

TIMELINE OF REGULATORY PROGRAMS



1783

BRANCH PILOTS

Protecting Virginians by regulating certain professions and occupations dates back to the seventeenth century, when pilots navigating the Commonwealth's waterways gave "branches" to show a ship's captain they were capable of directing the ship to safe harbor. In 1670, Virginia's House of Burgesses formalized the regulation of this profession, and in 1783, the House of Delegates created the Board for Branch Pilots.



1950s, 60s & 70s

OPTICIANS | 1954

- BARBERS & COSMETOLOGISTS | 1962
- POLYGRAPH EXAMINERS | 1968
- HEARING AID SPECIALISTS | 1970
- WATER & WASTEWATER WORKS OPERATORS | 1971
- DPO re-named Dept. of Commerce (DOC) | 1977



2000s

CERTIFIED HOME INSPECTORS | 2001 *UPGRADED TO LICENSED IN 2017*

- GAS-FITTERS | 2001
- WAX TECHNICIANS | 2002
- TATTOOISTS & BODY PIERCERS | 2004
- WETLAND DELINEATORS | 2004
- ELEVATOR MECHANICS | 2004
- WATER WELL CONTRACTORS | 2007
- ESTHETICIANS | 2007
- COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITY MANAGERS | 2008
- ONSITE SEWAGE SYSTEM PROFESSIONALS | 2009

1920s, 30s & 40s

ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS & LAND SURVEYORS | 1920

- 1924 | REAL ESTATE
- 1938 | CONTRACTORS
- 1948 | Dept. of Professional & Occupational Registration (DPO) created



1980s & 90s

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS | 1980

- 1983 | AUCTIONEERS
- 1984 | GEOLOGISTS
- 1988 | ASBESTOS WORKERS & CONTRACTORS
- 1989 | SOIL SCIENTISTS
- 1990 | CERTIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNERS
- 1990 | REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS
- 1991 | WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY OPERATORS
- 1992 | NAIL TECHNICIANS
- 1993 | DOC re-named Dept. of Professional & Occupational Regulation (DPOR)
- 1994 | TRADESMEN
- 1994 | LEAD ABATEMENT WORKERS & CONTRACTORS
- 1998 | CEMETERY COMPANIES & SALESPERSONS
- 1998 | PROFESSIONAL BOXING & WRESTLING
- 1998 | BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE WORKERS



2010s

MOLD REMEDIATORS | 2011 *DEREGULATED IN 2012*

- RESIDENTIAL BUILDING ENERGY ANALYSTS | 2011
- TIME-SHARE RESELLER REGISTRATION | 2012
- APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES | 2014
- CNG AUTO MECHANICS | 2014 (*DEREGULATED IN 2020*)
- AMATEUR MARTIAL ARTS | 2015
- METH LAB REMEDIATION CONTRACTORS | 2016
- FIRE SPRINKLER INSPECTORS | 2019



TODAY

DPOR PROVIDES LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT TO 18 REGULATORY BOARDS +
THE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL & OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION