

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

2020 CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT (PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-83)



Board of Professional Licensing and Health Care Professional Licensing Board

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ABOUT US

Licensing is fundamental to being a professional; it distinguishes a professional from an occupation and is necessary to protect the public, maintain public confidence, and in setting and upholding professional standards. It recognizes and emphasizes its responsibility to the public to ensure the actions of its professionals promote safety, integrity, and fairness, thereby encouraging public confidence in the profession and the services they administer or deliver. It is this accountability that so greatly maintains and enhances the public's trust and reliability in the professions.

OUR MISSION

Established by
Public Law 14-95

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.

Established by
Public Law 15-105

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.

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Member



HIGHLIGHTS 2020



FY 2020	HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS	PROFESSIONALS (NON HEALTH CARE)
TOTAL LICENSEES	462	289
INITIAL APPLICANTS	111	30
RENEWALS	128	144
RESIDENCE	248	59
NON-RESIDENCE	214	230

The year 2020 began with the foresight to enhance administrative and operations practices however, was complicated with the outbreak of the corona virus – COVID-19. Despite the challenges, the CNMI BPL and HCPLB:

- ◆ Maintained dialogue and network with counterparts about future regulatory challenges and opportunities to support the licensing agencies stay ahead of evolving requirements and trends;
- ◆ Continued to fulfill statutory duty to protect the public, ensure the health of all employees, and provide flexibility and support to registrants;
- ◆ Modified licensing renewals and application submissions allowing for on-line or digital filing

HCPLB LICENSING OVERVIEW

	Active Licenses	Resident	Non-Resident
Acupuncturist	4	3	1
Chiropractor	4	0	4
Clinical Lab	3	3	0
Clinical Psychologist	8	5	3
Dental Assistant	1	1	0
Dental Hygiene	5	5	0
Dental Therapist	13	13	0
Dentist	34	10	24
Embalmer	1	1	0
EMT	35	35	0
Medical Lab Technician	22	16	6
Occupational Therapy	12	0	12
Optometrist	3	3	0
Pharmacist	25	15	10
Pharmacy Certified Tech	19	18	1
Wholesale/Retail Pharmacy	14	12	2
Pharmacy Intern	7	4	3
Physical Therapist	18	14	4
Physician	176	51	125
Physician Assistant	16	9	7
Podiatrist	1	0	1
Professional Counselor	5	4	1
Radiology Tech	29	20	9
Social Worker	7	6	1

BPL LICENSING OVERVIEW

	Active Licensees	Resident	Non-Resident
Appraiser	6	3	3
Architect Engineer	1	0	1
Architecture	37	6	31
ENGINEERS	146	21	125
Fire Protection	4	0	4
Land Surveyor	13	5	8
Landscape Architect	5	0	5
Certificate of Authorization	42	23	19



LOCAL APPROPRIATION (ACCT#1556)

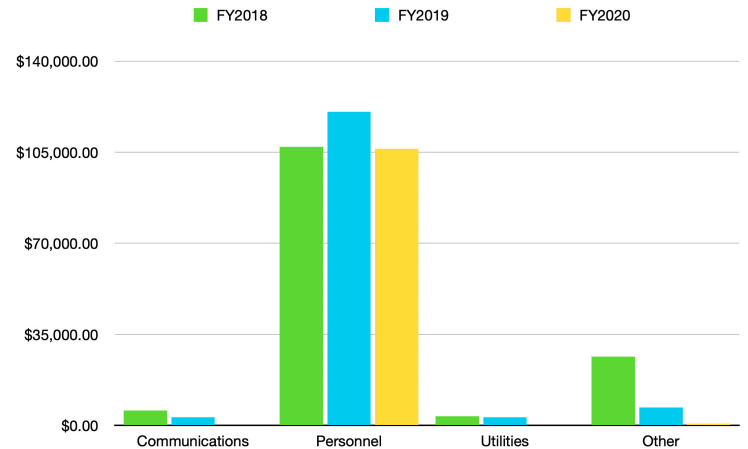
	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020
Revenue	\$193,645.00	\$75,075.00	\$76,670.00
General Fund	\$147,640.00	\$142,756.00	\$124,398.00
Personnel*	\$101,679.00	\$114,308.00	\$88,268.00
Operations*	\$45,961.00	\$28,448.00	\$883.00
* Less 28.3343% from the General Fund for FY 2020			

