

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING AN APPLICATION TO PRACTICE RESPIRATORY THERAPY IN VIRGINIA

(This form has been designed to be used as a checklist when preparing to submit your application.)

APPLICATION FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE
BEFORE YOU PROCEED, READ THE FOLLOWING POINTS CAREFULLY!

NOTE

AN APPLICATION THAT IS NOT COMPLETE EXPIRES ONE YEAR AFTER IT IS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO ENSURE THAT ALL NECESSARY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ARRIVE AT THE BOARD PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE. IF THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION EXPIRES, THE APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT ANOTHER APPLICATION, PAY THE APPLICATION FEE AGAIN AND ENSURE THAT NEW SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ALSO GET TO THE BOARD.

This is the application for a full and unrestricted license to practice respiratory therapy in Virginia.

You should familiarize yourself with the qualifications required for a full license by reviewing the laws and regulations governing the practice of respiratory therapy in Virginia. They can be found at:
<https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Medicine/PractitionerResources/LawsRegulations/>

The Board works as efficiently as possible to process applications. The time from filing an application with the Board until the issuance of a license is dependent upon entities over which the Board has no control. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that outside entities send the necessary documentation to the Board. You should not expect the process to take less than 2-3 months, so plan accordingly if you are pursuing a practice position in Virginia.

NB: Virginia law considers material misrepresentation of fact in an application for licensure to be a Class 1 misdemeanor. Misrepresentation may be by commission or omission. Be sure of your facts and provide full responses to the Board's questions.

A completed application must be returned to this office along with the fee of \$130.00. Applications and fees must be received together. Only checks or money orders are accepted. Please make your payment instrument payable to the "Treasurer of Virginia."

Certain forms may be faxed to 804-527-4426. The phone number to the Virginia Board of Medicine is 804-367-4600. The Board's email address is respther-medbd@dhp.virginia.gov.

Mailing Address

Virginia Board of Medicine
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300
Henrico, VA 23233-1463

The Board of Medicine discourages the use of the United States Postal Service to send documents. If possible, and if noted below, you are encouraged to have your documents sent by pdf attachment or FAX. The Board is unable to trace documents not delivered by the post office. If you wish to send your documents by overnight mail, please use FED EX or UPS.

PROCEEDING TO THE APPLICATION SIGNIFIES THAT YOU HAVE READ AND ACCEPT THE FOREGOING PRINCIPLES REGARDING THE BOARD'S PROCESSES.

1. Application/Fee – Complete the online application at <https://www.license.dhp.virginia.gov/apply/> which includes paying the nonrefundable application fee of \$130. Application fee may only be paid using Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express. Applications submitted without the application fee will be returned.
2. An applicant for a license to practice as a respiratory therapist shall provide original source documentation (not a copy) of the following:
1. Current credential as a Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) or a Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) from the National Board of Respiratory Care (NBRC) <https://onlineprod.nbrc.org/auth;>
 2. Graduation from an accredited educational program for respiratory therapists.
3. Copies of documentation supporting any name change.
4. If you answer “yes” to any question 6-19, provide documentation to the Board from your attorney or you may provide a narrative explaining your answer. Please provide court documentation for any convictions.

PLEASE NOTE:

Pursuant to provision in Virginia Code Section §54.1-2955 (B.), if you are a new graduate of an accredited respiratory therapy education program, you may practice with the title "Respiratory Therapist, License Applicant" or "RT-Applicant" until you have received a failing score on the NBRC certification examination or six months from the date of your graduation, whichever occurs sooner. If you are employed or currently practicing respiratory therapy as a new graduate license applicant in Virginia, you must answer ‘Yes’ to this question on the application form and provide the date(s) and your location of your employment.

Items 5-7 are not required if you have never practiced your profession and you have never held licensure in another jurisdiction.

5. Employment Activity – List all activities from the date of graduation from your professional school including but not limited to internships, employment, affiliations, periods of non-activity or unemployment, observerships and volunteer service in the “Employment Activity” section of the application beginning with your first activity following professional school graduation. If you are employed by a group practice or traveler company, please list all locations where you have provided service or held privileges. If you need additional space to record your activities, follow this link to obtain a supplemental form and submit with your application:

Supplemental Form: <https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/media/dhpweb/docs/med/forms/SupplementalForm.pdf>

For an applicant practicing as a traveler, have the company you are affiliated with provide a complete list of all locations and dates where you have provided service.

6. Verification of professional licenses from a jurisdiction within the United States, its territories and possessions or Canada in which you have been issued a full license must be received by the Board. **Please contact the applicable jurisdiction where you have been issued a license to practice respiratory therapy to inquire about having documentation forwarded to the Virginia Board of Medicine.** Verification must come from the jurisdiction and maybe sent by email to respther-medbd@dhp.virginia.gov , faxed to (804) 527-4426 or mailed.

7. NPDB Self Query – Complete the online [Place a Self-Query Order form](https://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/) <https://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/>. Be ready to provide:

- o Identifying information such as name, date of birth, Social Security number
- o State health care license information (if you are licensed)
- o Credit or debit card information for the \$4.00 fee (charged for each copy you request)

Verify your identity. This can be done electronically as part of your order or by completing a paper form and having it notarized. You will receive full instructions as you complete your order.

Wait for your response. Once your identity is verified, the NPDB will process your order. A paper copy of your response will be sent the next business day by regular U.S. mail.

Please note that the Board will accept a digitally-certified electronic copy of the NPDB report that is emailed to the Board, in lieu of a mailed report.

Should you choose to mail your report, when you receive your report in the mail from NPDB, **DO NOT OPEN IT.** Place your unopened NPDB report in an oversized envelope and forward it to the Virginia Board of Medicine. The Board recommends using Fed EX or UPS for tracking purposes.

The Board of Medicine is unable to track any mail or other package that is sent via the United States Postal Service.

Any NPDB report received for an application not completed within 3 months of receipt of the NPDB report will have to be resubmitted.

Please note:

*Please be aware that consistent with Virginia law and the mission of the Department of Health Professions, public addresses on file with the Board of Medicine are made available to the public. The Board address noted on your application may be different from the public address and is not released to the public. This notice is to reiterate that the Board of Medicine will allow the Board address of record to be a Post Office Box or practice location.

*Applications will be acknowledged after receipt if items are missing.

*Applications not completed within 12 months may be purged without notice from the board.

*Additional information may be requested after review by Board representatives.

**Application fees are non-refundable.*

* Do not begin practice until you have been notified of approval. Submission of an application does not guarantee a license. A review of your application could result in the finding that you may not be eligible pursuant to Virginia laws and regulations.