a permit from the Board by completing the application requirements in this Rule and paying a fee of three hundred seventy-five dollar ($375.00) that includes the one-hundred dollar ($100.00) application fee and the two-hundred seventy-five dollar ($275.00) inspection fee. The permit shall be renewed annually and shall be displayed with the current renewal at all times in the facility of the permit holder where it is visible to patients receiving treatment.

(b) The permit holder shall provide supervision to any CRNA employed to administer or RN employed to deliver sedation, and shall ensure that the level of the sedation does not exceed the level of the sedation allowed by the permit holder's permit.

(c) A dentist applying for a permit to administer moderate conscious sedation shall document the following:

   (1) Training that may consist of either:
      (A) Completion of 60 hours of Board approved didactic training in intravenous conscious sedation, and 30 hours of clinical training that shall include successful management of a minimum of 20 live patients, under supervision of the course instructor, using intravenous sedation. Training shall be provided by one or more individuals who meet the American Dental Association Guidelines for Teaching Pain Control and Sedation to Dentists that is hereby incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions. The guidelines may be found at www.ada.org/coda; or
      (B) Completion of a pre-doctoral dental or postgraduate program that included intravenous conscious sedation training equivalent to that defined in Part (c)(1)(A) of this Rule;

   (2) Unexpired ACLS certification; and

   (3) That all auxiliaries involved in sedation procedures have unexpired BLS certification.
(d) All applicants for a moderate conscious sedation permit shall be in good standing with the Board.
(e) Prior to issuance of a moderate conscious sedation permit, the applicant shall pass an evaluation and a facility inspection. The applicant shall be responsible for passing the evaluation and inspection of his or her facility within 90 days of notification. An extension of no more than 90 days shall be granted if the designated evaluator or applicant requests one by contacting the Board in writing.
(f) A dentist who holds a moderate conscious sedation permit shall not intentionally administer deep sedation.

(2) The following unexpired drugs shall be maintained in the facility and with access from the operatory and recovery rooms:
(A) Epinephrine;
(B) Atropine;
(C) antiarrhythmic;
(D) antihistamine;
(E) antihypertensive;
(F) bronchodilator;
(G) antihypoglycemic agent;
(H) vasopressor;
(I) corticosteroid;
(J) anticonvulsant;
(K) muscle relaxant;
(L) appropriate reversal agents;
(M) nitroglycerine;
(N) antiemetic; and
(O) Dextrose.

21 NCAC 16Q .0302 MODERATE PARENTERAL AND ENTERAL CONSCIOUS SEDATION CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

(a) A dentist administering moderate conscious sedation or supervising any CRNA employed to administer or RN employed to deliver moderate conscious sedation shall ensure that the facility where the sedation is administered meets the following requirements:

(1) The facility shall be equipped with the following:
(A) an operatory of size and design to permit access of emergency equipment and personnel and to permit emergency management;
(B) a CPR board or a dental chair without enhancements, suitable for providing emergency treatment;
(C) lighting as necessary for specific procedures and back-up lighting; and
(D) suction equipment as necessary for specific procedures, including non-electrical back-up suction;
(E) positive pressure oxygen delivery system, including full face masks for small, medium, and large patients and back-up E-cylinder portable oxygen tank apart from the central system;
(F) small, medium, and large oral and nasal airways;
(G) blood pressure monitoring device;
(H) EKG monitor;
(I) pulse oximeter;
(J) automatic external defibrillator (AED);
(K) precordial stethoscope or capnograph;
(L) thermometer;
(M) vascular access set-up as necessary for specific procedures, including hardware and fluids;
(N) laryngoscope with working batteries;
(O) intubation forceps and advanced airway devices;
(P) tonsillar suction with back-up suction;
(Q) syringes as necessary for specific procedures; and
(R) tourniquet and tape.

(2) The following unexpired drugs shall be maintained in the facility and with access from the operatory and recovery rooms:
(A) Epinephrine;
(B) Atropine;
(C) antiarrhythmic;
(D) antihistamine;
(E) antihypertensive;
(F) bronchodilator;
(G) antihypoglycemic agent;
(H) vasopressor;
(I) corticosteroid;
(J) anticonvulsant;
(K) muscle relaxant;
(L) appropriate reversal agents;
(M) nitroglycerine;
(N) antiemetic; and
(O) Dextrose.

(3) The permit holder shall maintain written emergency and patient discharge protocols and training to familiarize auxiliaries in the treatment of clinical emergencies shall be provided;

(4) The dentist shall maintain the following records for at least 10 years:
(A) patient's current written medical history and pre-operative assessment;
(B) drugs administered during the procedure, including route of administration, dosage, strength, time, and sequence of administration; and
(C) a sedation record;

(5) The sedation record shall include:
(A) base line vital signs, blood pressure (unless patient behavior prevents recording), oxygen saturation, ET CO2 if capnography is utilized, pulse and respiration rates of the patient
(A) The facility shall be staffed with at least two BLS certified auxiliaries, one of whom shall be dedicated to patient monitoring and recording sedation data throughout the sedation procedure. This Subparagraph shall not apply if the dentist permit holder is dedicated to patient care and monitoring regarding sedation throughout the sedation procedure and is not performing the surgery or other dental procedure; and

(B) If IV sedation is used, IV infusion shall be administered before the start of the procedure and maintained until the patient is ready for discharge.

(b) During an inspection or evaluation, the applicant or permit holder shall demonstrate the administration of moderate conscious sedation on a patient, including the deployment of an intravenous delivery system, while the evaluator observes. During the demonstration, the applicant or permit holder shall demonstrate competency in the following areas:

(1) monitoring blood pressure, pulse, ET CO2 if capnography is utilized, and respiration;
(2) drug dosage and administration;
(3) treatment of untoward reactions including respiratory or cardiac depression if applicable;
(4) sterile technique;
(5) use of BLS certified auxiliaries;
(6) monitoring of patient during recovery; and
(7) sufficiency of patient recovery time.

