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**Locksmith
Licensing Board**

2024 Update



Locksmith Board Hires New Law Firm

At the end of 2023, the Board's Executive Leadership took the Board a new direction by hiring Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe and Garofalo, LLP, a law firm in Raleigh specializing in occupational licensing law and taking unlicensed individuals and businesses to court.

Board Publishes New Study Guide

Version 5.0 is out! This new study guide includes a sample exam.

You can purchase the study guide on the Board's website for \$45.

The cost of the study guide covers the expenses associated with printing and shipping.

Anyone can purchase the study guide. No application for licensure is required.

Enforcement Update

In 2023, the Board received 20 unique complaints.

In 2023, the Board issued 1 injunction.

The new legal team is working with our investigators to begin filing many backlogged cases of unlicensed practice.

North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board

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Making Changes

Over the years, the Board has worked to modernize its processes.

In recent years, we have removed the requirement for notary seals on renewals.

We have also started doing background checks on renewals in the office, no longer requiring you to obtain copies from the local authorities. This saves you time and money.

We accept online payment with debit and credit cards.

The Board strongly requests emailed facial photographs for renewals. Please don't spend money on professional "passport" photos, or sending in dime-sized printed photographs.

Also please do not send the same photograph year after year. Facial photos must be within three (3) months of your renewal submittal.

Just get a friend to take a clear facial photograph of you with a smart phone, then email that to the Board office including your name.

The Board accepts scanned and emailed applications and renewals. It is no longer necessary to travel to the post office and spend extra money expediting it to the Board. Just scan and email.

New Officers in 2024

The Board elected new officers for 2024: Chair—Larry Mares, Vice Chair—Debbie Atkinson, and Secretary/Treasurer—Mike McCarty.

The Meeting Schedule for 2024 is: February 7, April 3, June 5, August 7, October 2, and December 4.

Please note all meetings are open to the public in accordance with the NC Open Meetings Law. If you are interested in attending, even remotely, please contact the Board office for a Zoom link.