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Board Office Hours

Monday	8:30—5:00
Tuesday	8:30—8:00
Wednesday	8:30—5:00
Thursday	8:30—8:00
Friday	8:30—5:00
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

Message from the Board Chair

Denauvo Robinson

Greetings from the North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors! We have some exciting news. Senate Bill 537 passed in the NC Senate and House and was signed into law by North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper on the 6th of November 2019[1]. We have been busy since then planning. This new law changes the Board and license name, gives the Board the ability to enter into reciprocity agreements with individual states and it gives the Board the authority to establish an impaired professionals program.



Denauvo Robinson
Board Chair

This law goes into affect January 1, 2020 and we are busy making preparations. We are preparing a packet for all licensees which will include a new certificate, pocket card, and an official letter from the Board Chair that you can share with insurance companies, and other entities you will need to apprise of the name change. Check the website for updates as we will be posting messages about the process frequently.

We are asking that licensees complete name changes on documents (i.e. professional disclosure statement, business cards, etc.) and any other official business that includes your new license name by June 30, 2020. Please be sure to upload your new professional disclosure statement with no other changes than the name. Our hope is that these changes go smoothly. If you have any questions please contact the Board office. Please enjoy this edition of the "The Board Insider." [1] www.ncleg.gov/BillLookUp/2019/S537; <https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2019/Bills/Senate/PDF/S537v4.pdf>

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Denauvo M. Robinson, NCC, LPCS
Board Chair, NCBLPC

NCBLPC Mission

The mission of the Board under NC GS Article 24 section 90-329 states that, it is declared to be the public policy of this State that the activities of persons who render counseling services to the public be regulated to insure the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare.

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Board Chair

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Secretary/Treasurer

Katherine Glenn
Ethics Chair

Michael Brooks
Board Member

Charles Wentz
Board Member

Edward “Neal” Carter
Board Member

Mark Your Calendars 2020

<i>January 1</i>	Renewal period opens for all LPC Associates, LPCs and LPC Supervisors
<i>January 8-10</i>	Board Meeting
<i>March 6</i>	Board Hearings
<i>March 20</i>	Receipt of application material to be reviewed at the April 9 Board meeting.
<i>April 9-10</i>	Board Meeting
<i>June 5</i>	Board Hearings
<i>July 3</i>	Receipt of application material to be reviewed at the July 23 Board meeting.
<i>July 23</i>	Board Meeting
<i>September 11</i>	Board Hearings
<i>September 25</i>	Receipt of application material to be reviewed at the October 15 Board meeting.
<i>October 15-16</i>	Board Meeting
<i>December 11</i>	Board Hearings



It's time to renew your

Professional Corporation (PC)

Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC)

Professional Association (PA)

For more information about corporations please click [here](#) for "The Professional Corporation Act" Chapter 55B.

Renew Now to Avoid Being Suspended

§ 55B-11. Renewal of certificate of registration. Upon written application of the holder, accompanied by a fee not to exceed the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25), the licensing board shall renew the certificate of registration of a professional corporation as required by law or the regulations of the licensing board if the board finds that the corporation has complied with its regulations and the provisions of this section. If the corporation does not apply for renewal of its certificate of registration within 30 days after the date of the expiration of such certificate, the certificate of registration shall be automatically suspended and may be reinstated within the calendar year upon the payment of the required renewal fee plus a penalty of ten dollars (\$10), if such corporation is then otherwise qualified and entitled to a renewal of its certificate of registration. (1969, c. 718, s. 11.)



FAQs Corporations

Q.

Do I need to complete the Certificate of Registration Application or can I apply directly to the Secretary of State?

A.

Applicants must complete a Certificate of Registration Application and return to the NCBLPC Board Office along with the \$50 application fee and a copy of the unapproved Articles of Incorporation or Organization. Applicants must check the appropriate box to indicate which type of company they are applying for: PC, PLLC or PA. Once the application and fee have been processed, a Certification of Application will be returned to the applicant. This document is to be used for filing with the Secretary of State's office along with the Articles of Incorporation or Organization. (**NOTE:** This form is **NOT** the Certificate of Registration, nor is it the final step with this office regarding the application.)

Q.

Does my Certificate of Application Expire?

A.

