

# Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

## 2021 CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT (PL 20-83)



### BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARD

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#### ABOUT US

THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING (BPL) AND THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS LICENSING BOARD (HCPLB) ARE 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 14 DISCIPLINES UNDER BPL AND 32 PROFESSIONS UNDER HCPLB. BOTH BOARDS ARE TASKED TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS BY ENFORCING REGULATIONS THAT RESTRICT PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE TO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED COMPETENCY BY HAVING SPECIFIC CREDENTIALS IN EDUCATIONS, EXAMINATIONS, AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES.

#### OUR MISSION

##### BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING (PL14-95)

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.

##### HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS LICENSING BOARD (PL 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.

#### BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

GREGORIO Q. CASTRO  
CHAIRMAN/PUBLIC  
MEMBER (TINIAN)

ELIZABETHS. BALAJADIA, CE  
VICE-CHAIRPERSON  
(SAIPAN)

JOVANO Q. TAITANO  
BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER  
PUBLIC MEMBER (ROTA)

ROY P. REYES, CE  
MEMBER (SAIPAN)

LILIO B. TIPLES, REA  
REA APPRAISER, MEMBER  
(SAIPAN)

#### HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS LICENSING BOARD:

THEODORE R. PARKER, R.Ph. MPH  
CHAIRMAN

MARTIN P. ROHRINGER, MD  
VICE-CHAIRMAN

TIFFANY L. WILLIS, MD  
BOARD SECRETARY

WARREN L. CREED, DDS, MS  
MEMBER

GLENDA S. GEORGE, PH.D.  
MEMBER



# HIGHLIGHTS & DEMOGRAPHICS 2021



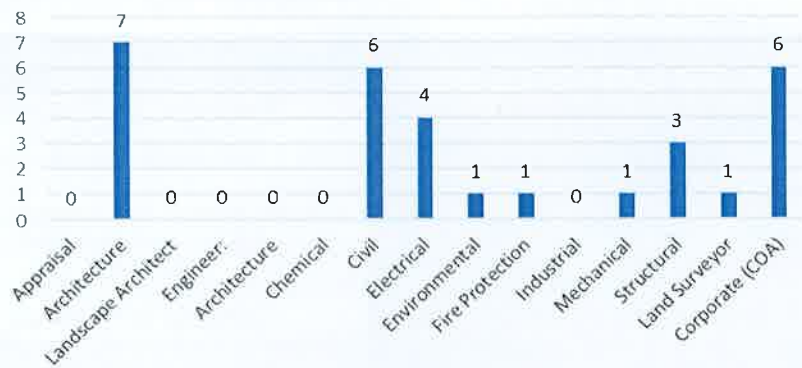
## 2021 Revenue By Profession From License Fees



## HCPLB LICENSING OVERVIEW

Discipline	Active Licenses	Resident	Non Resident
Acupuncture	4	3	1
Chiropractic	4	0	4
Clinical Laboratory	3	3	0
Psychology Associate	1	1	0
Psychology	8	5	3
Dental Hygienist	4	4	0
Dental Therapist	12	10	2
Dentist	28	6	22
Embalmer	1	1	0
Emergency Medical Technician	34	34	0
Medical Laboratory Technology	31	16	15
Midwife	0	0	0
Occupational Therapy	20	0	20
Optometrist	3	3	0
Pharmacist	27	15	12
Certified Pharmacy Technician	20	19	1
Wholesale/Retail Pharmacy	15	12	3
Pharmacy Intern	9	4	5
Physical Therapist	17	12	5
Physician Assistant	23	8	15
Physician	189	53	136
Podiatrist	1	0	1
Professional Counselor	6	5	1
Radiology Technology	27	19	8
Social Worker	10	8	2

## 2021 Nonrenewal by Profession



## BPL LICENSING OVERVIEW

Discipline	Total # of licensee	Residence	Non Res
Appraisal	6	4	2
Architecture	32	6	26
Landscape Architecture	2	0	2
Engineer:			
Architecture	1	0	1
Chemical	0	0	0
Civil	87	17	70
Electrical	24	1	23
Environmental	4	1	3
Fire Protection	7	0	7
Industrial	1	0	1
Mechanical	35	1	34
Structural	34	1	33
Land Surveyor	13	5	8
COA	44	24	20

