

SUMMARY OF NORTH DAKOTA HEALTH PROFESSION BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board/Commission	Professions or Groups Licensed or Regulated	Number of Individuals Licensed	Education and Training Requirements	Examination Requirements	Continuing Education Requirements	Licensure Fees	Number of Board Members	Responsibility for Determining Licensure Requirements
Board of Addiction Counseling Examiners	Licensed addiction counselors	308	Bachelor's degree in addiction studies or a closely related field and complete 1,400 hours of clinical training in a board-approved clinical training program	National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselor exam or International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium exam, and the Board of Addiction Counseling Examiners oral exam	60 hours of continuing education every three years	\$150 initial license fee, \$100 annual renewal fee, \$50 private practice initial fee, and \$25 private practice annual renewal fee	9	Board of Addiction Counseling Examiners with input from state and national associations, licensees, and consumers
Board of Athletic Trainers	Certified athletic trainers	124	Bachelor's degree (based on requirements of certification established by the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification (NATABOC))	NATABOC exam	80 hours over a three-year period as required by NATABOC	\$100 initial application and licensure fee and \$50 annual renewal fee	5	Board of Athletic Trainers
Board of Examiners on Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology	Speech language pathologists (SLP) and audiologists	405 (370 SLP and 35 audiologists)	Master's degree in speech-language pathology or audiology	Praxis exam	10 hours per year of training directly related to profession	\$100 initial application fee and \$75 annual renewal fee	7	North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 43-37-04 and the Board of Examiners on Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
State Board of Chiropractic Examiners	Doctors of chiropractic	312 (268 active and 44 inactive)	Doctor of chiropractic degree from an accredited college of chiropractic	National Board of Chiropractic Examiners exam (5 parts) and a jurisprudence examination	20 hours per year, including 4 hours of boundary issues every three years	\$150 initial application fee, \$150 annual renewal fee, and \$100 annual fee for inactive members	5	NDCC Section 43-06-13
Board of Clinical Laboratory Practice	Clinical laboratory scientists/medical technologists (CLS/MT), clinical laboratory technicians/medical laboratory technicians (CLT/MLT), and clinical laboratory specialists	915 (601 CLS/MTs, 306 CLT/MLTs, and 8 specialists)	CLS/MTs are required to obtain a bachelor's degree in a science-related discipline; specialists are required to obtain a bachelor's or higher degree with a major in chemical, physical, or biological sciences; and	Licensees are required to pass one of four board-approved national exams	20 hours of continuing education every two years	Initial license fee - \$80 for CLS/MTs and specialists and \$60 for CLT/MLTs; biennial renewal fee - \$70 for CLS/MTs and specialists and \$50 for CLT/MLTs (all fees will increase by \$10 effective January 1, 2006)	7	Board of Clinical Laboratory Practice with input from the public, licensees and the Clinical Laboratory Society

