

**Unified Regulatory Plan of the Department of
Professional and Occupational Regulation for State
Fiscal Year 2025**

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Description of Agency

Various separate licensing boards, each authorized to regulate the practice of one or more professions or occupations, are placed within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation for administrative purposes. For each regulatory board, the director of the department acts as secretary and administrative officer, maintains all records, collects and accounts for all fees, and enforces all applicable laws and regulations. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 3. See the separate listings for these boards in this title under Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects; Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors; Auctioneers; Barbers and Cosmetology; Branch Pilots; Cemetery; Common Interest Community; Contractors; Fair Housing; Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians; Real Estate Appraiser; Real Estate; Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists; Waste Management Facility Operators; and Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals.

Each of these regulatory boards is authorized to (i) establish the qualifications of applicants for certification or licensure; (ii) examine, or cause to be examined, the qualifications of each applicant, including when necessary the preparation, administration and grading of examinations; (iii) certify or license qualified applicants as practitioners; (iv) levy and collect fees; (v) promulgate regulations necessary to ensure continued competency, to prevent deceptive or misleading practices by practitioners, and to effectively administer the regulatory system administered by the board; (vi) ensure that inspections are conducted relating to the practice of each practitioner certified or licensed by the board; (vii) revoke, suspend or fail to renew a certificate or license for just causes as enumerated in regulations of the board; (viii) receive complaints concerning the conduct of any person whose activities are regulated by the board; (ix) provide a respondent in a disciplinary case with notice of his due process rights; and (x) promulgate canons of ethics under which the professional activities of persons regulated shall be conducted. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 2.

In addition to its functions concerned with separate regulatory boards, the department is authorized to make regulations for (i) the licensing of boxing, martial arts, or professional wrestling events and those persons involved in such events as a promoter, matchmaker, trainer, boxer, martial artist or wrestler, as well as the authorization of approved sanctioning organizations to oversee amateur martial arts events and their participants (Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 8.1) ; and (ii) the licensing of polygraph examiners and the approval of schools in which courses of instruction in the detection of deception are taught (Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 18).

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Repeal of 2nd Weigh-in Requirement (Tentative)	
Brief Overview The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation plans to amend the Virginia Professional Boxing and Wrestling Events Regulations (18VAC120-40) to repeal a requirement that boxers undergo a second weigh-in two hours before an event’s scheduled start time.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule

Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The action will remove the current requirement that boxers undergo a second weigh-in two hours before an event's scheduled start time. 	
Expected Date	July 2024.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 5918 / Stage 10100		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Review of Standards of Practice and Conduct		
Brief Overview The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation is amending the Regulations Governing Polygraph Examiners (18VAC120-30) to align the provisions in the Standards of Practice and Conduct with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§ 2.2-3700 et seq. of the Code of Virginia). The change will require an examiner to disclose to an examinee that the examination is subject to disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.	
Expected Date	July 2024.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6366 / Stage 10181		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Regulations Governing Polygraph Examiners		
Brief Overview The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation is undertaking a general review of the Regulations Governing Polygraph Examiners (18VAC120-30). The regulation contains the requirements for the licensure of polygraph examiners, the registration of polygraph examiner interns, and approval of polygraph schools. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for regulants and approved schools. The review is being conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Department will adopt proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule

Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	As part of this action, the Department is reviewing discretionary requirements imposed on regulated parties to determine whether such requirements impose burdens that are not necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; or are not necessary to effectively administer the licensure program.	
Expected Date	July 2024.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6440 / Stage 10294		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Virginia Professional Boxing and Wrestling Events Regulations		
Brief Overview The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation is undertaking a general review of the Virginia Professional Boxing and Wrestling Events Regulations (18VAC120-40). The regulation contains the requirements for the licensure of boxers, martial artists, wrestlers, managers, matchmakers, promoters, trainers, seconds, and cut men; and provides for the licensing of, and conduct standards for, boxing, martial arts, and wrestling events. The review is being conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Department will adopt proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	As part of this action, the Department is reviewing discretionary requirements imposed on regulated parties to determine whether such requirements impose burdens that are not necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; or are not necessary to effectively administer the licensure program.	
Expected Date	January 2025.	

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Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Regulations Governing Polygraph Examiners		
Brief Overview The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation is undertaking a general review of the Regulations Governing Polygraph Examiners (18VAC120-30). The regulation contains the requirements for the licensure of polygraph examiners, the registration of polygraph examiner interns, and approval of polygraph schools. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for regulants and		

approved schools. The review is being conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Department will adopt final amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.	
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Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	As part of this action, the Department is reviewing discretionary requirements imposed on regulated parties to determine whether such requirements impose burdens that are not necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; or are not necessary to effectively administer the licensure program.
Expected Date	June 2025.

Description of Board

The Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects is a separate agency within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. The director of the department acts as the board's secretary and administrative officer. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 3. See the summary for the department for the powers and duties applicable to all regulatory boards. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 2.

The board is authorized to license and certify individuals and to register businesses for the practice of architecture, professional engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture, and interior design; to set standards for licensure and certification and for professional conduct; and to promulgate regulations for those purposes. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 4, and Title 13.1, Chapters 7 and 13.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Changes to LS/PE Requirements (Tentative)	
Brief Overview The Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects proposes to amend the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects Regulations (18VAC10-20) to reinstate provisions regarding licensure of professional engineers that were erroneously removed during a regulatory change that became effective in 2021. The action will also make clarifications or corrections to provisions applicable to land surveyor licensure and standards of procedure for land surveyors.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 5594 / Stage 9911	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Fee Adjustment	
Brief Overview The Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects proposes to amend the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects Regulations (18VAC10-20) to adjust its licensing fee structure. The Board must establish fees adequate to support the costs of the Board operations and a proportionate share of the Department's operations. By the close of the next biennium, fees will not provide adequate revenue for those costs.	

Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.	
Expected Date	November 2024.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6394 / Stage 10297		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers, and Landscape Architects Regulations		
Brief Overview The Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers, and Landscape Architects is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects Regulations (18VAC10-20). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure or certification for individuals in each of the regulated professions and for registration of business entities. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses, certificates, and business entity registrations. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for regulants. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Board will adopt proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.		
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Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	As part of this action, the Board is reviewing discretionary requirements imposed on regulated parties to determine whether such requirements impose burdens that are not necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; or are not necessary to effectively administer the licensure program.	
Expected Date	December 2024.	

Description of Board

The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors is a separate agency within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. The director of the department acts as the board's secretary and administrative officer. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 3. See the summary for the department for the powers and duties applicable to all regulatory boards. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 2.

The board is authorized to license individuals and businesses engaged in asbestos remediation or abatement and lead-based paint activities consistent with and not more stringent than federal regulations. The board is also responsible for establishing educational, experience, and examination requirements for the licensure of home inspectors. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 5.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not Available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Initial Auditing of Out-of-State Asbestos Courses Already Approved by MAP States	
Brief Overview	
The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors is proposing a guidance document associated with the Virginia Asbestos Licensing Regulations (18VAC15-20). The proposed guidance pertains to the auditing of asbestos courses that are conducted exclusively outside of Virginia. The proposed guidance provides that onsite audits are not required for final approval of asbestos courses with a primary location that is out-of-state, to be conducted solely out-of-state, so long as the course is currently approved by a federal model accreditation plan (MAP) state. Proof of MAP state approval must be submitted for verification purposes. If an out-of-state course has not received MAP state approval, an onsite audit will be conducted as part of the approval process.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not Available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Experience Verification when Applying under Universal License Recognition	
Brief Overview	
The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors is proposing a guidance document associated with the Home Inspector Licensing Regulations (18VAC15-40). The proposed guidance pertains to the verification of experience for home inspectors seeking recognition of work experience from a state that does not require home inspector licensure as provided for under § 54.1-205(B) of the Code of Virginia (Universal License Recognition) (effective July 1, 2023).	

The proposed guidance provides that in addition to the requirements in subdivisions 2-4 of subsection B of § 54.1-205 of the Code of Virginia, the Board will recognize work experience with a similar scope of practice of a home inspector as defined in § 54.1-500 of the Code of Virginia, as applicable, if the applicant has at least three years of documented experience performing home inspections as defined in § 54.1-500 of the Code of Virginia and as verified by a licensed or certified home inspector, real estate licensee, supervisor, attorney, or financial institution representative.	
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Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not Available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Granting Continuances for Disciplinary and Licensing Cases Brought Before the Board	
Brief Overview	
<p>The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors is proposing a guidance document associated with the Virginia Asbestos Licensing Regulations (18VAC15-20); Virginia Lead-Based Paint Activities Regulations (18VAC15-30); and Home Inspector Licensing Regulations (18VAC15-40).</p> <p>The guidance document establishes a written policy for regulated parties and the Board governing continuances for disciplinary and licensing cases. The policy provides that requests for continuance of a licensing case by be granted administratively by the Board’s Executive Director. The policy provides that requests for continuance of a disciplinary case may be granted administratively by the Board’s Executive Director if the recommended sanction in the case does not include license revocation. For a disciplinary case in which the recommended sanction includes license revocation, the Board by vote may grant a request for continuance.</p>	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6177 / Stage 9913	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document 2023 General Review	
Brief Overview The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Virginia Asbestos Licensing Regulations (18VAC15-20). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as an asbestos worker, supervisor, contractor, inspector, management planner, project monitor, project designer, or asbestos analytical laboratory, and for approval of accredited asbestos training programs. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses and training program approvals. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for licensees and accredited training programs. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). In August 2023, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing the restrictiveness of entry experience requirements for asbestos inspector, asbestos management planner, and asbestos project designer licenses; • Streamlining the requirements for a firm to obtain and maintain an asbestos contractor license; • Reducing the stringency of reporting requirements for asbestos analytical laboratories; and • Amending the conflict of interest provisions in the standards of practice and conduct to increase flexibility for asbestos contractors and asbestos analytical laboratories.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Maintenance of Insurance (Tentative)	
Brief Overview The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors plans to amend the Home Inspector Licensing Regulations (18VAC15-40) to address the maintenance of insurance required by 18VAC15-40-30 for home inspector licensure. A home inspector is required to obtain general liability insurance with minimum limitations of \$250,000 per occurrence. A business liability insurance policy or a commercial general liability insurance policy with minimum limits of \$250,000 may be considered to meet such requirement, so long as the home inspector is listed as an additional insured. A home	

inspector is required to report the cancellation, amendment, expiration, or any change in the policy to the Board. However, the regulation does not clearly obligate a home inspector to maintain this insurance policy. The action would amend 18VAC15-40-160 to include a provision requiring a home inspector to maintain this insurance policy.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6367 / Stage 10180	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Virginia Lead-Based Paint Activities Regulations	
Brief Overview The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Virginia Lead-Based Paint Activities Regulations (18VAC15-30). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as a lead worker, supervisor, contractor, inspector, risk assessor, or project designer, and for approval of accredited lead training programs. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses and training program approvals. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for licensees and accredited training programs; and standards for conducting lead-based paint activities to protect the public. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). In May 2024, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing entry requirements for a firm to obtain a lead contractor license; Removing unnecessary curriculum requirements for providers of accredited lead training programs; and Removing unnecessary and burdensome provisions from the standards of practice and conduct.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 5658 / Stage 9548	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document 2020-2021 General Review of Home Inspector Licensing Regulations	
Brief Overview The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Home Inspector Licensing Regulations (18VAC15-40). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as a home inspector and home inspector with a new residential structure specialty. The regulation also contains the requirements for obtaining approval of home inspector pre-license education training programs, new residential structure training modules, and new residential structure continuing professional education programs. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for licensees and Board-approved training programs. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022).	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates a points-based system for education and experience qualifications for licensure. The change will make qualification requirements less restrictive and allow for more individuals to qualify for licensure.
Expected Date	November 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6177 / Stage 9913	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document 2023 General Review	
Brief Overview The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Virginia Asbestos Licensing Regulations (18VAC15-20). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as an asbestos worker, supervisor, contractor, inspector, management planner, project monitor, project designer, or asbestos analytical laboratory, and for approval of accredited asbestos training programs. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses and training program approvals. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for licensees and accredited training programs. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Board will adopt the final regulation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document

Description of Board

The Auctioneers Board is a separate agency within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. The director of the department acts as the board's secretary and administrative officer. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 3. See the summary for the department for the powers and duties applicable to all regulatory boards. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 2.

The board is authorized to license individuals and firms to sell at auction in the Commonwealth based on successful completion of an approved course of study and passage of the Virginia Licensed Auctioneers Examination. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 6.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6153 / Stage 9881	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Regulatory Reduction Initiative	
Brief Overview The Auctioneers Board is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Regulations of the Virginia Auctioneers Board (18VAC25-21). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as an auctioneer or auctioneer firm, and for approval of auctioneer pre-license courses and continuing education courses. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for licensees and Board-approved courses. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). In January 2024, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing the restrictiveness of entry requirements for licensure for individuals with a prior criminal history; and Reducing the restrictiveness of provisions in the standards of practice, including requirements for advertising, display of licenses, and recordkeeping.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 5659 / Stage 9707	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Fee Adjustment	
Brief Overview The Auctioneers Board proposes to amend the Regulations of the Virginia Auctioneers Board (18VAC25-21) to adjust its licensing fee structure. The Board must establish fees adequate to support the costs of the Board operations and a proportionate share of the Department's operations. By the close of the next biennium, fees will not provide adequate revenue for those costs.	

Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
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Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.	
Expected Date	April 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6153 / Stage 9881		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Regulatory Reduction Initiative		
Brief Overview The Auctioneers Board is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Regulations of the Virginia Auctioneers Board (18VAC25-21). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as an auctioneer or auctioneer firm, and for approval of auctioneer pre-license courses and continuing education courses. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for licensees and Board-approved courses. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Board will adopt the final regulation.		
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Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing the restrictiveness of entry requirements for licensure for individuals with a prior criminal history; and Reducing the restrictiveness of provisions in the standards of practice, including requirements for advertising, display of licenses, and recordkeeping. 	
Expected Date	April 2025.	

Description of Board

The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology is a separate agency within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. The director of the department acts as the board's secretary and administrative officer. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 3. See the summary for the department for the powers and duties applicable to all regulatory boards. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 2.

The board is authorized to license individuals, businesses, and schools engaged in barbering, cosmetology, nail care, waxing, tattooing, body-piercing, and esthetics; to set standards for licensure and professional conduct; and to promulgate regulations for those purposes. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 7.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Non-Traditional Classroom Instruction	
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology is proposing an amendment to an existing guidance document associated with the Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations (18VAC41-20), the Tattooing Regulations (18VAC41-50), the Body-Piercing Regulations (18VAC41-60), and the Esthetics Regulations (18VAC41-70). The guidance document pertains to theory topics offered by non-traditional or online schools. The Board plans to amend the guidance document to provide guidance on which theory topics may be taught online and which topics are practical and must be completed in a “brick-and-mortar” classroom.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6339 / Stage 10155	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations	
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations (18VAC41-20). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as a barber, master barber, nail technician, wax technician, and cosmetology practitioner; licensure for facilities for these professions; school licenses for these professions; and certification as an instructor. The regulation also provides for renewal requirements, and standards of practice and conduct to ensure minimum competency of all regulants and applicants. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses and certifications. The regulation also provides for	

the standards of practice and conduct for regulants. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). In March 2024, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing the restrictiveness of entry requirements for licensure or certification for individuals with a prior criminal history; Reducing the stringency of requirements for individuals to become re-licensed after expiration of a license; and Reducing the number of minimum hours of required training for individuals to become licensed as a barber or master barber.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6342 / Stage 10156	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Tattooing Regulations	
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Tattooing Regulations (18VAC41-50). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as a tattooer, limited term tattooer, permanent cosmetic tattooer, or master permanent cosmetic tattooer; licensure for facilities for this profession; school licenses for this profession; and certification as an instructor. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses and certifications. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for regulants. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). In March 2024, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing the restrictiveness of entry requirements for licensure for individuals with a prior criminal history; Reducing the stringency of requirements for individuals to become re-licensed after expiration of a license; and Allowing for the licensure of mobile tattoo shops and salons.