(c) During an inspection or evaluation, the applicant or permit holder shall verbally demonstrate competency to the evaluator in the treatment of the following clinical emergencies:

(1) laryngospasm;
(2) bronchospasm;
(3) emesis and aspiration;
(4) respiratory depression and arrest;
(5) angina pectoris;
(6) myocardial infarction;
(7) hypertension and hypotension;
(8) allergic reactions;
(9) convulsions;
(10) syncope;
(11) bradycardia;
(12) hypoglycemia;
(13) cardiac arrest; and
(14) airway obstruction.

(d) A moderate conscious sedation permit holder shall evaluate a patient for health risks before starting any sedation procedure as follows:

(1) a patient who is medically stable and who is ASA I or II shall be evaluated by reviewing the patient's current medical history and medication use or;
(2) a patient who is not medically stable or who is ASA III or higher shall be evaluated by a consultation with the patient's primary care physician or consulting medical specialist regarding the potential risks posed by the procedure.

(e) Post-operative monitoring and discharge:

(1) vital signs shall be continuously monitored when the sedation is no longer being administered and the patient shall have direct continuous supervision until oxygenation and circulation are stable and the patient is recovered as defined in Subparagraph (e)(2) of this Rule and is ready for discharge from the office.

(2) recovery from moderate conscious sedation shall include documentation of the following:
(A) cardiovascular function stable;
(B) airway patency uncompromised;
(C) patient arousable and protective reflexes intact;
(D) state of hydration within normal limits;
(E) patient can talk, if applicable;
(F) patient can sit unaided, if applicable;
(G) patient can ambulate, if applicable, with minimal assistance; and
(H) for the special needs patient or patient incapable of the usually expected responses, the pre-sedation level of responsiveness or the level as close as possible for that patient shall be achieved.

(3) before allowing the patient to leave the office, the dentist shall determine that the patient has met the recovery criteria set out in Subparagraph (e)(2) of this Rule and the following discharge criteria:
(A) oxygenation, circulation, activity, skin color, and level of consciousness are stable, and have been documented;
(B) explanation and documentation of written postoperative instructions have been provided to the patient or a responsible adult at time of discharge; and
(C) a vested adult is available to transport the patient after discharge.
21 NCAC 16Q .0304 ITINERANT (MOBILE)
MODERATE PERMIT, EQUIPMENT AND EVALUATION

(a) A dentist who holds a moderate conscious sedation permit from the Board and who wishes to provide moderate conscious sedation or other sedation services in the office of another practitioner shall obtain a mobile moderate conscious sedation permit from the Board by completing the application requirements of this Rule and paying a one-hundred dollar ($100.00) application fee and a two-hundred seventy-five-dollar ($275.00) inspection fee. No mobile permit shall be required to administer moderate conscious sedation in a hospital or credentialed surgery center.

(b) The permit holder shall maintain in good working order the equipment required by Rule .0302(a)(1) of this Section.

(c) The unexpired medications required by Rule .0302(a)(2) of this Section shall be on site and available to the permit holder.

(d) Before a mobile moderate sedation permit may be issued, a permit holder appointed by the Board shall inspect the applicant's equipment and medications to ensure that they comply with Paragraphs (b) and (c) of this Rule. The evaluation and inspection shall be conducted as set out in Rule .0306 of this Section.

(e) Prior to administering moderate conscious sedation or other sedation services at another provider's office, the mobile permit holder shall inspect the host facility within 24 business hours before each procedure and shall ensure that:

1. the operatory's size and design permit emergency management and access of emergency equipment and personnel;
2. there is a CPR board or dental chair without enhancements suitable for providing emergency treatment;
3. there is lighting to permit performance of all procedures planned for the facility;
4. there is suction equipment, including non-electrical back-up suction; and
5. the facility shall be staffed with at least two BLS certified auxiliaries, one of whom shall be dedicated to patient monitoring and recording moderate conscious sedation or other sedation services data throughout the sedation procedure. This Subparagraph shall not apply if the dentist permit holder is dedicated to patient care and monitoring regarding sedation throughout the sedation procedure and is not performing the surgery or other dental procedure.

(f) Upon inspection, the permit holder shall document that the facility where the general anesthesia or sedation procedure will be performed was inspected and that it met the requirements of Paragraph (e) of this Rule. The permit holder shall retain the inspection and compliance record required by this Paragraph for 10 years following the procedure and provide these records to the Board upon request.

(g) The mobile moderate conscious sedation permit shall be displayed in the host facility where it is visible to patients receiving treatment.

(i) All applicants for mobile moderate conscious sedation permit shall be in good standing with the Board.

History Note: Authority G.S. 90-28; 90-30.1; 90-48; Eff. February 1, 1990; Amended Eff. August 1, 2002; August 1, 2000; Temporary Amendment Eff. December 11, 2002; Amended Eff. June 1, 2017; November 1, 2013; July 1, 2010; July 3, 2008; August 1, 2004; Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018; Amended Eff. August 1, 2018.

21 NCAC 16Q .0305 ANNUAL RENEWAL OF MODERATE PARENTERAL AND ENTERAL CONSCIOUS SEDATION PERMIT REQUIRED

(a) Moderate conscious sedation permits shall be renewed by the Board annually at the same time as dental licenses by the dentist paying a one-hundred dollar ($100.00) fee and completing the application requirements in this Rule. If the completed permit renewal application and renewal fee are not received before January 31 of each year, a fifty dollar ($50.00) late fee shall be paid.

