



Summary of Virginia Licensing Requirements BOARD FOR BARBERS & COSMETOLOGY

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<p>Cosmetologist</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of an Approved Training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1,500 hours in licensed Virginia school; <i>or</i> ○ 3,000-hour Registered Apprenticeship (DOLI); <i>or</i> ○ Virginia High School Cosmetology Program; <i>or</i> ○ Equivalent Out-of-State program* (U.S. Only) • Pass written and practical exam • Submit License Application and Fee
<p>Barber</p> <p>NOTE: Regulations to establish Master Barber license requirements are currently under development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of an Approved Training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1,100 hours in licensed Virginia school; <i>or</i> ○ 2,000-hour Registered Apprenticeship (DOLI); <i>or</i> ○ Virginia High School Barber Program; <i>or</i> ○ Equivalent Out-of-State program* (U.S. Only) • Pass written and practical exam • Submit License Application and Fee
<p>Nail Technician</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of an Approved Training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 150 hours in licensed Virginia school; <i>or</i> ○ 2,000-hour Registered Apprenticeship (DOLI); <i>or</i> ○ Virginia High School Nail Tech Program; <i>or</i> ○ Equivalent Out-of-State program* (U.S. Only) • Pass written and practical exam • Submit License Application and Fee
<p>Wax Technician</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of an Approved Training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 115 hours in licensed Virginia school; <i>or</i> ○ Equivalent Out-of-State program* (U.S. Only) • Pass written and practical exam • Submit License Application and Fee
<p>Esthetician</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of an Approved Training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 600 hours in licensed Virginia school; <i>or</i> ○ 2,000-hour Registered Apprenticeship (DOLI); <i>or</i> ○ Equivalent Out-of-State program* • Pass written and practical exam • Submit License Application and Fee
<p>Master Esthetician</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virginia Esthetician License • Completion of an Approved Training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 600 hours in licensed Virginia school; <i>or</i> ○ 2,000-hour Registered Apprenticeship (DOLI); <i>or</i> ○ Equivalent Out-of-State program* • Pass written and practical exam • Submit License Application and Fee

Tattooer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of an Approved Training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 750 hours in licensed Virginia school; <i>or</i> ○ 1,500 hour Registered Apprenticeship (DPOR); <i>or</i> ○ For Out-of-State applicants (U.S. Only): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Equivalent Out-of-State program* <i>or</i> 3 years legal tattooing experience out of last 5 years, <u>AND</u> ▪ Approved bloodborne pathogen, CPR, and First Aid (<i>see</i> approved providers guidance document) • Pass written exam • Submit License Application and Fee
Permanent Cosmetic Tattooer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of an Approved Training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 90 hours in licensed Virginia school; <i>or</i> ○ For Out-of-State applicants (U.S. Only): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Equivalent Out-of-State program* <i>or</i> 3 years legal tattooing experience out of last 5 years, <u>AND</u> ▪ Approved bloodborne pathogen, CPR, and First Aid (<i>see</i> approved providers guidance document) • Pass written exam • Submit License Application and Fee
Master Permanent Cosmetic Tattooer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of an Approved Training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Training must include cheek blush, eye shadow, breast and scar re-pigmentation or camouflage (U.S. Only) • Pass written exam • Submit License Application and Fee
Body-Piercer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of an Approved Training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1,500-hour Registered Apprenticeship (DPOR) ○ For Out-of-State applicants (U.S. Only): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Equivalent Out-of-State program* <i>or</i> 3 years legal tattooing experience out of last 5 years, <u>AND</u> ▪ Approved bloodborne pathogen, CPR, and First Aid (<i>see</i> approved providers guidance document) • Pass written exam • Submit License Application and Fee
Ear-Only Body-Piercer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training on a mechanized, pre-sterilized ear-piercing system that penetrates the outer perimeter and/or lobe of the ear and aftercare of piercing • Approved bloodborne pathogen, CPR, and First Aid (<i>see</i> approved providers guidance document) • Submit License Application and Fee

***ATTENTION:** Out-of-State Applicants

If your training consisted of the same or more hours than the Virginia requirement, you must submit documentation of your training (*see* [Training & Experience Verification Form](#)).

If your hours were less than Virginia's requirement, then you must submit proof of 6 months' work experience along with your training documentation (*see* [Training & Experience Verification Form](#)).