

TITLE 21 - OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CHAPTER 29 - LOCKSMITH LICENSING BOARD

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the Locksmith Licensing Board intends to amend the rule cited as 21 NCAC 29 .0802.

Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c): <https://nclocksmithboard.org/>

Proposed Effective Date: *December 1, 2026*

Public Hearing:

Date: *September 2, 2026*

Time: *12:00 p.m.*

Location: *2710 Wycliff Road, Suite 220, Raleigh, NC 27607*

Reason for Proposed Action: *To revise continuing education requirements for licensees.*

Comments may be submitted to: *Barden Culbreth, P.O. Box 10972, Raleigh, NC 27605; phone (919) 838-8782; email director@nclocksmithboard.org*

Comment period ends: *October 2, 2026*

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 a written objection to the Rules Review Commission. 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 letters via U.S. Mail, private courier service, or hand delivery to 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina, or via email to oah.rules@oah.nc.gov. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please review 26 NCAC 05 .0110 or call a Commission staff attorney at 984-236-1850.

Fiscal impact. Does any rule or combination of rules in this notice create an economic impact? Check all that apply.

- ☒ State funds affected
- ☒ Local funds affected
- ☐ Substantial economic impact ($\geq$ \$1,000,000 over 5 years)
- ☒ Approved by OSBM
- ☐ No fiscal note required

SECTION .0800 – CONTINUING EDUCATION

21 NCAC 29 .0802 REQUIREMENTS

(a) Every licensee shall obtain 16 contact hours of continuing education during each 3-year renewal cycle, ~~except:~~ except persons exempted from eight contact hours in Rule .0805 of this Section.

- (1) ~~Persons exempted from eight contact hours in Rule .0805 of this Section; and~~
- (2) ~~Persons who:~~
 - (A) ~~are at least 62 years of age;~~
 - (B) ~~have at least 15 years of experience as locksmiths;~~
 - (C) ~~have been North Carolina licensed locksmiths for at least nine years; and~~
 - (D) ~~are not subject to an investigation by the Board.~~

(b) The contact hours of continuing education shall be in technical and professional subjects related to the practice of ~~locksmithing.~~ locksmithing, which may include the ethical practice of operating a locksmith business.

(c) Licensees shall not carry forward any contact hours of continuing education into the subsequent renewal period.

(d) Licensees shall verify completion of the contact hours of continuing education for the previous license period on their application for license renewal.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 74F-6;
Eff. February 1, 2005;
Amended Eff. April 1, 2012;
Readopted Eff. June 1, 2017;
Amended Eff. December 1, 2026; January 1, 2019.*