



In addition to the requirements below, all applicants must submit a license application and fee.

<p><b>Cosmetologist</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of an Approved Training Program               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1,500 hours in <a href="#">licensed Virginia school</a>; <i>or</i></li> <li>○ 3,000-hour Registered Apprenticeship (DOLI); <i>or</i></li> <li>○ Virginia High School Cosmetology Program; <i>or</i></li> <li>○ Equivalent Out-of-State program* (U.S. Only)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pass written and practical exam</li> </ul>
<p><b>Barber</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of an Approved Training Program               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1,100 hours in <a href="#">licensed Virginia school</a>; <i>or</i></li> <li>○ 2,000-hour Registered Apprenticeship (DOLI); <i>or</i></li> <li>○ Virginia High School Barber Program; <i>or</i></li> <li>○ Equivalent Out-of-State program* ++ (U.S. Only)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pass written and practical exam</li> </ul>
<p><b>Master Barber</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of an Approved Training Program               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 400 hours of master barber training in <a href="#">licensed Virginia school</a>; <i>or</i></li> <li>○ 1,500 hours of dual barber/master barber training in <a href="#">licensed Virginia school</a>; <i>or</i></li> <li>○ Virginia High School Barber Program; <i>or</i></li> <li>○ Equivalent Out-of-State program* ++ (U.S. Only)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pass written and practical exam</li> </ul>
<p><b>Nail Technician</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of an Approved Training Program               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 150 hours in <a href="#">licensed Virginia school</a>; <i>or</i></li> <li>○ 2,000-hour Registered Apprenticeship (DOLI); <i>or</i></li> <li>○ Virginia High School Nail Tech Program; <i>or</i></li> <li>○ Equivalent Out-of-State program* (U.S. Only)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pass written and practical exam</li> </ul>
<p><b>Wax Technician</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of an Approved Training Program               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 115 hours in <a href="#">licensed Virginia school</a>; <i>or</i></li> <li>○ Equivalent Out-of-State program* (U.S. Only)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pass written and practical exam</li> </ul>
<p><b>Esthetician</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of an Approved Training Program               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 600 hours in <a href="#">licensed Virginia school</a>; <i>or</i></li> <li>○ 2,000-hour Registered Apprenticeship (DOLI); <i>or</i></li> <li>○ Equivalent Out-of-State program*</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pass written and practical exam</li> </ul>

<b>Master Esthetician</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virginia Esthetician License</li> <li>• Completion of an Approved Training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 600 hours in <a href="#">licensed Virginia school</a>; <i>or</i></li> <li>○ 2,000-hour Registered Apprenticeship (DOLI); <i>or</i></li> <li>○ Equivalent Out-of-State program*</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pass written and practical exam</li> </ul>
<b>Tattooer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of an Approved Training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1000 hours in <a href="#">licensed Virginia school</a>; <i>or</i></li> <li>○ 1,500 hour Licensed Apprenticeship (DPOR); <i>or</i></li> <li>○ For Out-of-State applicants (U.S. Only): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Equivalent Out-of-State program* <i>or</i> 3 years legal tattooing experience out of last 5 years, <u>AND</u></li> <li>▪ Approved bloodborne pathogen, CPR, and First Aid (<i>see</i> <a href="#">approved providers guidance document</a>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pass written exam</li> </ul>
<b>Permanent Cosmetic Tattooer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of an Approved Training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 200 hours in <a href="#">licensed Virginia school</a>; <i>or</i></li> <li>○ For Out-of-State applicants (U.S. Only): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Equivalent Out-of-State program* <i>or</i> 3 years legal tattooing experience out of last 5 years, <u>AND</u></li> <li>▪ Approved bloodborne pathogen, CPR, and First Aid (<i>see</i> <a href="#">approved providers guidance document</a>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pass written exam</li> </ul>
<b>Master Permanent Cosmetic Tattooer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of an Approved Training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 200 hours in <a href="#">licensed Virginia school</a></li> <li>○ Training must include cheek blush, eye shadow, breast and scar re-pigmentation or camouflage (U.S. Only)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pass written exam</li> </ul>
<b>Body-Piercer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of an Approved Training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1,500-hour Licensed Apprenticeship (DPOR)</li> <li>○ For Out-of-State applicants (U.S. Only): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Equivalent Out-of-State program* <i>or</i> 3 years legal tattooing experience out of last 5 years, <u>AND</u></li> <li>▪ Approved bloodborne pathogen, CPR, and First Aid (<i>see</i> <a href="#">approved providers guidance document</a>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pass written exam</li> </ul>
<b>Ear-Only Body-Piercer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training on a mechanized, pre-sterilized ear-piercing system that penetrates the outer perimeter and/or lobe of the ear and aftercare of piercing</li> <li>• Approved bloodborne pathogen, CPR, and First Aid (<i>see</i> <a href="#">approved providers guidance document</a>)</li> </ul>

**\*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](#)).

**†† Out-of-State Barber/Master Barber Applicants**

If your barber training and scope of practice included chemical texture services, please contact the Board directly to determine whether you qualify for the master barber license.