(b) Itinerant moderate conscious sedation permits shall be renewed by the Board annually at the same time as dental licenses by paying a one-hundred dollar ($100.00) fee and completing the application requirements in this Rule. If the completed permit renewal application and renewal fee are not received before January 31 of each year, a fifty dollar ($50.00) late fee shall be paid.

(c) Any dentist who fails to renew a moderate conscious sedation permit or itinerate moderate conscious sedation permit before March 31 of each year shall complete a reinstatement application, pay the renewal fee, late fee, and comply with all conditions for renewal set out in this Rule. Dentists whose sedation permits have been lapsed for more than 12 calendar months shall pass an inspection and an evaluation as part of the reinstatement process.

(d) A dentist who administers moderate conscious sedation in violation of this Rule shall be subject to the penalties prescribed by Rule .0701 of this Subchapter.

(e) As a condition for renewal of the moderate conscious sedation permit and itinerate moderate conscious sedation permit, the permit holder shall meet the clinical and equipment requirements of Rules .0302 and .0304 of this Section and shall document the following:

1. six hours of continuing education each year in one or more of the following areas, which shall be counted toward fulfillment of the continuing education required each calendar year for license renewal:
   (A) sedation;
   (B) medical emergencies;
(C) monitoring IV sedation and the use of monitoring equipment;
(D) pharmacology of drugs and agents used in IV sedation;
(E) physical evaluation, risk assessment, or behavioral management; or
(F) airway management;

(2) unexpired ACLS certification, which shall not count towards the six hours of continuing education required in Subparagraph (e)(1) Rule;

(3) that the permit holder and all auxiliaries involved in sedation procedures have practiced responding to dental emergencies as a team at least once every six months in the preceding year;

(4) that the permit holder and all auxiliaries involved in sedation procedures have read the practice's emergency manual in the preceding year; and

(5) that all auxiliaries involved in sedation procedures have completed BLS certification and three hours of continuing education annually in any of the areas set forth in Subparagraph (e)(1) of this Rule.

(f) All permit holders applying for renewal of a moderate conscious sedation permit or itinerate moderate conscious sedation permit shall be in good standing and their office shall be subject to inspection by the Board.

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21 NCAC 16Q.0404 CREDENTIALS AND PERMITS FOR MODERATE PEDIATRIC CONSCIOUS SEDATION

(a) Before a dentist licensed to practice in North Carolina may administer moderate pediatric conscious sedation, the dentist shall obtain a general anesthesia or moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit from the Board by completing the application requirements of this Rule and paying a fee of three hundred seventy-five dollars ($375.00) that includes the one-hundred dollar ($100.00) application fee and the two-hundred seventy-five dollar ($275.00) inspection fee. The permit shall be renewed annually and shall be displayed with the current renewal at all times in the permit holder's facility where it is visible to patients receiving treatment.

(b) A dentist applying for a permit to administer moderate pediatric conscious sedation shall meet at least one of the following criteria:

(1) completion of a postgraduate program that included pediatric intravenous conscious sedation training;
(2) completion of a Commission On Dental Accreditation (CODA) approved pediatric residency that included intravenous conscious sedation training; or
(3) completion of a pediatric degree or pediatric residency at a CODA approved institution that includes training in the use and placement of IVs or intraosseous vascular access. A list of CODA approved institutions that is hereby incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions, appears at www.ada.org/coda and is available at no cost.

(c) All applicants for moderate pediatric conscious sedation permits shall have completed the training required by Paragraph (b) of this Rule within the last two years or show evidence of
(d) All applicants for moderate pediatric conscious sedation permits shall be in good standing with the Board.

(e) Prior to issuance of a moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit, the applicant shall pass an evaluation and a facility inspection. The applicant shall be responsible for passing the evaluation and inspection of his or her facility within 90 days of notification. An extension of no more than 90 days shall be granted if the designated evaluator or applicant requests one by contacting the Board in writing.

(f) A moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit holder may provide moderate pediatric conscious sedation at the office of another licensed dentist, regardless of the permit, if any held, by the hosting dentist. The permit holder shall ensure that the facility where the moderate pediatric conscious sedation is administered has been inspected and complies with the requirements set out in Rule .0405 of this Section. The permit holder shall also obtain an itinerant moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit and comply with the requirements of Rule .0406 of this Section.

History Note: Authority G.S. 90-30.1; 90-39; 90-48; Eff. June 1, 2017; Amended Eff. August 1, 2018.

21 NCAC 16Q.0405 MODERATE PEDIATRIC CONSCIOUS SEDATION CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

(a) A dentist administering moderate pediatric conscious sedation shall ensure that the facility where the sedation is administered meets the following requirements:

1. The facility shall be equipped with the following:
   (A) an operatory of size and design to permit access of emergency equipment and personnel and to permit emergency management;
   (B) a CPR board or a dental chair without enhancements, suitable for providing emergency treatment;
   (C) lighting as necessary for specific procedures and back-up lighting;
   (D) suction equipment as necessary for specific procedures, including non-electrical back-up suction;
   (E) positive pressure oxygen delivery system, including full face masks for small, medium, and large patients and back-up E-cylinder portable oxygen tank apart from the central system;
   (F) small, medium, and large oral and nasal airways;
   (G) blood pressure monitoring device;
   (H) EKG monitor;
   (I) pulse oximeter;
   (J) automatic external defibrillator (AED);
   (K) precordial stethoscope or capnograph;
   (L) thermometer;
   (M) vascular access set-up as necessary for specific procedures, including hardware and fluids;
   (N) laryngoscope with working batteries;
   (O) intubation forceps and advanced airway devices;
   (P) tonsillar suction with back-up suction;
   (Q) syringes as necessary for specific procedures; and
   (R) tourniquet and tape.