REVOLVING FUND FROM LICENSING FEES

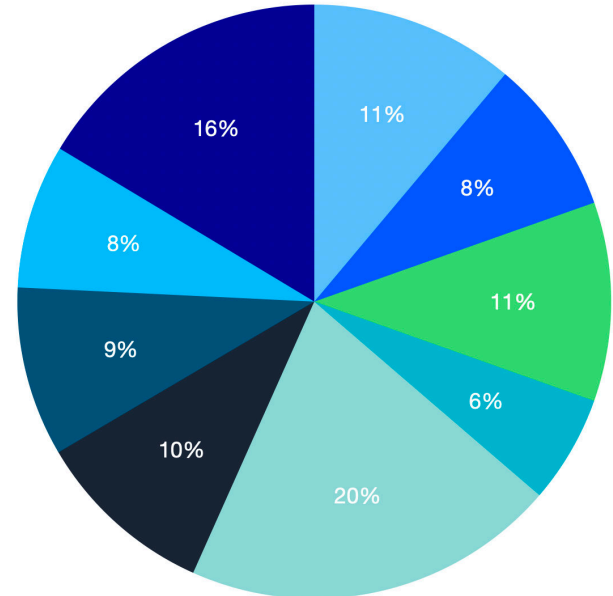
	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020
BPL (#1962A)	\$85,975.00	\$31,750.00	\$38,075.00
HCPLB (#1962B)	\$107,670.00	\$43,325.00	\$38,595.00

NOTE: FY2018 Funding level for both BPL (#1962A) and HCPLB (#1962B) are running balances collective of previous fiscal years. Specific accounts were established by Public Law 17-39: Board of Professional Licensing Revolving Funds (BPLRF). Thus for FY2019, the total amount reported does not reflect a drastic decrease in FY 2019 budget; nor does it signify a significant decline in professional licenses issued.

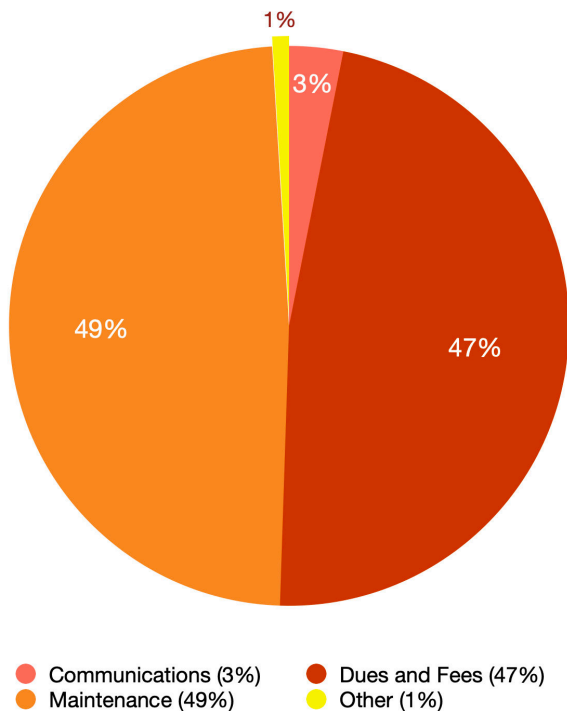
EXPENDITURES SUMMARY (ACCT#1556)



2020 HCPLB REVOLVING FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY



2020 BPL REVOLVING FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY



PRIORITIES FOR 2021



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holidays and weekends

Looking forward to meeting the agency's objectives in 2021, a reflection to learn from the previous year is nothing short of essential as it has reset all normal and revised all usuals. To add on to the disorder, the pandemic required rapid, if not instant, adaptation. For the year 2021, the CNMI BPL and HCPLB will strive to build on this agility and improve its services.

- Upgrade its website to allow for:
 - ♦ Online forms and fillable capability for office efficiency and applicant convenience;
 - ♦ Provide reliable information to serve as guides for aspiring professionals;
- Upgrade office programs and create an efficient client log or data base system;
- Continue review and monitor of education, training, certification and recertification programs;
- Receive and investigate fitness to practice concerns.
- Effective on October 1, 2020 (FY 2021) austerity days are changed from Fridays to Mondays. Because of day/time differences, this change has been positive for BPL and HCPLB as clients and agencies can now more easily communicate with stateside clients, affiliates and counterparts.

We would like to recognize and thank our dedicated health care professionals who continue to work tirelessly and put our care before their own. This pandemic has unequivocally raised your profile and showcases the commitment you give.

We also thank all our registrants for their professionalism, dedication and hard work.

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