



CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT

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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL
LICENSING
AND
HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS
LICENSING BOARD**



2019

OUR MISSION

Board of Professional Licensing

The Board of Professional Licensing is to protect the public's health, safety and welfare through its regulations on the practice of engineering, architecture, land surveying, landscape architecture and real property appraisal within the Commonwealth.

Health Care Professions Licensing Board

The Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB) is to provide services and initiatives that promote patient safety, quality of health care and regulatory best practices.



ABOUT US



The Board of Professional Licensing (BPL) and the Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB) are both independent regulatory agencies of the CNMI Government administered under the Executive Branch. Each Board was established by law giving them the power and authority to license and regulate different professions under each Board's jurisdiction.

Both Boards are tasked to protect the general public of the Northern Mariana Islands by enforcing regulations that restrict professional practice to individuals who have demonstrated competency by having specific credentials in education and practical experience.

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMPOSITION



Board of Professional Licensing:

- Comprised of five (5) members, all appointed by the Governor and require the review and consent of the Senate.
 - ▶ Three (3) members from Saipan;
 - ▶ One (1) member from Tinian;
 - ▶ One (1) member from Rota
- Of the five (5) members, at least one (1) shall be a woman; and three (3) shall be from the professional fields as set forth by law and engaged in the practice of member's profession for at least five (5) years.
- Must be licensed to practice in the CNMI;
- TERM: Members shall serve for six (6) years with no term limitations.



BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMPOSITION (CONT.)

Health Care Professions Licensing Board:

- Comprised of five (5) members, all appointed by the Governor and require the review and consent of the Senate.
 - One (1) member shall be a dentist; two (2) members shall be physicians; and two (2) members shall be health care professionals other than a physician or a dentist;
 - Must be CNMI resident for two (2) years;
 - Engaged in the practice of their profession for at least five (5) years;
 - TERM: Four (4) years (staggered) and can only serve for two (2) terms.

Administration:

The administrative office employs three (3) personnel; an Executive Director appointed by the Board who occupies an exempted position, and two (2) civil service employees carrying out the administrative duties for both BPL and HCPLB.



HIGHLIGHTS 2019



BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING:

- Maintain active participation in the following National Council Organizations and despite being from a small jurisdiction, our input and voting positions on policies are just as equal to other member boards:
- National Council of Examiners for Engineering & Surveying (NCEES)
NCEES Western Zone
Reinstated CNMI on the National Council of Architectural Registration Board (NCARB) by paying its past dues; CNMI/BPL on board with the Association of Appraiser Regulatory Officials (AARO) and Appraisal Subcommittee (ASC);
Attended its first meeting with the Association of Appraiser Regulatory Officials (AARO)
- CNMI was recently visited on-site by the Executive Director for Appraisal Subcommittee (ASC) and presented with a brief overview on the role and functions of ASC and maintaining compliance to Title XI of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council.
- Greatest accomplishment is the ability for the CNMI/BPL to arrange for the Authorization to Test (ATT) Civil Engineering applicants to take the seismic test at the nearest Prometrics Testing Center.

HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS LICENSING BOARD:

- Maintain active participation in the following National Council Organizations through maintaining its membership dues:
 - ▶ Federation of State Medical Board (FSMB)
 - ▶ Association of State Social Workers Board (ASWB)
 - ▶ Recently accepted into the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards
- The Board recently adopted the following proposed regulations:
 - ▶ Psychology
 - ▶ Substance Abuse Counselors
 - ▶ Marriage and Family Therapist
 - ▶ Dentist, Dental Assistants, Dental Hygienists and Dental Therapists
- Continue to review and update HCPLB regulations to meet national standards and make the licensure process easier.

