

1. **In order to become a NC licensed locksmith you must first become an apprentice. True or False?** FALSE Although becoming an apprentice may help with your skills and better prepare you for the examination it is not required.
2. **The NC Locksmith Licensing Board is funded by the general fund of North Carolina. True or False?** FALSE The Board solely operates on the fees from its applicants and licensees.
3. **The NC Locksmith Association is the only approved continuing education provider. True or false?** FALSE The NC Locksmith Association is only one of several continuing education providers. A current list of the providers can be obtained from the Board's website. Also the Board commonly accepts CE credits from manufacturers and distributors, locksmith and security technology institutes and other associations in the profession.
4. **Having a past criminal record will prohibit me from obtaining a license. True or false?** FALSE Many things are taken into consideration of past crimes, including the seriousness of the crime, the date of the crime, the age at the time and any circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime. Each is handled on a case by case basis.
5. **All Board meetings are closed to the public and fellow locksmiths. True or false?** FALSE All Board meetings are open to the public and, as required, are published on the Board's website at least 15 days prior to a meeting, indicating both the time and place of such meeting.
6. **Having an ALOA certification of at least CRL exempts me from taking the locksmith examination. true or false?** FALSE At one time this was true, but now everyone that wants to obtain a NC Locksmith license must take and pass the locksmith examination (NCVAC 29-0405).
7. **The Board can arrest and charge unlicensed locksmiths but refuse to do so. True or false?** FALSE The Board receives many complaints about unlicensed locksmith activity in the state. ALL formal complaints are turned over to the Board's private investigators that follow up to the best of their ability with the information provided. The Board does not have arresting authority and must work with local law enforcement to charge and prosecute person who practice Locksmithing without a license. Very often these reports are not considered as actionable by law enforcement because they have more serious criminal cases to investigate. The Board, its investigators, and its legal counsel work tirelessly to educate law enforcement about the NC Locksmith Licensing Law and advise these local agencies how to prosecute those persons who violate the law.
8. **The NC Locksmith Licensing Board and the NC Locksmith Association are the same organization. True or false?** FALSE The Board and the NC Locksmith Association are not the same. The NC Locksmith Licensing Board was established in 2001 by the NC General Assembly as the regulatory agency overseeing the practice of Locksmithing in North Carolina to protect the public from unscrupulous business practices. The NC Locksmith Association is a voluntary organization serving its membership through community, education, and advocacy on behalf of the locksmith industry.
9. **The North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Act was enacted to protect the locksmiths though out the state. True or false?** FALSE

The purpose of the Locksmith Licensing Act is to protect the public health, safety and welfare. (NC 74F-2)

10. **The NC Locksmith Licensing Board was established to help promote my business, give guidance on how to operate a locksmith business and educate the state's locksmiths. True or false?** FALSE The purpose of the NC Locksmith Licensing Board is to recognize that locksmiths have the knowledge and tools to bypass or neutralize security devices in vehicles, homes, and businesses. The laws of this State do not protect citizens from the unscrupulous use and abuse of this knowledge and these tools by persons who are untrained or have criminal intent. Therefore, the licensing of locksmiths is necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare (S74F-2)
11. **The Locksmith Board members must also be members of the NC Locksmith Association. True or false?** FALSE The make-up of the NC Locksmith Licensing Board is 9 members, 6 of which must be licensed locksmiths and 3 members of the public. However, one of the locksmith members must be a member of a "recognized locksmith association" of the state. It does not specifically specify the NC Locksmith Association. There are several locksmith associations in our state. (74F-5-1)
12. **The Locksmith Board Could Change the Law if they really wanted to and stop the scammers. True or false?** FALSE The Board only has the authority to change the NC Administrative Code as it relates to NCGS 74-F. Any changes have to be approved by the State of NC Rules Committee. The Board cannot change the statute. In fact the board cannot even lobby the legislature for changes to the statute. You can contact your State Representative and Senator and encourage them to close the loopholes in the current statute.

