



Mission: Protect the health, safety and welfare of the public by licensing qualified individuals and businesses and enforcing standards of professional conduct for professions and occupations as designated by statute.

Who We Are

DPOR has protected the public since 1948, continuing a tradition more than 300 years old in Virginia. We support 18 regulatory boards that uphold standards for a variety of professionals that Virginians rely on every day—from contractors and real estate agents to cosmetologists, engineers, and home inspectors. Our priority is to protect the public while helping qualified professionals enter the workforce, grow their careers, and strengthen communities across the Commonwealth.

Who We Serve

We help **consumers**:

- Check if a professional is properly licensed
- File complaints when something goes wrong
- Understand their rights

We help **professionals & businesses**:

- Apply for or renew a license
- Understand regulations
- Stay compliant

What We Do

Licensing

We review applications, issue licenses, and maintain records for more than 325,000 individuals and businesses across dozens of professions and hundreds of license types.

Enforcement & Compliance

We investigate complaints, enforce regulations, and help resolve disputes to keep people safe. Our Fair Housing Office protects people from housing discrimination by investigating complaints and enforcing state and federal laws.

Education & Outreach

We provide information, resources, and guidance to help both consumers and professionals understand the rules.

By the Numbers

- **325,000+** - Individuals and businesses licensed by DPOR to operate in Virginia.
- **\$25 million** - Yearly boost in earning potential for contractors thanks to multilingual applications and exams.
- **1,900+** - Remote exams in 2025, increasing access for professionals.
- **43,000+** - New licenses issued to professionals since January 2025.
- **49** - Professions and occupations regulated by DPOR.
- **1670** - Year that Virginia began regulating Branch Pilots.
- **18** - Regulatory boards that set standards and review cases.
- **1,800+** - Investigations of reported violations completed since July 2024.
- **\$2.1 million** - Amount DPOR has recovered for consumers harmed by improper conduct in regulated professions since July 2024.
- **1,800+** - Professionals who have transferred their licenses from other states to Virginia under the Universal License Program.

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