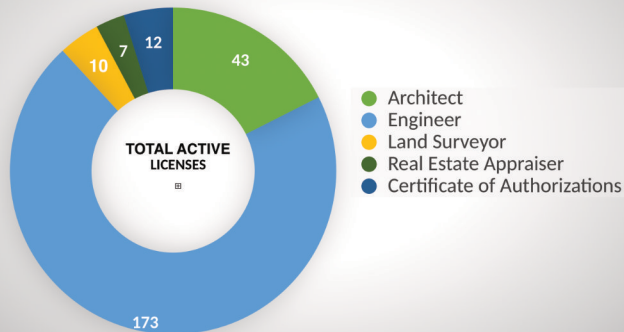




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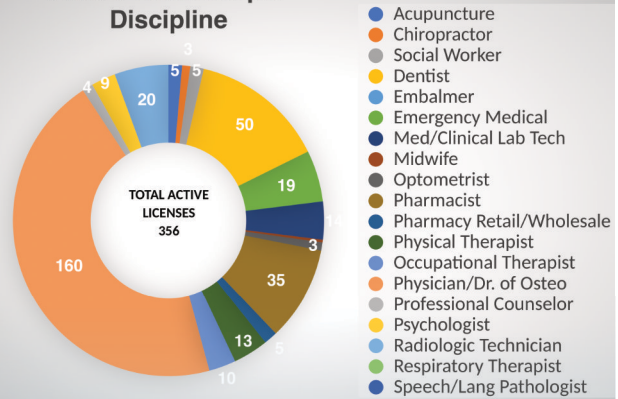
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING:

Active Licenses per Discipline



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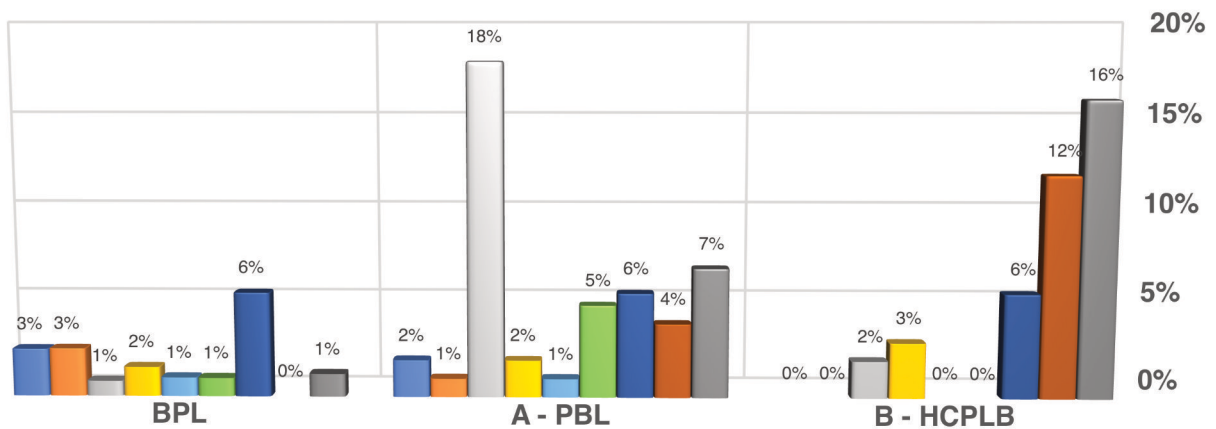
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2019 BUDGET ALLOCATION



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| ■ Communications | ■ Utilities | ■ Repairs/Maint |
| ■ Cleaning Svcs | ■ Fuel/Lubricate | ■ OPA Fee |
| ■ Dues/Subscriptions | ■ Travel | ■ Others |



2019 BUDGET ALLOCATION (CONT.)

FY 2019 BUDGET	ALLOTMENT	OBLIGATION	VARIANCE
 BPL Budget (P.L.)	120,934	133,737	-12,600
 A : BPL	150,995	60,261	90,734
 B : HCPLB	117,725	58,083	59,642



- ▶ Design and implement a Data Management System for BPL and HCPLB to allow for a comprehensive management of all data used in the management of licensing and audit tracking.
- ▶ Automate Clientele Information and Licensing Data.
- ▶ Redesign and upgrade website to be user-friendly.
- ▶ Promote simple career outreach campaign programs on career options to our elementary and high school students.
- ▶ Initiate strategic licensure-related programs for potential candidates who have yet to take their FE Exams by offering a course sponsored by BPL.