2. The following unexpired drugs shall be maintained in the facility and with access from the operatory and recovery rooms:
   (A) Epinephrine;
   (B) Atropine;
   (C) antiarrhythmic;
   (D) antihistamine;
   (E) antihypertensive;
   (F) bronchodilator;
   (G) antihypoglycemic agent;
   (H) vasopressor;
   (I) corticosteroid;
   (J) anticonvulsant;
   (K) muscle relaxant;
   (L) appropriate reversal agents;
   (M) nitroglycerine;
   (N) antiemetic; and
   (O) Dextrose.

3. The permit holder shall maintain written emergency and patient discharge protocols and training to familiarize auxiliaries in the treatment of clinical emergencies shall be provided;

4. The following records are maintained for at least 10 years:
   (A) patient’s current written medical history and pre-operative assessment;
   (B) drugs administered during the procedure, including route of administration, dosage, strength, time, and sequence of administration;
   (C) a sedation record; and
   (D) a consent form, signed by the patient or a guardian, identifying the procedure, risks and benefits, level of sedation, and date signed.

5. The sedation record shall include:
   (A) base line vital signs, blood pressure (unless patient behavior prevents recording), oxygen saturation, ET CO2 if capnography is utilized, pulse and respiration rates of the patient recorded in real time at 15 minute intervals;
   (B) procedure start and end times;
   (C) gauge of needle and location of IV on the patient, if used;
   (D) status of patient upon discharge; and

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(E) documentation of complications or morbidity; and
(6) The following conditions shall be satisfied during a sedation procedure:
(A) the facility shall be staffed with at least two BLS certified auxiliaries, one of whom shall be dedicated to patient monitoring and recording sedation data throughout the sedation procedure. This Subparagraph shall not apply if the dentist permit holder is dedicated to patient care and monitoring regarding sedation throughout the sedation procedure and is not performing the surgery or other dental procedure; and
(B) when IV sedation is used, IV infusion shall be administered before the commencement of the procedure and maintained until the patient is ready for discharge.
(b) During an inspection or evaluation, applicants and permit holders who use intravenous sedation shall demonstrate the administration of moderate pediatric conscious sedation on a live patient, including the deployment of an intravenous delivery system, while the evaluator observes. Applicants and permit holders who do not use IV sedation shall describe the proper deployment of an intravascular delivery system to the evaluator and shall demonstrate the administration of moderate pediatric conscious sedation on a live patient while the evaluator observes.
(c) During the demonstration, all applicants and permit holders shall demonstrate competency in the following areas:
(1) monitoring blood pressure, pulse, and respiration;
(2) drug dosage and administration;
(3) treatment of untoward reactions including respiratory or cardiac depression if applicable; sterile technique;
(4) use of BLS certified auxiliaries;
(5) monitoring of patient during recovery; and
(6) sufficiency of patient recovery time.
(d) During an inspection or evaluation, the applicant or permit holder shall verbally demonstrate competency in the treatment of the following clinical emergencies:
(1) laryngospasm;
(2) bronchospasm;
(3) emesis and aspiration;
(4) respiratory depression and arrest;
(5) angina pectoris;
(6) myocardial infarction;
(7) hypertension and hypotension;
(8) allergic reactions;
(9) convulsions;
(10) syncpe;
(11) bradycardia;
(12) hypoglycemia;
(13) cardiac arrest; and
(14) airway obstruction.
(e) A moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit holder shall evaluate patients for health risks before starting any sedation procedure as follows:
(1) a patient who is medically stable and who is ASA I or II shall be evaluated by reviewing the patient’s current medical history and medication use; or
(2) a patient who is not medically stable or who is ASA III or higher shall be evaluated by a consultation with the patient’s primary care physician or consulting medical specialist regarding the potential risks posed by the procedure.
(f) Patient monitoring:
(1) Patients who have been administered moderate pediatric conscious sedation shall be monitored for alertness, responsiveness, breathing, and skin coloration during waiting periods before operative procedures.
(2) Vital signs shall be continuously monitored when the sedation is no longer being administered and the patient shall have direct continuous supervision until oxygenation and circulation are stable and the patient is recovered as defined in Subparagraph (f)(3) of this Rule and is ready for discharge from the office.
(3) Recovery from moderate pediatric conscious sedation shall include documentation of the following:
(A) cardiovascular function stable;
(B) airway patency uncompromised;
(C) patient arousable and protective reflexes intact;
(D) state of hydration within normal limits;
(E) patient can talk, if applicable;
(F) patient can sit unaided, if applicable;
(G) patient can ambulate, if applicable, with minimal assistance; and
(H) for the special needs patient or a patient incapable of the usually expected responses, the pre-sedation level of responsiveness or the level as close as possible for that patient shall be achieved.
(4) Before allowing the patient to leave the office, the dentist shall determine that the patient has met the recovery criteria set out in Subparagraph (f)(3) of this Rule and the following discharge criteria:
(A) oxygenation, circulation, activity, skin color, and level of consciousness are stable, and have been documented;
(B) explanation and documentation of written postoperative instructions have been provided to a responsible adult at time of discharge; and
(C) a vested adult is available to transport the patient after discharge, and for the patient for whom a motor vehicle restraint system is required, an additional responsible individual is available to attend to the patient.

History Note: Authority G.S. 90-28; 90-30.1; 90-48; Eff. June 1, 2017; Amended Eff. August 1, 2018.