Certificates of Application expire **within six (6) months** of issuance if approved Articles of Incorporation or approved Articles of Organization are not received, processed and a Certificate of Registration issued. If this occurs, applicants will be required to submit a new application along with application fees to begin the process again.

Q.

How often does my corporation renew?

A.

It is renewable on an annual basis for a fee of **\$25** by December 31. Failure to renew by the due date on the renewal notice will result in notification to the Secretary of State to request suspension of Articles.

Q.

Can an LPC and an LCSW form a PLLC?

A.

Yes. Please see 55B-14 (c)(4): A physician, a licensed psychologist, a licensed mental clinical social worker, or each of them and a certified clinical specialist in psychiatric and mental health nursing, a licensed marriage and family therapist, a licensed professional counselor, or each of them to render psychotherapeutic, and related service that the respective stockholders are licensed, certified or otherwise approved to provide.

Q.

The LPCA is considered a restricted license. Yet, they are allowed to form a PLLC. Why, when the instructions state “Any unrestricted licensee of the North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors may apply for a Certificate of Registration...”?

A.

In this scenario, the term “restricted” means without violations or ethical issues against the license.

Did You Know?

A corporation or company organized for the rendering of counseling services is not validly operating if it has not first received the Certificate of Registration from the North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors (NCBLPC).


Secretary of State Warns of **Business Scam**

N.C. Secretary of State is urging NC businesses not to fall for a mailing prompting them to pay a \$78 fee to get a "Certificate of Status" (now it is called a Certificate of Existence) from the NC Secretary of State's Office.

The Secretary of State's Office has received reports that a NC company, NC Certificate Service, is mailing out a "2019 Certificate of Existence Request Form" to recently formed companies. The misleading mailing implies that business entities are required to obtain a "Certificate of Existence." The Secretary of State does have a Certificate of Existence that companies registered with their Business Registration Division can request it they choose, for a much smaller fee.


There is no state requirement that companies registered with the Secretary of State's Business Registration Division obtain an annual Certificate of Existence. However, after the Secretary of State's office has approved the Articles of Incorporation or Articles of Organization, a copy, showing the Secretary of State's ID #, must be sent to the NCBLPC Board Office. Upon receipt of the approved Articles of Incorporation or approved Articles of Organization, a Certificate of Registration will be issued to the applicant. A corporation or company organized for the rendering of counseling services is not validly operating if it has not first received this Certificate of Registration from the North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors. This certificate is renewable on an annual basis for a fee of \$25. A notification of renewal is sent a minimum of 60 days prior to the expiration date, which in all cases is December 31. Certificates expire on December 31 of each subsequent year following initial issuance of certification. Failure to renew by the due date on the renewal notice will result in notification to the Secretary of State to request suspension of Articles.

2019 CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE REQUEST FORM

 **NC Certificate Service**
3201 Edwards Mill Road #141-112
Raleigh, NC 27612

QUESTIONS?
PLEASE EMAIL:
records@certificatefilingsservice.com
OR CALL TOLL FREE
1-833-492-6653

IMPORTANT! FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS EXACTLY WHEN COMPLETING THIS FORM. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Key Code: NC-GEF328557984-21 ID Number:	Notice Date: 5/8/2019	PLEASE RESPOND BY: 5/23/2019
Business Address: Greensboro, NC		

Congratulations on registering your business with the State of North Carolina. Your Articles have been filed with the secretary of state and are complete. You have one step left in order to attain your elective North Carolina Certificate of Existence and business templates. Below is a form for your newly registered business. Please confirm the accuracy of the information below for your North Carolina Certificate of Existence Request.

A North Carolina Certificate of Existence is issued by the Secretary of State and may be required for loans, to renew business licenses, or for tax or other business purposes. A Certificate of Existence certifies that your North Carolina business is in existence, is authorized to transact business in the state and complies with all state requirements. The Certificate of Existence shows the official evidence of an entity's existence and provides a statement of an entity's status, current legal name and date of formation. The Certificate of Existence bears the official seal of the North Carolina Secretary of State.

Business Information:
Business Type: Professional Limited Liability Company
Date of Registration: 5/8/2019
Certificate of Existence Fee: \$74.50

This is not a government agency

Step 1: Please Confirm Business Name & Address Are Correct

Business Name:	Identification Number:
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Step 2: Contact Information – Do NOT Skip This Step! Email & Contact Number Required for Processing.