# OUR FINANCES

## REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES IN FISCAL YEAR 2021

### LOCAL APPROPRIATION (ACCT# 1 556)

Description	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
<b>Total Allotment</b>	<b>153,452.00</b>	<b>152,156.00</b>	<b>120,934.00</b>	<b>65,544.00</b>	<b>99,837.00</b>
Personnel	104,031.00	106,195.00	96,834.00	64,905.00	98,849.00
All Others (Operations)	49,421.00	45,961.00	24,100.00	639.00	988.00
<b>Expenses</b>					
Personnel	104,620.00	107,055.00	120,485.00	106,244.00	
All Others Operations	39,077.00	28,350.00	13,049.00	638.00	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>143,697.00</b>	<b>135,405.00</b>	<b>133,534.00</b>	<b>106,882.00</b>	<b>-</b>

### EXPENDITURES SUMMARY (ACCT# 1 556)



### REVOLVING FUND FROM LICENSING FEES

#### BUSINESS UNIT: 1962A (Board of Professional Licensing Revolving Fund - License Fees)

Description	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
<b>Revenue from License Fees</b>	<b>26,200.00</b>	<b>59,775.00</b>	<b>31,750.00</b>	<b>38,075.00</b>	<b>24,500.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Personnel	0	0	0	0	0
All Others Operations	9,647.00	27,596.00	23,219.00	29,043.00	18,615.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>9,647.00</b>	<b>27,596.00</b>	<b>23,219.00</b>	<b>29,043.00</b>	<b>18,615.00</b>

#### BUSINESS UNIT: 1962B (Health Care Professions Licensing Board Revolving Fund - License Fees)

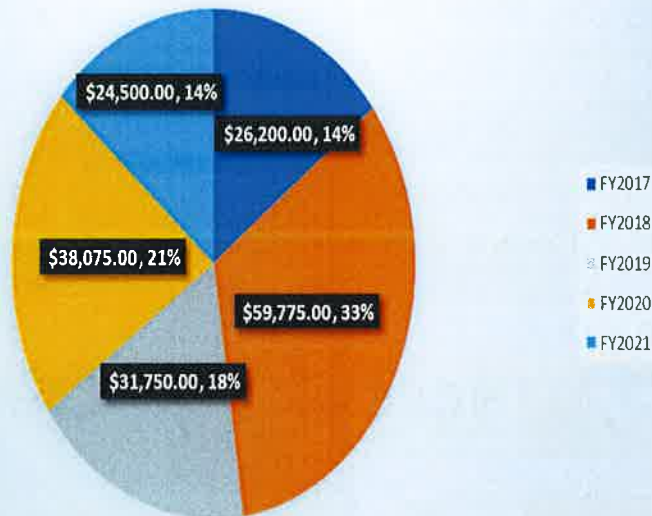
Description	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
<b>Revenue from License Fees</b>	<b>41,770.00</b>	<b>65,900.00</b>	<b>43,325.00</b>	<b>38,595.00</b>	<b>49,182.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Personnel	0	0	0	0	0
All Others Operations	21,328.00	19,081.00	24,066.00	43,892.00	23,892.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>21,328.00</b>	<b>19,081.00</b>	<b>24,066.00</b>	<b>43,892.00</b>	<b>23,892.00</b>

### HCPLB REVOLVING FUND COLLECTION SUMMARY

**NOTE:** FY2021 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.

### BPL REVOLVING FUND TOTAL COLLECTION SUMMARY

#### Total Revenue Collected from License fees:



#### Total Revenue Collected from License fees:



# WHAT'S NEXT...

## PRIORITIES & CHALLENGES FOR 2021



IN TAKING FROM OUR PLAYBOOK IN 2020 TO MEET THE OBJECTIVES FOR 2021, A REFLECTION IS NEEDED TO LEARN FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR AS THE AGENCY HAS BEEN REQUIRED TO OPERATE WITHIN A NEW NORM. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT 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;
- IN THE LAST THREE YEARS, BPL AND HCPLB SHOWED SIGNIFICANT EFFORT IN KEEPING OUR REGULATIONS UPDATED TO MEET THE NATIONAL STANDARDS. OF MUCH CONCERN TO THE BOARD IS HOW TECHNOLOGY IS CATCHING UP RAPIDLY IN MOST OF THE PROFESSIONAL FIELDS. COMPUTER BASED TESTING IS A MAJOR INITIATIVE ESPECIALLY IN THE FIELD OF ENGINEERING AND FOR MEDICAL HEALTH IT IS REGULATING TELEMEDICINE.
- THIS PAST YEAR WILL BE REMEMBERED AS ONE OF THE MOST MOMENTOUS IN OUR HISTORY WITH COVID-19 PANDEMIC PLACING EXTRAORDINARY DEMANDS ON STATE BOARDS ON MULTIPLE LEVELS.

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TUESDAY TO FRIDAY  
CLOSED MONDAYS (AUSTERITY),  
HOLIDAYS AND WEEKENDS

*The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor*

*Vince Lombardi*

*Thank You Registrants for your continued commitment and hard work.*

### OUR AFFILIATES