21 NCAC 16Q .0406 ITINERANT (MOBILE) MODERATE PEDIATRIC CONSCIOUS SEDATION PERMITS
(a) A dentist who holds a moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit from the Board and who wishes to provide moderate pediatric conscious sedation or other sedation services in the office of another practitioner shall obtain a mobile moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit from the Board by completing the application requirements of this Rule and paying a one hundred dollar ($100.00) application fee and a two-hundred seventy-five dollar ($275.00) inspection fee. No mobile permit shall be required to administer moderate pediatric conscious sedation in a hospital or credentialed surgery center.
(b) The permit holder shall maintain in good working order the equipment required by Rule .0405(a)(1) of this Section.
(c) The unexpired medications required by Rule .0405(a)(2) of this Section shall be on site and available to the permit holder.
(d) Before a mobile moderate pediatric sedation permit may be issued, a permit holder appointed by the Board shall inspect the applicant’s equipment and medications to ensure that they comply with Paragraphs (b) and (c) of this Rule. The evaluation and on-site inspection shall be conducted as set out in Rule .0405 of this Section.
(e) Prior to administering moderate pediatric conscious sedation or other sedation services at another provider’s office, the mobile permit holder shall inspect the host facility within 24 business hours before each procedure and shall ensure that:

1. the operatory’s size and design permit emergency management and access of emergency equipment and personnel;
2. there is a CPR board or dental chair without enhancements suitable for providing emergency treatment;
3. there is lighting to permit performance of all procedures planned for the facility;
4. there is suction equipment, including non-electrical back-up suction; and
5. the facility shall be staffed with at least two BLS certified auxiliaries, one of whom shall be dedicated to patient monitoring and recording moderate pediatric conscious sedation or other sedation services data throughout the sedation procedure. This Subparagraph shall not apply if the dentist permit holder is dedicated to patient care and monitoring regarding sedation throughout the sedation procedure and is not performing the surgery or other dental procedure.
(f) Upon inspection, the permit holder shall document that the facility where the sedation procedure will be performed was inspected and that it met the requirements of Paragraph (e) of this Rule. The permit holder shall retain the inspection and compliance record required by this Paragraph for 10 years following the procedure and provide these records to the Board upon request.
(g) The mobile moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit shall be displayed in the host facility where it is visible to patients receiving treatment.
(h) All applicants for a mobile moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit shall be in good standing with the Board.

History Note: Authority G.S. 90-28; 90-30.1; 90-48; Eff. June 1, 2017; Amended Eff. August 1, 2018.

21 NCAC 16Q .0407 ANNUAL RENEWAL OF MODERATE PEDIATRIC CONSCIOUS SEDATION PERMIT REQUIRED
(a) Moderate pediatric conscious sedation permits shall be renewed by the Board annually at the same time as dental licenses by the dentist paying a one-hundred dollar ($100.00) fee and completing the application requirements in this Rule.
If the completed renewal application and renewal fee are not received before January 31 of each year, a fifty ($50.00) dollar late fee shall be paid.
(b) Itinerant moderate pediatric conscious sedation permits shall be renewed by the Board annually at the same time as dental licenses by paying a one-hundred dollar ($100.00) fee and completing the application requirements in this Rule. If the completed permit renewal application and renewal fee are not received before January 31 of each year, a fifty dollar ($50.00) late fee shall be paid.
(c) Any dentist who fails to renew a moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit or itinerant moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit before March 31 of each year shall complete a reinstatement application, pay the renewal fee, late fee, and comply with all conditions for renewal set out in this Rule. Dentists whose sedation permits have been lapsed for more than 12 calendar months shall pass an inspection and an evaluation as part of the reinstatement process.
(d) A dentist who administers moderate pediatric conscious sedation in violation of this Rule shall be subject to the penalties prescribed by Rule .0701 of this Subchapter.
(e) As a condition for renewal of the moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit and itinerant moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit, the permit holder shall meet the clinical and equipment requirements of Rule .0405 of this Section and shall document the following:

1. six hours of continuing education each year in one or more of the following areas, which shall be counted toward fulfillment of the continuing education required each calendar year for license renewal:

   (A) sedation;
   (B) medical emergencies;
   (C) monitoring IV sedation and the use of monitoring equipment;
(D) pharmacology of drugs and agents used in IV sedation;
(E) physical evaluation, risk assessment, or behavioral management; or
(F) airway management;

(2) unexpired PALS certification, which shall not count towards the six hours of continuing education required in Subparagraph (e)(1) of this rule;

(3) that the permit holder and all auxiliaries involved in sedation procedures have practiced responding to dental emergencies as a team at least once every six months in the preceding year;

(4) that the permit holder and all auxiliaries involved in sedation procedures have read the practice's emergency manual in the preceding year; and

(5) that all auxiliaries involved in sedation procedures have completed BLS certification and three hours of continuing education annually in any of the areas set forth in Subparagraph (e)(1) of this Rule.

(f) All permit holders applying for renewal of a moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit or itinerant moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit shall be in good standing and their office shall be subject to inspection by the Board.

History Note: Authority G.S. 90-30.1; 90-39; 90-48; Eff. April 1, 2016; Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018; Amended Eff. August 1, 2018.

21 NCAC 16Q .0501 ANNUAL RENEWAL REQUIRED

(a) General anesthesia and all sedation permits must be renewed annually. Such renewal shall be accomplished in conjunction with the license renewal process, and applications for permits shall be made by the permit holder at the same time as applications for renewal of licenses. A one-hundred dollar ($100.00) annual permit renewal fee shall be paid by the permit holder at the time of renewal and is in addition to the annual license renewal fee.

(b) All sedation permits shall be subject to the same renewal deadlines as are dental practice licenses, in accordance with G.S. 90-31. If the permit renewal application is not received by the date specified in G.S. 90-31, continued administration of general anesthesia or any level of conscious sedation shall be unlawful and shall subject the dentist to the penalties prescribed by Section .0700 of this Subchapter.

(c) As a condition for renewal of the general anesthesia permit or itinerant general anesthesia permit, the permit holder shall meet the requirements of Rule .0207 of this Subchapter.