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			CLT/MLTs must successfully complete a two-year academic program recognized by the board					
Board of Counselor Examiners	Licensed professional counselors (LPCs) and licensed professional clinical counselors (LPCCs)	336	Licensed professional counselors must obtain a master's degree from an accredited institution in guidance and counseling, an LPCC must also complete an additional 12 semester hours in clinical courses	The National Counseling exam; LPCCs must also pass the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling exam	LPCs are required to earn 30 hours of continuing education every two years; LPCCs are required to earn 40 hours of continuing education every two years	\$150 initial application fee, \$100 biennial renewal fee for LPCs and \$150 biennial renewal fee for LPCCs	5	Board of Counselor Examiners
Board of Dental Examiners	Dentists, registered dental hygienists, registered dental assistants, and qualified dental assistants	1,450 (approximately)	Dentists are required to have a doctor of dental surgery or doctor of dental medicine degree from a dental college recognized by the board; dental hygienists must hold a bachelor's or associate degree from a school of dental hygiene which is approved by the American Dental Association; a registered dental assistant must attend an accredited assisting program or successfully "challenge" the Dental Assisting National Exam; a qualified dental assistant is required to be registered by the state but because of less training is limited to performing less expanded functions	Dentists and dental hygienists are required to pass a written National Board Dental Exam and a jurisprudence exam; certified dental assistants must successfully complete an accredited dental assisting program or pass an examination administered by the Dental Assistants National Board	Dentists are required to complete 32 hours of continuing education every two years; dental hygienists are required to complete 16 hours every two years; dental assistants are required to complete 8 hours of continuing education every year; all dentists, hygienists, and assistants are required to have 2 hours of infection control and 2 hours of CPR every two years	Initial application fee is \$200 for dentists, \$55 for hygienists, and \$35 for assistants; annual license renewal fee is \$220 for dentists, \$110 for hygienists, and \$35 for assistants; anesthesia/sedation permit is \$100 per year for dentists	7	Board of Dental Examiners makes decisions regarding licensing requirements and requests input from all dental groups via publication of meeting agendas and minutes and a yearly newsletter

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Board of Dietetic Practice	Licensed registered dietitians (LRDs) and licensed nutritionists (LNs)	312 (282 LRDs and 30 LNs)	LRDs are required to have a bachelor's of science degree plus be registered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration of the American Dietetic Association; and LNs are required to have a degree which includes advanced nutrition requirement	LRDs must complete the registered dietitian exam sponsored by the Commission on Dietetic Registration	75 continuing education hours in a five-year period	\$60 initial application fee and \$45 annual relicensure fee	5	American Dietetic Association and Board of Dietetic Practice
Board of Hearing Aid Specialists	Audiologists who hold hearing instrument dispensing licenses and hearing instrument dispensers	68	High school diploma and pass written and practical exams (no formal training program)	A written exam administered by the National Institute of Hearing Instrument Specialists and a practical exam administered by the State Board of Examiners for Hearing Instrument Dispensers	10 continuing education hours per year	\$150 annual training permit and licensure fee	10	The National Institute of Hearing Instrument Specialists and the State Board of Examiners for Hearing Instrument Dispensers
State Board of Medical Examiners	Doctor of medicine (MD), doctor of osteopathy (DO), and physician assistants	2,941 (2,737 physicians and 204 physician assistants)	Doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy degree from a medical school approved by the board or by an accrediting body approved by the board; physician assistants are required to have a bachelor's degree, be certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, and be under contract to provide patient services under the supervision of an MD or DO	Physicians must pass the United States Medical Licensing Exam, the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Exam, or the Medical Council of Canada Evaluating Exam; physician assistants must pass the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants exam	Physicians are required to earn 60 hours of continuing medical education every three years; physician assistants are required to earn 100 continuing education units every two years	\$200 initial application fee and \$150 annual renewal fee for physicians and \$50 initial application fee and \$50 annual renewal fee for physician assistants	12	NDCC Section 43-17-18 and the administrative rule-making process

