



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

Cosmetologist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of an Approved Training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1,000 hours in licensed Virginia school; <i>or</i> ○ Completed Registered Apprenticeship (Virginia Works); <i>or</i> ○ Virginia High School Cosmetology Program; <i>or</i> ○ Equivalent Out-of-State program* (U.S. Only) ○ Equivalent Out-of-Country program** • Pass written and practical exam
Barber	<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> ○ Completed Registered Apprenticeship (Virginia Works); <i>or</i> ○ Equivalent Out-of-State program* ++ (U.S. Only) ○ Equivalent Out-of-Country program** • Pass written and practical exam
Master Barber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of an Approved Training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 250 hours of master barber training in licensed Virginia school; <i>or</i> ○ 1,000 hours of dual barber/master barber training in licensed Virginia school; <i>or</i> ○ Virginia High School Master Barber Program; <i>or</i> ○ Equivalent Out-of-State program* ++ (U.S. Only) ○ Equivalent Out-of-Country program** • Pass written and practical exam
Nail Technician	<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> ○ Completed Registered Apprenticeship (Virginia Works); <i>or</i> ○ Virginia High School Nail Tech Program; <i>or</i> ○ Equivalent Out-of-State program* (U.S. Only) ○ Equivalent Out-of-Country program** • Pass written and practical exam
Wax Technician	<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) ○ Equivalent Out-of-Country program** • Pass written and practical exam
Esthetician	<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>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Completed Registered Apprenticeship (Virginia Works); <i>or</i> ○ Equivalent Out-of-State program* ○ Equivalent Out-of-Country program** ● Pass written and practical exam
Master Esthetician	<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> ○ Completed Registered Apprenticeship (Virginia Works); <i>or</i> ○ Equivalent Out-of-State program* ○ Equivalent Out-of-Country program** ● Pass written and practical exam
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 Licensed 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 and First Aid (<i>see approved providers guidance document</i>) ● Pass written exam
Permanent Cosmetic Tattooer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Completion of an Approved Training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 200 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 and First Aid (<i>see approved providers guidance document</i>) ● Pass written exam
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 cleft lip, breast, and scar regimentation, blush, camouflage, and eyeshadow (U.S. Only) ● Pass written exam
Body-Piercer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Completion of an Approved Training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1,500-hour Licensed 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 body-piercer experience out of last 3 years, <u>AND</u> ▪ Approved bloodborne pathogen, CPR, and First Aid (<i>see approved providers guidance document</i>) ● Pass written exam
Ear-Piercer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Completion of an approved training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 500 hour licensed apprenticeship (DPOR)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For Out-of-State program* (U.S. Only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equivalent Out-of-State program* or 3 years of legal body-piercer experience out of the last 5 years, AND • Approved bloodborne pathogen, CPR, and First Aid (see approved providers guidance document) • Pass written exam
<p>Ear-Piercer Earlobe Only</p>	<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, and First Aid (see approved providers guidance document)

***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.

****ATTENTION: Out-of-Country Applicants**

If your training was obtained outside of the United States or its Territories, you must submit a translated transcript from an accredited translation service detailing your training.