(d) As a condition for renewal of the moderate conscious sedation permit or itinerant moderate conscious sedation permit, the permit holder shall meet the requirements of Rule .0305 of this Subchapter.

(e) As a condition for renewal of the moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit or itinerant moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit, the permit holder shall meet the requirements of Rule .0407 of this Subchapter.

(f) As a condition for renewal of the minimal conscious sedation permit, the permit holder shall meet the requirements of Rule .0402 of this Subchapter and shall document annual, successful completion of BLS training and obtain six hours of continuing education every two years in one or more of the following areas, which may be counted toward fulfillment of the continuing education required each calendar year for license renewal:

(1) pediatric or adult sedation;
(2) medical emergencies;
(3) monitoring sedation and the use of monitoring equipment;
(4) pharmacology of drugs and agents used in sedation;
(5) physical evaluation, risk assessment, or behavioral management; and
(6) audit ACLS/PALS courses; and
(7) airway management.

(g) Any dentist who fails to renew a general anesthesia or sedation permit on or before March 31 of each year must complete a reinstatement application, pay the one hundred dollar ($100.00) renewal fee and a fifty dollar ($50.00) penalty and comply with all conditions for renewal set out in this Rule for the permit sought. Dentists whose anesthesia or sedation permits have been lapsed for more than 12 calendar months must pass an evaluation and facilities inspection and must pay the application evaluation and inspection fee set forth in the applicable rules of this Subchapter as part of the reinstatement process.

History Note: Authority G.S. 90-28; 90-30.1; 90-48; Eff. February 1, 1990; Amended Eff. August 1, 2004; Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018; Amended Eff. August 1, 2018.

21 NCAC 16Q .0502 PAYMENT OF FEES

History Note: Authority G.S. 90-28; 90-30.1; Eff. February 1, 1990; Transferred and Recodified from 16Q .0402 to 16Q .0502; Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018; Repealed Eff. August 1, 2018.

21 NCAC 16Q .0503 INSPECTION AUTHORIZED

Incident to the renewal of an anesthesia or sedation permit or any itinerant permit, in order to ensure compliance, the Board may require an on-site inspection of the dentist's facility, equipment, personnel, and procedures. The inspection shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable rules of this Subchapter.
This Section contains information for the meeting of the Rules Review Commission September 20, 2018 at 1711 New Hope Church Road, RRC Commission Room, Raleigh, NC. Anyone wishing to submit written comment on any rule before the Commission should submit those comments to the RRC staff, the agency, and the individual Commissioners. Specific instructions and addresses may be obtained from the Rules Review Commission at 919-431-3000. Anyone wishing to address the Commission should notify the RRC staff and the agency no later than 5:00 p.m. of the 2nd business day before the meeting. Please refer to RRC rules codified in 26 NCAC 05.

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RULES REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING DATES
September 20, 2018  October 18, 2018
November 15, 2018  December 13, 2018

AGENDA
RULES REVIEW COMMISSION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 10:00 A.M.
1711 New Hope Church Rd., Raleigh, NC 27609

I. Ethics reminder by the chair as set out in G.S. 138A-15(e)

II. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting

III. Follow-up matters
   A. Commission of Navigation and Pilotage for the Cape Fear River and Bar – 04 NCAC 15 .0119, .0121 .0123, .0124, .0127, .0128 (Thomas)
   B. Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement - 08 NCAC 01 .0104, .0106; 02 .0112, .0113, .0114; 03 .0101, .0102, .0103, .0104, .0105, .0106, .0201, .0202, .0301, .0302; 04 .0302, .0304, .0305, .0306, .0307, .0111; 06B .0103, .0104, .0105; 08 .0104; 09 .0106, .0107, .0108, .0109; 10B .0101, .0102, .0103, .0104, .0105, .0106, .0107, .0108, .0109; 16 .0101, .0102, .0104; 18 .0102; 20 .0101 (May)
   C. Child Care Commission - 10A NCAC 09 .2201, .2202, .2203, .2204, .2205, .2206, .2207, .2209, .2213, .2216, .2217 (May)
   D. DHHS/Division of Medical Assistance – 10A NCAC 22F .0301; 22J .0106 (May)
   E. Water Pollution Control System Operators Certification Commission - 15A NCAC 08F .0406; 08G .0802 (Reeder)

IV. Review of Log of Filings (Permanent Rules) for rules filed July 23, 2018 through August 20, 2018
   • Board of Agriculture (Reeder)
   • Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (Reeder)
   • Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement (May)
   • Child Care Commission (May)
   • Commission for Public Health 10A (Reeder)
   • Commission for The Blind (Thomas)
   • Home Inspector Licensure Board (Thomas)
   • Department of Insurance (Thomas)
   • Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission (Reeder)
• Commission for Public Health 15A (May)
• Well Contractors Certification Commission (Reeder)
• Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Reeder)
• Board of Registration for Foresters (Reeder)
• Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy (Reeder)

V. Review of Log of Filings (Temporary Rules) for any rule filed within 15 business days prior to the RRC Meeting

VI. Existing Rules Review
• Review of Reports
  1. 02 NCAC 09L – Pesticide Board (Reeder)
  2. 02 NCAC 34 – Structural Pest Control Committee (Reeder)
  3. 04 NCAC 16 – Office of the Commissioner of Banks (Reeder)

VII. Commission Business
F. Periodic Review and Expiration of Existing Rules Readoption Schedule
• Election of Commission Officers
• Next meeting: Thursday, October 18, 2018

Commission Review
Log of Permanent Rule Filings
July 23, 2018 through August 20, 2018

AGRICULTURE, BOARD OF

The rules in Chapter 20 concern the North Carolina State Fair.

