



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLAND

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS LICENSING BOARD

2025 Citizen Centric Report

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OUR MISSION:

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 14-95

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OUR MISSION:

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. Established by Public Law 15-105



AGENCY OVERVIEW

The Board of Professional Licensing (BPL) and the Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB) are key regulatory agencies committed to protecting public health, safety, and welfare in the CNMI.

BPL and HCPLB boards ensure that health care professionals are properly qualified and competent to practice. The Board consists of five members with one vacancy since January 2025 and is supported by an Executive Director and an Administrative Assistant.

Together, BPL and HCPLB regulate more than 44 professions, with limited enforcement activities—such as site visits and investigations – remaining a concern. Although few complaints are received, regular monitoring is essential to prevent issues. The investigator position has remained unfunded for the past three years due to budget constraints. Currently, the Attorney General's Office Investigation Division helps in investigating formal complaints.

In FY2025, HCPLB focused on updating the following key regulations to address funding needs, align regulations with federal standards, and strengthen professional guidelines:

- Limited Licensure for Foreign Graduates
- Increased License Fees and Services
- Medical Laboratory Technician
- Occupational Therapist

These updates reinforce the boards' commitment to maintaining high standards in health care practice across the CNMI.

Starting June 2025, BPL and HCPLB launched its online licensure applications,



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renewals, and payments from anywhere. Localgov, under the umbrella of Azavar Government Solutions, a U.S. company, manages an online platform for BPL and HCPLB to facilitate licensure. At the latest, BPL and HCPLB have uploaded 100 percent of their active licenses to Localgov, and new applications are gradually moving online. Localgov provides 24/7 services for those who need help logging in and offers hope for automating client information, licensing data, and online payments.

HIGHLIGHTS/DEMOGRAPHICS

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSE						
PROFESSION	Total Active License	OCTOBER 2024 - SEPTEMBER 2025				
		New	Renewed	Inactive	Denied	Revoked
Appraiser	6	0	6	0	0	0
Architecture Engineer	1	0	0	0	0	0
Architecture	32	4	22	2	0	0
Chemical Engineer	0	0	0	0	0	0
Civil Engineer	92	14	77	5	0	0
COA	45	4	41	5	0	0
Electrical Engineer	26	6	20	5	0	0
Environmental Engineer	6	1	5	0	0	0
Fire Protection Engineer	10	1	9	1	0	0
Industrial Engineer	1	0	0	0	0	0
Land Surveyor	17	3	14	1	0	0
Landscape Architect	5	1	3	1	0	0
Mechanical Engineer	29	4	25	4	0	0
Structural Engineer	27	1	26	5	0	0
TOTAL:	297	39	248	29	0	0

BPL - 14 Regulated Professions

BPL - 2025	
Total Active License	297
Number of Initial License	39
Number of Renewed License	248
Number of Non-Renewed License	29
Complaints reported	0
License revoked	0
Denied Application	1

October 2024 - September 2025	
Residence	Non-Residence
62	225
20%	80%

HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS LICENSING BOARD						
PROFESSION	Total Active License	OCTOBER 2024 - SEPTEMBER 2025				
		New	Renewed	Inactive	Denied	Revoked
Acupuncture	1	0	0	0	0	0
Addiction Professional	3	2	1	0	0	0
Audiology	1	1	0	0	0	0
Chiropractor	2	0	2	0	0	0
Clinical Laboratory	2	0	1	0	0	0
Clinical Psychology Associate	1	1	0	0	0	0
Dental Hygienist	4	0	4	1	0	0
Dental Therapist	19	6	13	3	0	0
Dentist	35	13	22	3	0	0
Embalmer	1	0	1	0	0	0
Emergency Medical Technician	41	0	41	3	0	0
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapy	2	1	1	0	0	0
Medical Laboratory Technologist	33	7	26	4	0	0
Occupational Therapist	30	11	12	17	0	0
Optometrist	4	0	4	1	0	0
Pharmacist	44	14	29	5	0	0
Certified Pharmacy Technician	38	18	17	3	0	0
Pharmacy	43	18	20	0	0	0
Pharmacy Intern	2	0	1	1	0	0
Physical Therapist	23	10	12	2	0	0
Physical Therapy Assistant	1	1	0	0	0	0
Physicians	193	61	110	52	0	0
Physician Assistant	29	8	17	5	0	0
Podiatrist	2	0	1	0	0	0
Professional Counselors	4	1	3	0	0	0
Psychology Associate	1	1	0	0	0	0
Psychologist	13	1	10	1	0	0
Radiology Technologist	36	5	31	3	0	0
Social Worker	16	3	13	0	0	0
Speech Language Pathology	32	32	0	0	0	0
TOTAL:	656	215	392	104	0	0

