



CHAPTER 14
ARTICLE 21 - FORGERY

N.C.G.S. § 14-122.1.

Falsifying documents issued by
a secondary school, postsecondary
educational institution, or governmental
agency.

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- § 14-122.1(a) It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly and willfully:
- (1) To make falsely or alter falsely, or to procure to be made falsely or altered falsely, or to aid or assist in making falsely or altering falsely, a diploma, certificate, license, or transcript signifying merit or achievement in an educational program issued by a secondary school, a postsecondary educational institution, or a governmental agency;
 - (2) To sell, give, buy, or obtain, or to procure to be sold, given, bought, or obtained, or to aid or assist in selling, giving, buying, or obtaining, a diploma, certificate, license, or transcript, which he knows is false, signifying merit or achievement in an educational program issued by a secondary school, a postsecondary educational institution, or a governmental agency;
 - (3) To use, offer, or present as genuine a falsely made or falsely altered diploma, certificate, license, or transcript signifying merit or achievement in an educational program issued by a secondary school, a postsecondary educational institution, or a governmental agency, which he knows is false; or

(4) To make a false written representation of fact that he has received a degree or other certification signifying merit, achievement, or completion of an educational program involving study, experience, or testing from a secondary school, a postsecondary educational institution or governmental agency in an application for:

- § 14-122.1(a)Employment;
- § 14-122.1(b)Admission to an educational program;
- § 14-122.1(c)Award; or
- § 14-122.1(d)For the purpose of inducing another to issue a diploma, certificate, license, or transcript signifying merit or achievement in an educational program of a secondary school, postsecondary educational institution, or a governmental agency.
- § 14-122.1(b)As used in this section, "postsecondary educational institution" means a technical college, community college, junior college, college, or university. As used in this section, "governmental agency" means any agency of a State or local government or of the federal government. As used in this section, "secondary school" means grades 9 through 12.
- § 14-122.1(c)Any person who violates a provision of this section shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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4 ACTS

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01	1981	c. 146, s. 1	ENACTED

02	1987	c. 388	AMENDED
03	1993	c. 539, s. 66	AMENDED
04	1994	Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c)	AMENDED

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-122.1 (1994).

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