The rules in Subchapter 20B concern regulations of the state fair including general provisions (.0100); space rental: commercial exhibit and concession regulations (.0200); competitive exhibit regulations (.0300); and operation of state fair facilities (.0400).

Advertising Matter
Amend* 02 NCAC 20B .0103

Alcoholic Beverages
Amend* 02 NCAC 43L .0337

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

The rules in Subchapter 43L concern the natural heritage program including general provisions (.0100); registry of natural heritage areas (.0200); dedication of nature preserves (.0300); and management, use, and protection of dedicated nature preserves (.0400).

Natural Heritage Program Fees; Inventory Data, Environment...
Adopt* 07 NCAC 13H .0404

ELECTIONS AND ETHICS ENFORCEMENT, BOARD OF

The rules in Chapter 4 concern voting equipment including use of mechanical voting machines (.0100); use of punch-card voting equipment (.0200); and approval and operation of voting systems (.0300).

Requirements of Voting Systems
08 NCAC 04 .0301
CHILD CARE COMMISSION

The rules in Chapter 9 are child care rules and include definitions (.0100); general provisions related to licensing (.0200); procedures for obtaining a license (.0300); issuance of provisional and temporary licenses (.0400); age and developmentally appropriate environments for centers (.0500); safety requirements for child care centers (.0600); staff qualifications (.0700); health standards for children (.0800); nutrition standards (.0900); transportation standards (.1000); continuing education and professional development (.1100); building code requirements for child care centers (.1300); space requirements (.1400); temporary care requirements (.1500); family child care home requirements (.1700); discipline (.1800); special procedures concerning abuse/neglect in child care (.1900); rulemaking and contested case procedures (.2000); religious-sponsored child care center requirements (.2100); administrative actions and civil penalties (.2200); forms (.2300); child care for mildly ill children (.2400); care for school-age children (.2500); child care for children who are medically fragile (.2600); criminal records checks (.2700); voluntary rated licenses (.2800); developmental day services (.2900); and NC pre-kindergarten services (.3000).

Provisional Licenses for Facilities

Repeal*

Administrative Sanctions

Repeal*

Civil Penalties: Scope and Purpose

Repeal*

PUBLIC HEALTH, COMMISSION FOR

The rules in Chapter 41 concern epidemiology health.

The rules in Subchapter 41A deal with communicable disease control and include reporting of communicable diseases (.0100); control measures for communicable diseases including special control measures (.0200-0300); immunization (.0400); purchase and distribution of vaccine (.0500); special program/project funding (.0600); licensed nursing home services (.0700); communicable disease grants and contracts (.0800); and biological agent registry (.0900).

Reportable Diseases and Conditions

Amend*

BLIND, COMMISSION FOR THE

The rules in Subchapter 63A concern the organization of the services for the blind including rights (.0100); and definitions (.0200).

Non-Discrimination

Readopt without Changes*

The rules in Subchapter 63C concern business enterprises program including licensing and placement (.0200); special provisions (.0300); administrative appeal procedure (.0400); election: organization and functions of the committee on the stand program (.0500); responsibilities of licensed operators (.0600); and earnings: funds and proceeds (.0700).

Purpose and Definitions

Amend*

Division Responsibility

Readopt with Changes*

Business Enterprises Facility Equipment; Merchandise and ...

Amend*

Training Program

Amend*

Issuance of Licenses

Amend*
Amend*
Eligibility for Licensing 10A NCAC 63C .0202
Readopt with Changes*
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Readopt with Changes*
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Amend*
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Readopt with Changes*
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Readopt with Changes*
Temporary Closing 10A NCAC 63C .0302
Repeal*
Purpose 10A NCAC 63C .0401
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Repeal*
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Readopt with Changes*
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Readopt without Changes*

The rules in Subchapter 63F concern vocational rehabilitation including services (.0100); construction of rehabilitation facility (.0200); standards for facilities (.0300); economic need (.0400); applicants (.0500); and hearing procedures (.0600).

Eligibility for and Authorization of Services 10A NCAC 63F .0101
Readopt with Changes*
Training and Training Materials 10A NCAC 63F .0102
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Economic Needs Policies 10A NCAC 63F .0402
HOME INSPECTOR Licensure BOARD

The rules in Chapter 8 are the engineering and building codes including the approval of school maintenance electricians (.0400); qualification board-limited certificate (.0500); qualification board-probationary certificate (.0600); qualification board-standard certificate (.0700); disciplinary actions and other contested matters (.0800); manufactured housing board (.0900); NC Home Inspector Licensure Board (.1000); home inspector standards of practice and code of ethics (.1100); disciplinary actions (.1200); home inspector continuing education (.1300); Manufactured Housing Board continuing education (.1400); and alternate designs and construction appeals (.1500).

Definitions
Readopt with Changes*
11  NCAC  08 .1101

Standards of Practice
Readopt with Changes*
11  NCAC  08 .1102

Purpose and Scope
Readopt with Changes*
11  NCAC  08 .1103

General Limitations
Readopt without Changes*
11  NCAC  08 .1104

General Exclusions
Readopt with Changes*
11  NCAC  08 .1105

Structural Components
Readopt without Changes*
11  NCAC  08 .1106

Exterior
Readopt without Changes*
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Roofing
Readopt without Changes*
11  NCAC  08 .1108

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Readopt with Changes*
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Readopt with Changes*
11  NCAC  08 .1110

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Readopt with Changes*
11  NCAC  08 .1111

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Readopt with Changes*
11  NCAC  08 .1112

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Readopt with Changes*
11  NCAC  08 .1113

Insulation and Ventilation
Readopt without Changes*
11  NCAC  08 .1114

Built-in Kitchen Appliances
Readopt without Changes*
11  NCAC  08 .1115

Code of Ethics
Readopt with Changes*
11  NCAC  08 .1116

Continuing Education Required for Renewal of Active License
Readopt without Changes*
11  NCAC  08 .1302

INSURANCE, DEPARTMENT OF

The rules in Chapter 16 are from the Actuarial Division and relate to fire and casualty statistical data (.0100); individual accident and health insurance (.0200); credit life, accident, and health rate deviation (.0400); credit unemployment minimum loss ratio standard (.0500); health maintenance organization filings and standards (.0600); health maintenance
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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION**

The rules in Chapter 9 are from the Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission. This Commission has primary responsibility for setting statewide education, training, employment, and retention standards for criminal justice personnel (not including sheriffs).