Expected Date	July 2024.
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Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6343 / Stage 10159	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Body-Piercing Regulations	
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Body-Piercing Regulations (18VAC41-60). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as a body-piercer; licensure for facilities for this profession; and apprenticeship programs for this profession. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for regulants. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). In March 2024, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing the restrictiveness of entry requirements for licensure for individuals with a prior criminal history; • Reducing the stringency of requirements for individuals to become re-licensed after expiration of a license; and • Allowing for the licensure of mobile body-piercing salons.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6344 / Stage 10160	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Esthetics Regulations	
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Esthetics Regulations (18VAC41-70). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as an esthetician or master esthetician; licensure for facilities for these professions; school licenses for these professions; and certification as an instructor. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses and certifications. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for regulants. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). In March 2024, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document

Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing the restrictiveness of entry requirements for licensure or certification for individuals with a prior criminal history; • Reducing the stringency of requirements for individuals to become re-licensed after expiration of a license; and • Removing unnecessary requirements related to minimum equipment for esthetics schools.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Cosmetology Compact Implementation (Tentative.)	
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology anticipates initiating an emergency rulemaking to amend the Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations (18VAC41-20) to implement Chapter 281 of the 2024 Acts of Assembly (HB 322). The legislation creates a multistate license to allow for the uninterrupted practice of cosmetology between member states and supporting the relocation of military members and their spouses by enabling continuation of practice. The legislation requires the Board to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the legislation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	The compact allows for the creation of a multi-state cosmetology license that would be accepted as a universal credential among the member states of the compact. The changes to the regulation would implement the multi-state licensure scheme in Virginia. Individuals holding a multi-state license would not be required to obtain a new license when practicing in Virginia.
Expected Date	August 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Cosmetology Training Hours Reduction Implementation (Tentative.)	
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology is expected to propose a new guidance document associated with the Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations (18VAC41-20). The guidance document will provide direction to regulated parties and staff regarding the implementation of the Board's reduction of minimum cosmetology training hours (Action 6010 / Stage 10261) expected to become effective in September 2024. The regulatory change reduces the number of training hours required for a	

cosmetology license and revises the curriculum standards for cosmetology programs. The guidance document will provide direction to schools as to how to comply with the new program requirements, including timelines for submission of amended training curricula to the Board. The guidance document will also “grandfather” students enrolled in a cosmetology school prior to the effective date of the regulatory change by allowing these students to complete their current training program and qualify for licensure under the existing standard.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.
Expected Date	August 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Esthetics & Master Esthetics Training Hours Reduction (Tentative)	
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to undertake a review of the training requirements for the esthetics and master esthetics licenses in the Esthetics Regulations (18VAC41-70). The Board is expected to review the training topics, training hours, and performances standards for schools in the esthetics and master esthetics curriculum.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	As part of this action, the Board will review requirements imposed on regulated parties to determine whether such requirements impose burdens that are not necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; or are not necessary to effectively administer the licensure program.
Expected Date	January 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Body-Piercing School Requirements (Tentative)	
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to undertake a regulatory action to amend the Body-Piercing Regulations (18VAC41-60) to establish licensure requirements for body-piercing schools. In	

accordance with § 54.1-704.2 of the Code of Virginia, no person, firm, or corporation is permitted to operate or attempt to operate a school of body-piercing unless licensed by the Board pursuant to its regulations. The action is expected to establish the (i) minimum requirements for licensure of body-piercing schools; (ii) standards for body-piercing school curriculum; (iii) requirements for maintaining and renewing licenses; and (iv) standards of practice for body-piercing schools.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.
Expected Date	January 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6339 / Stage 10155	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations	
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations (18VAC41-20). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as a barber, master barber, nail technician, wax technician, and cosmetology practitioner; licensure for facilities for these professions; school licenses for these professions; and certification as an instructor. The regulation also provides for renewal requirements, and standards of practice and conduct to ensure minimum competency of all regulants and applicants. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses and certifications. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for regulants. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Board will adopt the final regulation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing the restrictiveness of entry requirements for licensure or certification for individuals with a prior criminal history; Reducing the stringency of requirements for individuals to become re-licensed after expiration of a license; and Reducing the number of minimum hours of required training for individuals to become licensed as a barber or master barber.
Expected Date	May 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6342 / Stage 10156	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Tattooing Regulations	
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Tattooing Regulations (18VAC41-50). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as a tattooer, limited term tattooer, permanent cosmetic tattooer, or master permanent cosmetic tattooer; licensure for facilities for this profession; school licenses for this profession; and certification as an instructor. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses and certifications. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for regulants. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Board will adopt the final regulation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing the restrictiveness of entry requirements for licensure for individuals with a prior criminal history; • Reducing the stringency of requirements for individuals to become re-licensed after expiration of a license; and • Allowing for the licensure of mobile tattoo shops and salons.
Expected Date	May 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6343 / Stage 10159	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Body-Piercing Regulations	
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Body-Piercing Regulations (18VAC41-60). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as a body-piercer; licensure for facilities for this profession; and apprenticeship programs for this profession. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for regulants. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Board will adopt the final regulation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action

	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing the restrictiveness of entry requirements for licensure for individuals with a prior criminal history; • Reducing the stringency of requirements for individuals to become re-licensed after expiration of a license; and • Allowing for the licensure of mobile body-piercing salons.
Expected Date	May 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6344 / Stage 10160	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Esthetics Regulations	
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Esthetics Regulations (18VAC41-70). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as an esthetician or master esthetician; licensure for facilities for these professions; school licenses for these professions; and certification as an instructor. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses and certifications. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for regulants. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Board will adopt the final regulation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing the restrictiveness of entry requirements for licensure or certification for individuals with a prior criminal history; • Reducing the stringency of requirements for individuals to become re-licensed after expiration of a license; and • Removing unnecessary requirements related to minimum equipment for esthetics schools.
Expected Date	May 2025.

Description of Board

The Board for Branch Pilots is a separate agency within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. The director of the department acts as the board's secretary and administrative officer. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 3. See the summary for the department for the powers and duties applicable to all regulatory boards. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 2.