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State Board of Nursing	Registered nurses (RNs), licensed practical nurses (LPNs), advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), unlicensed assistive persons, and medication assistants I, II, and III	16,309 (8,591 RNs, 3,380 LPNs, 570 APRNs, 2,431 unlicensed assistive persons, and 1,337 medication assistants)	RNs - Minimum two-year associate degree; LPNs - Minimum one-year certificate; APRNs - Bachelor of science and master's degrees; medication assistant I - Completion of a training module and clinical component; medication assistant II - 40 hours of theory, 8 hours of lab, and 32 hours of clinical training; medication assistant III - Associate degree and completion of training program; unlicensed assistive person - Trained by employer	The NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN examinations administered by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc.	Registered nurses and licensed practical nurses are required to obtain 12 contact (continuing education) hours within the previous two years; advanced practice registered nurses with prescriptive authority are required to have 15 contact hours within the previous two years; the Board of Nursing requires 400 practice hours within the previous four years for license renewal	Initial licensure - \$110 for RNs and LPNs, \$100 for APRNs and specialty practice registered nurses, and \$15 for an unlicensed assistive person; renewal fees (biennial) - \$90 for RNs, \$80 for LPNs, \$40 for APRNs, \$50 for specialty practice registered nurses, \$15 for unlicensed assistive person, \$30 for medication assistant I and II, and \$40 for medication assistant III	9	The requirements for licensure are based on North Dakota Century Code Chapter 43-12.1 and North Dakota Administrative Code Title 54; the Board of Nursing enforces the requirements
State Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators	Nursing home administrators	151	Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and completion of a 480-hour administrator in training program	The Nursing Home Administrator exam	20 hours per year by a recognized sponsor	\$100 initial application fee and \$150 annual renewal fee	9	Federal mandates to license administrators for nursing homes, and the Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators, which is responsible for reviewing North Dakota administrative rules and licensure requirements
Board of Occupational Therapy Practice	Occupational therapists (OT) and occupational therapy assistants (OTA)	488 (355 OTs and 133 OTAs)	OTs are required to have a bachelor's degree or higher and OTAs are required to have a certificate or associate degree for occupational therapy assistant	The National Board of Certification for Occupational Therapy exam (both OT and OTA exams are provided)	20 hours of continuing education every two years	\$50 initial application fee for OTs and OTAs; \$150 OT biennial licensure renewal fee; and \$110 OTA biennial licensure renewal fee	5	Board of Occupational Therapy Practice with consultation from state and national associations and consumers

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State Board of Optometry	Optometrists	213	Doctorate of optometry	National Board of Examiners exam (3 parts) and the state jurisprudence examination	50 hours every three years	\$175 initial license application and \$150 annual license renewal fee	7	State Board of Optometry
State Board of Pharmacy	Pharmacists, technicians, interns, pharmacies, and wholesalers	4,934 (2,203 pharmacists, 687 technicians, 644 interns, 620 pharmacies, and 780 wholesalers)	Pharmacists must have a doctor of pharmacy degree from an Accreditation on Council Pharmacy Education-approved school; technicians must successfully complete either a two-year associate of applied science degree program, a one-year pharmacy technician certificate program, or a non-credit certificate of completion in pharmacy technology program; in addition the State Board of Pharmacy offers the only accredited on-the-job pharmacy technician training program in the country	Pharmacists must complete the North American Pharmacists Licensure Exam or the Foreign Pharmacists Equivalence Examinations and the multistate jurisprudence exam	Pharmacists must complete 15 hours of continuing education per year/30 hours in a two-year renewal cycle; technicians must complete 10 hours of continuing education per year/20 hours in a two-year renewal cycle	Annual license renewal - \$200 for in-state pharmacist; \$75 for in-state pharmacists (inactive status); \$35 for out-of-state pharmacist; annual registration fee - \$35 for pharmacy technicians; \$10 (two-year period) for pharmacy technician-in-training; \$175 for an annual pharmacy or drug store permit; \$150 for an annual manufacturer, distributor, warehouse, reverse distributor wholesale drug license; \$100 for an annual internship license	5	State Board of Pharmacy, through rule, establishes the licensure requirements for pharmacists, interns, and registration requirements for technicians; NDCC Sections 43-15-35 and 43-15.1-04 and the Board of Pharmacy establishes laws requiring licensure of pharmacies and wholesalers
State Examining Committee for Physical Therapists	Physical therapists (PT) and physical therapist assistants (PTA)	796 (510 PT and 286 PTA)	PTs must have a master of arts degree and PTAs must complete a two-year degree	National Physical Therapists Exam (PT and PTA exams)	25 hours every two years	\$150 initial license application and annual license renewal fees of \$60 for PTs and \$40 for PTAs	6	Physical therapists, physicians, and consumer advocates
Board of Podiatric Medicine	Podiatrists	26	Doctorate degree from an accredited school and minimum one year of surgical residency	Three-part National Board exam covering basic science, clinical, and the licensing exam	20 hours per year or 60 hours over three years	\$150 initial application fee and \$350 annual license fee	6	Board of Podiatric Medicine with input from the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners

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State Board of Psychologist Examiners	Psychologists	186	Doctorate degree in psychology from an accredited school or college and two full years of supervised professional experience, 2,000 hours predoctoral and 2,000 hours postdoctoral	A written examination for the professional practice of psychology and an oral examination by the State Board of Psychologist Examiners that focuses on ethical and legal issues in the practice of psychology in North Dakota	40 continuing education credits every two years in categories specified by the board in its rules	\$75 application fee for persons applying for initial licensure, \$250 initial licensure fee for psychologists from other states, and \$100 annual license renewal fee	5	State Board of Psychologist Examiners implements the requirements as specified in the North Dakota Century Code and establishes by rule the details of those requirements
Board of Reflexology	Reflexologists	76	Minimum 100 hours of training, including 40 hours of classroom training and 25 hours of hands-on practice	A 100-question written exam and a practical exam administered by the Board of Reflexology	12 continuing education hours over three years	\$50 initial licensure and \$25 annual license renewal	3	Board of Reflexology
State Board of Respiratory Care	Temporary, certified, and registered respiratory therapists (currently in the process of adopting rules for licensure and regulation of polysomnographic technologists, pursuant to 2005 House Bill No. 1280)	404 (number is anticipated to increase in 2006 with addition of polysomnographic technologists)	Successful completion of an accredited four-year respiratory care training program	National Board of Respiratory Care exam	10 continuing education units per year	\$50 per year for registered respiratory therapists and \$35 per year for certified and temporary respiratory therapists	7	National Board of Respiratory Care, Inc., State Board of Respiratory Care, and Board of Polysomnographic Technologists
Board of Social Work Examiners	Licensed social workers (LSW), licensed certified social workers (LCSW), and licensed independent clinical social workers (LICSW)	2,251 (1,827 LSWs, 235 LCSWs, and 189 LICSWs)	A LSW must have a bachelor's degree in social work from a college or university; a LCSW must obtain a doctorate or master's degree in social work from a college or university and successfully complete within four years, 3,000 hours of supervised post-master's clinical social work experience	Association of Social Work Boards exam	30 continuing education hours every two years	\$25 application fee and \$75 annual license renewal fee	6	Board of Social Work Examiners with assistance from the state and national association, licensees, and public consumers
State Board of	Veterinarians and veterinary technicians	661 (463 veterinarians	Veterinarians must have a doctor of	Veterinarians must successfully complete	24 hours every two years for veterinarians	\$50 initial license application fee and	3	State Board of

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Veterinary Medical Examiners		and 198 veterinary technicians)	veterinarian degree from an accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine and veterinarian technicians are required to complete a two-year accredited program in veterinary technology	the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination and a state written examination and veterinary technicians must successfully complete the Veterinary Technician National Examination	and 8 hours every two years for veterinary technicians	\$45 annual license renewal fee for veterinarians and \$25 initial license application fee and \$10 annual license renewal fee for veterinary technicians		Veterinary Medical Examiners
Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board	Marriage and family therapists	The 2005 Legislative Assembly approved Senate Bill No. 2269 creating NDCC Chapter 43-53 and providing for the Governor to appoint a North Dakota Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board	Master's degree or a doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy from a recognized educational institution or a graduate degree in an allied field from a recognized educational institution and graduate level coursework which is equivalent to a master's degree in marriage and family therapy and two calendar years of work experience in marriage and family therapy under qualified supervision	A national exam administered by the board	To be established by the board	Fees are to be determined by the board and must be adequate to establish and maintain the operation of the board	5	NDCC Chapter 43-53