The rules in Subchapter 9B cover minimum standards for: employment (.0100); schools and training programs (.0200); criminal justice instructors (.0300); completion of training (.0400); school directors (.0500); and certification of post-secondary criminal justice education programs (.0600).

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**Divulging Personnel Information**

- Amend*
- Report of Separation
- Report of Separation
- Repeal*
- Agency Reporting of Drug Screening Results
Amend*

The rules in Subchapter 9D concern professional certificate programs including law enforcement officers’ professional certificate program (.0100); and criminal justice officers’ professional certificate program (.0200).

Basic Criminal Justice Certificate

Repeal*

The rules in Subchapter 9E relate to the law enforcement officers’ in-service training program.

Minimum Training Specifications: Annual In-Service Training

Amend*

The rules in Subchapter 9G are the standards for correction including scope, applicability and definitions (.0100); minimum standards for certification of correctional officers, probation/parole officers, and probation/parole officers-intermediate (.0200); certification of correctional officers, probation/parole officers, probation/parole officers intermediate and instructors (.0300); minimum standards for training of correctional officers, probation/parole officers, and probation/parole officers-intermediate (.0400); enforcement of rules (.0500); professional certification program (.0600); and forms (.0700).

Definitions

Amend*

Rule-making and Administrative Hearing Procedures

Amend*

General Certification

Amend*

Suspension: Revocation: or Denial of Certification

Amend*

Period of Suspension: Revocation: or Denial

Amend*

Basic State Corrections Certificate

Repeal*

Report: Application: and Certification Forms

Amend*

PUBLIC HEALTH, COMMISSION FOR

The rules in Chapter 18 cover environmental aspects of health such as sanitation (18A), mosquito control (18B), water supplies (18C), and water treatment facility operators (18D). The rules in Subchapter 18A deal with sanitation and include handling, packing and shipping of crustacean meat (.0100) and shellfish (.0300 and .0400); operation of shellstock plants and reshippers (.0500); shucking and packing plants (.0600); depuration mechanical purification facilities (.0700); wet storage of shellstock (.0800); shellfish growing waters (.0900); summer camps (.1000); grade A milk (.1200); hospitals, nursing homes, rest homes, etc. (.1300); mass gatherings (.1400); local confinement facilities (.1500); residential care facilities (.1600); protection of water supplies (.1700); lodging places (.1800); sewage treatment and disposal systems (.1900); migrant housing (.2100); bed and breakfast homes (.2200); delegation of authority to enforce rules (.2300); public, private and religious schools (.2400); public swimming pools (.2500); restaurants, meat markets, and other food handling establishments (.2600); child day care facilities (.2800); restaurant and lodging fee collection program (.2900); bed and breakfast inns (.3000); lead poisoning prevention (.3100); tattooing (.3200); adult day service facilities (.3300); primitive camps (.3500); rules governing the sanitation of resident camps (.3600); and private drinking water well sampling (.3800).

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The rules in Subchapter 18E concern wastewater treatment and dispersal systems including general provisions (.0100); permits (.0200); responsibilities (.0300); design daily flow and effluent characteristics (.0400); soil and site evaluation (.0500); location of wastewater systems (.0600); collection sewers, raw sewage lift stations, and pipe materials (.0700); tank capacity, leak testing, and installation requirements (.0800); subsurface dispersal (.0900); non-ground absorption wastewater treatment systems (.1000); system dosing and controls (.1100); advanced pretreatment systems standards, siting, and sizing criteria (.1200); operation and maintenance (.1300); approval of tanks, risers, effluent filters, and pipe penetrations (.1400); approval and use of residential wastewater treatment systems (.1500); approval of pre-engineered package drop dispersal systems (.1600); approval and permitting of wastewater systems, technologies, components, devices (.1700);

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WELL CONTRACTORS CERTIFICATION COMMISSION

The rules in Chapter 27 concern well contractor certification including duties and definitions (.0100); well contractor fees (.0200); certification of well contractors (.0300); certification by examination (.0400); certification without examination (.0500); certification renewal (.0600); types of certification (.0700); continuing education (.0800); and procedures for disciplinary actions (.0900).

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CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS, BOARD OF

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North Carolina Examination
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FORESTERS, BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR

The rules in Chapter 20 cover registered foresters. North Carolina forbids the use of the title "Forester," "registered forester," or any other descriptive term including those terms unless the person is registered under this act. It does not forbid the practice of forestry or anything that can be done by a registered forester. Forester means a person who by reason of special knowledge and training is qualified to engage in the practice of forestry, which is defined as giving professional forestry services, including consultation, investigation, evaluation, education, planning, or responsible supervision of any forestry activities requiring knowledge, training, and experience in forestry principles and techniques.

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MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY, BOARD OF

The rules in Chapter 30 concern organization and general provisions (.0100); application for licensure (.0200); licensing (.0300); business practices (.0400); standards of professional conduct (.0500); massage and bodywork therapy schools (.0600); continuing education (.0700); rules (.0800); complaints, disciplinary action and hearings (.0900); and massage and bodywork therapy establishments (.1000).

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