The board is authorized to license branch pilots and limited branch pilots, promulgate regulations for their proper government, and prescribe penalties for violations. It may decide any controversy between pilots or between a pilot and the master, owner, or consignee of any vessel, and may enter money judgments. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 9.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6001 / Stage 9939	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amend Reporting Requirements	
Brief Overview The Board for Branch Pilots is amending the Board for Branch Pilots Regulations (18VAC45-20) to clarify the Board has the authority to deny an initial or renewal license if the applicant performs or attempts to perform any of his duties while under the influence of marijuana in addition to alcohol or any medication, controlled substance, or otherwise. The amendments also clarify that the Medical Review Officer (MRO) must report when any presence of a marijuana is found in specifically in addition to the presence of drugs or alcohol that may impair the safe discharge for the branch pilot's duties. In March 2024, the Board adopted a final regulation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6338 / Stage 10154	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Board for Branch Pilots Regulations	
Brief Overview The Board for Branch Pilots is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Board for Branch Pilots Regulations (18VAC45-20). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as a branch pilot or limited branch pilot. The regulation provides for renewal of licenses. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for regulants, and requirements for random chemical testing of pilots. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). In March 2024, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.	

Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revising provisions in the prohibited acts to reduce requirements. 	
Expected Date	July 2024.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Action 6338 / Stage 10154		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
General Review of Board for Branch Pilots Regulations		
Brief Overview		
<p>The Board for Branch Pilots is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Board for Branch Pilots Regulations (18VAC45-20). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as a branch pilot or limited branch pilot. The regulation provides for renewal of licenses. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for regulants, and requirements for random chemical testing of pilots. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Board will adopt the final regulation.</p>		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revising provisions in the prohibited acts to reduce requirements. 	
Expected Date	May 2025.	

Description of Board

The Cemetery Board is a separate agency within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. The director of the department acts as the board's secretary and administrative officer. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 3. See the summary for the department for the powers and duties applicable to all regulatory boards. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 2.

The board regulates non-exempt, for-profit cemeteries offering perpetual care or pre-need services. The board is authorized to (i) license cemetery companies; (ii) regulate preneed burial contracts and disclosure requirements; (iii) require and regulate trust fund accounts; (iv) register sales personnel employed by a cemetery company; and (v) establish qualifications and standards of conduct for compliance agents. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 23.1.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6442 / Stage 10292	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Cemetery Board Rules and Regulations	
Brief Overview The Cemetery Board is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Cemetery Board Rules and Regulations (18VAC47-20). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure for cemetery companies and registration of sales personnel. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses and certificates. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for regulants. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022).	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	As part of this action, the Board is reviewing discretionary requirements imposed on regulated parties to determine whether such requirements impose burdens that are not necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; or are not necessary to effectively administer the licensure program.
Expected Date	January 2025.

Description of Board

The Common Interest Community Board is a separate agency within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. The director of the department acts as the board's secretary and administrative officer. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 3. See the summary for the department for the powers and duties applicable to all regulatory boards. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 2.

The board is authorized to regulate common interest community managers and their supervisory and principal employees. The board is responsible for administering Virginia's common interest community and property registration laws: Common Interest Communities (Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 23.3), Condominium Act (Code of Virginia, Title 55, Chapter 4.2), Virginia Real Estate Time-Share Act (Code of Virginia, Title 55, Chapter 21), Virginia Real Estate Cooperative Act (Code of Virginia, Title 55, Chapter 24), Property Owners' Association Act (Code of Virginia, Title 55, Chapter 26), and Common Interest Community Management Information Fund (Code of Virginia, Title 55, Chapter 29). The board is authorized to promulgate regulations to fulfill the requirements of these acts, which generally require registration and disclosure by developers and filing of annual reports by owners' associations.

The board regulates the sale of new condominiums and time-shares units, including transactions occurring within Virginia even if the property involved is located outside the Commonwealth, as well as resellers of time-shares.

Finally, the board is responsible for establishing regulations requiring each condominium, cooperative, and property owners' association to develop procedures for the resolution of written complaints from their members and other citizens. Code of Virginia, Title 55, Chapter 29.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not Available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Granting Continuances for Disciplinary and Licensing Cases Brought Before the Board	
Brief Overview	
The Common Interest Community Board is proposing a guidance document associated with the Condominium Regulations (18VAC48-30); Time-Share Regulations (18VAC48-45); Common Interest Community Manager Regulations (18VAC48-50); Common Interest Community Association Registration Regulations (18VAC48-60); and Common Interest Community Ombudsman Regulations (18VAC48-70). The guidance document establishes a written policy for regulated parties and the Board governing continuances for disciplinary and licensing cases. The policy provides that requests for continuance of a licensing case by be granted administratively by the Board's Executive Director. The policy provides that requests for continuance of a disciplinary case may be granted administratively by the Board's Executive Director if the recommended sanction in the case does not include license revocation. For a disciplinary case in which the recommended sanction includes license revocation, the Board by vote may grant a request for continuance.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action

	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	None.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document HB 105, HB 876, and SB 526 Amendment	
Brief Overview The Common Interest Community Board anticipates initiating an exempt rulemaking to amend the Common Interest Community Association Registration Regulations (18VAC48-60) to comport with Chapters 54, 170, and 511 of the 2024 Acts of Assembly. The legislation amends provisions of the Resale Disclosure Act (Chapter 23.1 of Title 55.1.) The legislation addresses (i) failure to deliver a resale certificate and contract cancellation; (ii) delivery of resale certificates to a purchaser's agent; (iii) exemptions from the resale certificate requirements; and (iv) fees for preparation and delivery of resale certificates. The legislation makes a technical change to the Resale Disclosure Act regarding common interest community association annual report filing requirements in order for associations to collect fees for the preparation and delivery of resale certificates. This action will revise 18VAC48-60-14 of the regulation to reflect the technical change to Resale Disclosure Act regarding common interest community association annual report filing requirements.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 5734 / Stage 9559	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document 2021 General Review	
Brief Overview The Common Interest Community Board is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Common Interest Community Manager Regulations (18VAC48-50). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure for common interest community manager firms and certification of principal or supervisory employees, and approval of training programs. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses and certificates. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for regulants. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). In December 2023, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.	
Regulatory Stage	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule

(check one box)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extending the period of licensure for common interest community manager firms from one (1) year to two (2) years; and • Extending the period for reinstatement of licenses and certificates from six (6) months to one (1) year. 	
Expected Date	July 2024.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6283 / Stage 10071		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document CIC Ombudsman Regulations General Regulatory Review		
Brief Overview The Common Interest Community Board is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Common Interest Community Ombudsman Regulations (18VAC48-70). The regulation implements the requirements of § 54.1-2354.4 of the Code of Virginia, which provides that common interest community (CIC) associations “...establish reasonable procedures for the resolution of written complaints from the members of the association and other citizens.” The regulation establishes the (i) requirements for an association complaint procedure; (ii) requirements for development, adoption, and distribution of the complaint procedure; (iii) requirements for retention of records of association complaints; (iv) procedure for the filing of a notice of final adverse decision (NFAD) with the Office of the Common Interest Community Ombudsman (CICO) and review of an NFAD by the CICO; and (v) provisions for a final determination made by the CICO regarding a NFAD. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). In December 2023, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing the stringency of certain notification requirements for associations that receive a complaint through an association complaint procedure. 	
Expected Date	July 2024.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6355 / Stage 10258		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Condominium Regulations		

Brief Overview	
The Common Interest Community Board is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Condominium Regulations (18VAC48-30). The regulation implements the requirements of the Virginia Condominium Act regulating the offering and disposition of condominium units in Virginia. The regulation contains the requirements for registration of condominiums, including requirements for public offering statements and posting of required bonds or letters of credit. The regulation also provides for requirements for maintenance of a condominium registration, including filing and reporting requirements. The review is being conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022).	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	As part of this action, the Board is reviewing discretionary requirements imposed on regulated parties to determine whether such requirements impose burdens that are not necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; or are not necessary to effectively administer the registration program.
Expected Date	October 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Action 6356 / Stage 10259	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
General Review of Time-Share Regulations	
Brief Overview	
The Common Interest Community Board is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Time-Share Regulations (18VAC48-45). The regulation implements the requirements of the Virginia Real Estate Time-Share Act regulating the offering and disposition of time-shares in Virginia. The regulation contains the requirements for registration of (i) time-share programs, including requirements for public offering statements and posting of required bonds; (ii) alternative purchases; (iii) time-share exchange programs; and (iv) time-share resellers. The regulation also provides for requirements for maintenance of these registrations, including filing and reporting requirements. The regulation also provides for standards of conduct. The review is being conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022).	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	As part of this action, the Board is reviewing discretionary requirements imposed on regulated parties to determine whether such requirements impose burdens

	that are not necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; or are not necessary to effectively administer the registration program.
Expected Date	October 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6354 / Stage 10260	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Common Interest Community Association Registration Regulations	
Brief Overview The Common Interest Community Board is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Common Interest Community Association Registration Regulations (18VAC48-60). The regulation implements the requirements and duties imposed upon the Common Interest Community Board by Virginia law, including Article 2 of Chapter 23.3 (§ 54.1-2354.1 et seq.) of Title 54.1 of the Code of Virginia, which establishes the Common Interest Community Information Management Fund. The regulation prescribes when and how common interest community associations (property owners' associations, condominium unit owners' associations, and proprietary lessees' associations in real estate cooperatives) are to register with the Board by filing an annual report in accordance with Chapters 18, 19, and 21 of Title 55.1 of the Code of Virginia, respectively. The regulation establishes registration application filing fees, procedures for obtaining and renewing registrations, and requirements for updating registration information. The review is being conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022).	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	As part of this action, the Board is reviewing discretionary requirements imposed on regulated parties to determine whether such requirements impose burdens that are not necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; or are not necessary to effectively administer the registration program.
Expected Date	October 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 5734 / Stage 9559	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document 2021 General Review	
Brief Overview The Common Interest Community Board is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Common Interest Community Manager Regulations (18VAC48-50). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure for common interest community manager firms and certification of principal or supervisory employees, and approval of training programs. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses and certificates. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for regulants. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative	

Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Board will adopt the final regulation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extending the period of licensure for common interest community manager firms from one (1) year to two (2) years; and • Extending the period for reinstatement of licenses and certificates from six (6) months to one (1) year.
Expected Date	May 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6283 / Stage 10071	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document CIC Ombudsman Regulations General Regulatory Review	
Brief Overview The Common Interest Community Board is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Common Interest Community Ombudsman Regulations (18VAC48-70). The regulation implements the requirements of § 54.1-2354.4 of the Code of Virginia, which provides that common interest community (CIC) associations "...establish reasonable procedures for the resolution of written complaints from the members of the association and other citizens." The regulation establishes the (i) requirements for an association complaint procedure; (ii) requirements for development, adoption, and distribution of the complaint procedure; (iii) requirements for retention of records of association complaints; (iv) procedure for the filing of a notice of final adverse decision (NFAD) with the Office of the Common Interest Community Ombudsman (CICO) and review of an NFAD by the CICO; and (v) provisions for a final determination made by the CICO regarding a NFAD. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Board will adopt the final regulation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing the stringency of certain notification requirements for associations that receive a complaint through an association complaint procedure.
Expected Date	May 2025.

Description of Board

The Board for Contractors is a separate agency within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. The director of the department acts as the board's secretary and administrative officer. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 3. See the summary for the department for the powers and duties applicable to all regulatory boards. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 2.