HCPLB - 30 Regulated Professions

HCPLB - 2025	
Total Active License	656
Number of Initial License	215
Number of Renewed License	392
Number of Non-Renewed License	104
Complaints reported	2
License revoked	0
Denied Application	0

October 2024 - September 2025	
Residence	Non-Residence
253	343
46%	54%



FINANCES

The CNMI BPL and HCPLB survives on three sources of income: (1) Local Appropriation, (2) BPL License Fees, and (3) HCPLB License Fees.

FY 2025 REVENUE SOURCE BREAKDOWN

BPL Revolving Fund - Acct. No. 1962A

Operations	Amount
Carryover from previous years:	\$ 82,027.00
Revenue Collected from License FY2025:	\$ 25,425.00
Total Revenue:	\$ 107,452.00
TOTAL Operational Expense	23,959.00
% USED	22%

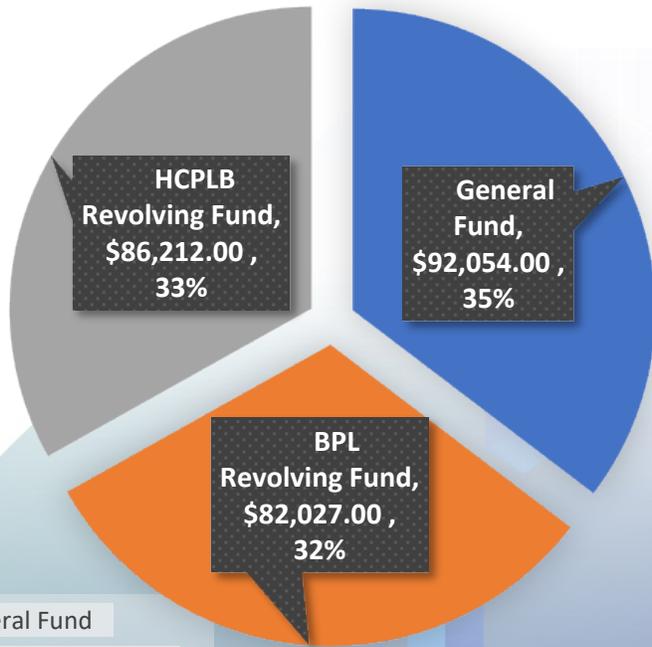
HCPLB Revolving Fund - Acct. No. 1962B

Operations	Amount
Carryover from previous years:	\$ 86,212.00
Revenue Collected from License FY2025:	\$ 63,650.00
Total Revenue:	\$ 149,862.00
TOTAL Operational Expense	47,691.00
% USED	32%

REVENUE SOURCES: FY2025	Revenue
General Fund	\$92,054.00
BPL Revolving Fund	\$82,027.00
HCPLB Revolving Fund	\$86,212.00

Application Fees	\$25,425.00
TOTAL Revenue from Fees	\$25,425.00

FY2025 HCPLB Revenue from License Fees	Amount
Application Fees	\$63,650.00
TOTAL Revenue from Fee	\$63,650.00



- General Fund
- BPL Revolving Fund
- HCPLB Revolving Fund

What's Next . . .

KEY INITIATIVES

Moving Forward.....

Although the BPL and HCPLB have made significant progress in improving the licensure process, much work remains. Since the Secretary of Finance approved their collaboration with Localgov in 2024, the new integrated and automated software system has simplified the online submission of licensure applications.

One of the significant challenges both boards continue to face is the need for on-site inspections to ensure compliance and respond to complaints. Due to ongoing budget constraints, the short-term solution is to issue a limited-term professional services contract to fill the gap left by the absence of a full-time investigator.

Moving forward, BPL and HCPLB will focus on the following priorities:

- *Completing and fine-tuning the Localgov data management system to streamline applications, renewals, and workflows.*
- *Conducting outreach to schools and organizations.*
- *Continuing to work with OMB to secure funding for an in-house enforcement officer.*
- *Advancing the vision of safe practice environments and exploring new pathways for health care practice.*

Both BPL and HCPLB recognize the progress made and express appreciation for the continued support of national partners and stakeholders.

