

STATE BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE (BPOL)

Entry into certain businesses, occupations, and professions is regulated by respective Virginia regulatory agencies. Before beginning operations in the state, businesses must be licensed. Minimum standards for education and training are established by the regulatory bodies which may also require applicants to take an oral or written examination.

Occupations and business operations which require state licensing, and the responsible Virginia agency are listed below.

Alcoholic Beverage

For licenses involving the following alcoholic beverage activities:

- Production
- Distribution
- Storage
- Transportation/Sales

Contact: *Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, (703) 518-8090 or (804) 213-4400. See the appendix for the address of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.*

Education Professions

For licenses involving the following professions:

- Guidance Counselor
- Public School Administrator
- Teacher

Contact: *Office of Teacher Licensure, Virginia Department of Education (804) 225-2022. See appendix for the address of the Virginia Department of Education.*

Health Professions

For licenses involving the following professions:

- Audiology
- Dentistry
- Funeral Directors/Embalmers
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Nursing Home Administrators
- Optometry
- Pharmacy
- Professional Counselors
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Speech Pathology

- Veterinary Medicine

Contact: *Virginia Department of Health Professions, (804) 662-9900.* See the appendix for the address of the Virginia Department of Health Professions.

Department of Professional & Occupational Regulation

For licenses involving the following professions:

- Architects
- Asbestos Occupations
- Auctioneers
- Boxing/Wrestling
- Barber
- Branch Pilot
- Certified Interior Designer
- Certified Public Accountant
- Contractor
- Cosmetologist
- Engineer, Professional
- Geologist
- Hearing Aid Specialist
- Landscape Architect
- Land Surveyor
- Optician
- Polygraph Examiner
- Real Estate Agent
- Real Estate Appraiser
- Soil Scientist
- Water/Wastewater Works Operators
- Works Management Facility Operators

Contact: *Virginia Department of Professional & Occupational Regulation, (804) 367-8500.* See the appendix for the address of the Virginia Department of Professional & Occupational Regulation.