The board is authorized to license contractors, tradesmen, gas fitters, backflow prevention device workers, elevator mechanics, water well system providers, automatic fire sprinkler inspectors, and residential building energy analysts and firms; to set standards for licensure and professional conduct; and to promulgate regulations for those purposes. The board may adopt regulations requiring certain residential contractors to use legible written contracts. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 11, Articles 1, 3, 4, and 5.

The board also administers the Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund for recovery of unsatisfied final judgments against licensed contractors. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 11, Article 2.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6014 / Stage 9971		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Change in Examination Fee Provisions		
Brief Overview The Board for Contractors proposes amending the Board for Contractors Regulations (18VAC50-22) and the Individual License and Certification Regulations (18VAC50-30) to change provisions related to examination fees that are charged to applicants for licensure or certification. Currently, these provisions impose caps on the maximum amount that may be charged to examination candidates. This action would remove the fee caps and provide that examination fees are charged to an examination candidate in based on a contract entered into by the Board and an outside examination vendor in accordance with the Virginia Public Procurement Act (§ 2.2-4300 et seq. of the Code of Virginia), as is the current practice in other DPOR programs. This regulatory change will remove price caps that have been in place since 1995.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.	
Expected Date	July 2024.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6128 / Stage 9847		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Regulatory Reduction Initiative		

Brief Overview	
The Board for Contractors is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Board for Contractors Regulations (18VAC50-22). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as Class A contractor, Class B contractor, Class C contractor, and residential building energy analyst firm, and for approval of contractor pre-license education programs. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for licensees and Board-approved pre-license education programs. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). In June 2023, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amending the scope of practice provisions for several specialty service designations to provide greater flexibility to contractors that provide these services, including contractors licensed under the highway/heavy (H/H) license classification; Extending the reporting deadline for a contractor to report a change of qualified individual from 45 days to 60 days; and Reducing the minimum hours for pre-license education courses from eight (8) hours to six (6) hours.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Action 6129 / Stage 9848	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Eligibility Requirement Amendment	
Brief Overview	
The Board for Contractors proposes to amend the Board for Contractors Regulations (18VAC50-22) pertaining to contractor license eligibility requirements including experience, education, and companion licensure/certification. Proposed amendments include lowering the required years of experience while ensuring minimum competency and protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public. The review is being conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022).	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action

Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The entry requirements for a Class C contractor are revised to reduce the minimum experience required for a qualified individual for a Class C contractor license from two (2) years of experience to one (1) year of experience. • The entry requirements for a Class C contractor license are revised to require that applicants for a Class C contractor license disclose adverse financial information (e.g. outstanding past-due debts or judgments; prior bankruptcies) for the past three (3) years prior to application. The current requirement is that an applicant disclose this information for the five (5) years prior to application. • The entry requirements for a Class B contractor license are revised to require that applicants for a Class B contractor license disclose adverse financial information (e.g. outstanding past-due debts or judgments; prior bankruptcies) for the past four (4) years prior to application. The current requirement is that an applicant disclose this information for the five (5) years prior to application.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
PSI Examination Equivalency	
Brief Overview	
<p>The Board for Contractors proposes amending a current guidance document associated with the Board for Contractors Regulations (18VAC50-22) and Individual License and Certification Regulations (18VAC50-30). The guidance document pertains to licensure or certification examinations in other jurisdictions that the Board has determined are substantially equivalent to examinations required by the Board for licensure or certification. The Board will amend the guidance document to reflect licenses or certifications from other jurisdictions that the Board accepts as substantially equivalent to current Board requirements. The proposed amendment will add the Backflow Prevention Device Tester License previously issued by the City of Norfolk, Virginia as a substantially equivalent credential to the Backflow Prevention Device Worker certification issued by the Board.</p>	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)
Not Available
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document

Temporary Elevator Mechanic Certifications (Tentative)		
Brief Overview The Board for Contractors proposes amending the Individual License and Certification Regulations (18VAC50-30) to provide for the temporary certification of elevator mechanics in the event of a shortage of elevator mechanics as established by § 54.1-1142.2 of the Code of Virginia. The amendment will provide for application procedures and procedures for renewal of temporary certifications.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.	
Expected Date	July 2024.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Journeyman Examination Exemption for Completion of Approved Apprenticeship Program (Tentative.)		
Brief Overview The Board for Contractors plans to undertake an exempt action to amend the Individual License and Certification Regulations (18VAC50-30) to correct a provision in 18VAC50-30-50 pertaining to an exemption from the journeyman licensure examination for those who successfully complete an apprenticeship program. The change will correct the name of the authority that approves such programs to reflect “Department of Workforce Development and Advancement” to be consistent with the applicable provision in the Code of Virginia that grants the exemption.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.	
Expected Date	July 2024.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Board for Contractors Policies & Interpretations		

Brief Overview	
The Board for Contractors intends to amend a current guidance document associated with the Board for Contractors Regulations (18VAC50-22) and Individual License and Certification Regulations (18VAC50-30). The guidance document provides interpretive guidance to agency staff and regulated parties regarding the statutes and regulations pertaining to the licensure of contractors and individuals who are licensed or certified by the Board. The guidance document also provides for general Board policies. The Board plans to revise and update the guidance document to reflect the Board's current interpretive guidance and general policies.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.
Expected Date	August 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Action 6075 / Stage 10044	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Eligibility Requirement Amendment	
Brief Overview	
The Board for Contractors proposes amending the Individual License and Certification Regulations (18VAC50-30) to revise the eligibility requirements to obtain approval to sit for an examination to enter the profession. The proposed amendments create a new residential journeyman tradesman class of license. The scope of practice for a residential journeyman license is limited to plumbing or HVAC work in dwellings and townhouses. It would not include commercial, industrial, institutional, or government use structures outside of dwellings and townhouses. The proposed amendments also include revisions to experience and vocational training requirements for journeyman licenses in the gas fitting trades. The proposed amendments also include revisions to qualifications for those who seek to qualify for licensure based solely on practical experience in a trade. Other changes are made to make the regulation clearer and ensure the regulation complements current Virginia law. It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Board will adopt the final regulation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of a new residential journeyman tradesman class of license for the plumbing and HVAC trades. This change is made to provide a level of licensure that will allow individuals to qualify for the licensure examination and enter the profession sooner than would be required for the current journeyman