Name:	Email:	Phone Number:
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Step 3: Payment – Select Payment Method & Double Check Payment Information.

☐ CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ENCLOSED
IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$74.50

Please make your check or money order payable to:
NC Certificate Service
3201 Edwards Mill Road #141-112
Raleigh, NC 27612

[PLEASE ALLOW UP TO TWO WEEKS FOR PROCESSING AND RETURN OF DOCUMENT]



Step 4: Authorization Please Sign, Date & Return this Form with Payment Enclosed in Return Envelope Provided

Signature:	Date:
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FORM NCCS-CE 10.889(1) FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: NC-1040903

Legislative Updates

Greetings from the North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors (the Board)! We have some exciting news to share with you. We have been in discussion with various counseling professionals and organizations in North Carolina and other state boards about various issues that affect our licensees and the public. From this interaction and the work we do as the Board, we developed a legislative proposal on the following: a) license name change, b) a health care/impaired professional counselor program for Licensed Professional Counselors and c) licensing reciprocity. The proposal was approved November 6, 2019.



Name Change

The North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors (NCBLPC) proposed a name change to North Carolina Board for Professional Clinical Mental Health Counselors a) to further define and clarify our professional identity, b) to be in concert with the nomenclature used by National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), American Mental Health Counseling Association (AMHCA), and Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and c) to align ourselves with the nomenclature being used in the Medicare provider recognition bills for mental health counselors namely, S. 1879 and H.R. 3032. These bills, if made into law, would allow Medicare enrollees access to medically necessary covered services provided by mental health counselors who are properly trained and licensed to deliver such services.

The Board staff researched the licensure names, education requirements, endorsement requirements, supervision requirements, etc., of the other 49 states and found that the majority (n=27) of the states' licensure names differed from Licensed Professional Counselor. Specifically, 15 states have identified themselves as mental health counselors by the following licensure names: Clinical Mental Health Counselor, Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner, Professional Clinical Mental Health Counselor, Licensed Professional Counselor—Mental Health Service Provider and Licensed Professional Counselor of Mental Health.

Finally, the American Mental Health Counselors Association (2016) wrote a white paper entitled “The Professional Identity of Clinical Mental Health Counselors,” which outlines the reasons for the need for clarification for the name for professional counselors. Further, the Licensed Professional Counselor Association of North Carolina is the state chapter of AMHCA and they have adopted the identity of Clinical Mental Health Counselors. *Name change updates will be posted on the website as they become available.*

Reminder from the Board Office

RENEWAL SEASON OPENS JANUARY 1

Applications

- Application deadlines are for the application form and payment. Additional documents may be sent separately.
- Please review applications to make sure they are as complete as possible.
- If your name or contact information changes during the application process, please notify the Board as soon as possible.

Renewals

- Please make sure that your Professional Disclosure Statement contains the Board’s current address and contact information.
- Submit a copy of your Jurisprudence Exam certificate of completion for the license currently being renewed. The exam shall be completed after January 1, 2020.
- Copies of all CE Certificates/Documentation of Completion will not be required at the time of submitting your renewal packet.
- Documentation of continuing education is only required to be submitted if audited by the Board.
- If you are an active LPC-S and LPC, you will only need to renew your LPC-S license
- Renew on line to expedite the process.

Other Licensee Reminders

- A Licensee shall inform the Board of any change in his or her name within 60 days after any change. A name change form shall be submitted using forms available on the Board’s website, and must include any required legal documentation, such as a marriage certificate, divorce decree or court order.

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 S L P C N O R T H C A R O L I N A V
 U Q L S C O R E R E P O R T E R F R
 P I C S F Q I N O I T A R O P R O C
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 B B U R E N E W E L B F G P D S L L

Application	FAQs	NCBLPC	Private Practice
Board Administrator	Laws and Rules	NCE	Public
Board Chair	Licensed	NCMHCE	Reference
Board Office	Licensure	North Carolina	Registration
Clinical	LPC	PA	Renew
Corporation	LPCA	PC	Score Report
Counselor	LPCS	PDS	Supervision
Ethics	Mental Health	PLLC	Transcript