	<p>level of license. An individual may qualify to take the license examination for a residential journeyman license in the plumbing or HVAC trades with 50% less experience and 33% less vocational training than is currently required for an applicant for a journeyman license in these trades.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minimum vocational training required for an individual to qualify as a journeyman gas fitter is reduced by 50%. Individuals seeking to qualify for a license in the gas fitting trades (gas fitter, liquefied petroleum gas fitter, natural gas fitter provider) may substitute an additional year of experience to meet training requirements. • The number of years of practical experience an individual needs to qualify for the journeyman or master tradesman examination without having required vocational training is reduced.
Expected Date	September 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Action 6128 / Stage 9847	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
General Regulatory Reduction Initiative	
Brief Overview	
The Board for Contractors is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Board for Contractors Regulations (18VAC50-22). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as Class A contractor, Class B contractor, Class C contractor, and residential building energy analyst firm, and for approval of contractor pre-license education programs. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for licensees and Board-approved pre-license education programs. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Board will adopt the final regulation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amending the scope of practice provisions for several specialty service designations to provide greater flexibility to contractors that provide these services, including contractors licensed under the highway/heavy (H/H) license classification; • Extending the reporting deadline for a contractor to report a change of qualified individual from 45 days to 60 days; and • Reducing the minimum hours for pre-license education courses from eight (8) hours to six (6) hours.
Expected Date	April 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6129 / Stage 9848	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Eligibility Requirement Amendment	
Brief Overview The Board for Contractors proposes amending the Board for Contractors Regulations (18VAC50-22) to revise the eligibility requirements for contractor firms to obtain licensure. The proposed amendments reduce certain entry requirements for firms seeking a Class C or Class B contractor license. Under the proposal, a qualified individual for a Class C contractor license applicant will need one year of experience in the classification or specialty service for which licensure is sought, instead of the current requirement of two years of experience. For Class C and Class B contractor license applicants, the proposed amendments will also reduce the requirements for disclosure of adverse financial information (e.g. outstanding past-due debts or judgments; prior bankruptcies). Other changes are made to make the regulation clearer, ensure the regulation complements current Virginia law, and to reflect current agency practice. It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Board will adopt the final regulation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The entry requirements for a Class C contractor are revised to reduce the minimum experience required for a qualified individual for a Class C contractor license from two (2) years of experience to one (1) year of experience. • The entry requirements for a Class C contractor license are revised to require that applicants for a Class C contractor license disclose adverse financial information (e.g. outstanding past-due debts or judgments; prior bankruptcies) for the past three (3) years prior to application. The current requirement is that an applicant disclose this information for the five (5) years prior to application. • The entry requirements for a Class B contractor license are revised to require that applicants for a Class B contractor license disclose adverse financial information (e.g. outstanding past-due debts or judgments; prior bankruptcies) for the past four (4) years prior to application. The current requirement is that an applicant disclose this information for the five (5) years prior to application.
Expected Date	April 2025.

Description of Board

The Fair Housing Board is a separate agency within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. The director of the department acts as the board's secretary and administrative officer. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 3. See the summary for the department for the powers and duties applicable to all regulatory boards subject to its administration. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 2.

The board is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Fair Housing Law as it applies to respondents not otherwise under the jurisdiction of the Real Estate Board, as provided in Chapter 23.2 (§ 54.1-2343 et seq.) of Title 54.1 of the Code of Virginia. The board is also authorized to establish, by regulation, an education-based certification program for persons subject to the Fair Housing Law who are involved in the business or activity of selling or renting dwellings. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 23.2 and Title 36, Chapter 5.1.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6430 / Stage 10293	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Fair Housing Certification Regulations	
Brief Overview The Fair Housing Board is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Fair Housing Certification Regulations (18VAC62-20). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining certification and for approval of proprietary schools and fair housing courses. The regulation provides for renewal of certificates, schools, and courses. The regulation also provides for the standards of conduct for regulants. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Board will adopt the proposed regulation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	As part of this action, the Board is reviewing discretionary requirements imposed on regulated parties to determine whether such requirements impose burdens that are not necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; or are not necessary to effectively administer the licensure program.
Expected Date	December 2024.

Description of Board

The Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians is a separate agency within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. The director of the department acts as the board's secretary and administrative officer. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 3. See the summary for the department for the powers and duties applicable to all regulatory boards. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 2.

The board is authorized to (i) license individuals who fit or deal in hearing aids; (ii) license opticians; (iii) set standards for licensure and professional conduct; and (iv) promulgate regulations for those purposes. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 15.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 5709 / Stage 9571	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Amendment to Expand Training Options for Applicants	
Brief Overview The Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians is amending the Hearing Aid Specialists Regulations (18VAC80-20) regarding entry into the profession to ensure that requirements are as least intrusive and burdensome as possible, while still protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public. The Board is creating an additional method of qualifying for licensure: registered apprenticeship. It also is making several revisions to its temporary permit rules to improve the success rate of that training method. In March 2024, the Board adopted a final regulation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a pathway for individuals to become eligible for examination through completing a registered apprenticeship. • Extending the period of a temporary permit from 12 months to 18 months.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6303 / Stage 10105	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Hearing Aid Specialists Regulations	
Brief Overview The Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Hearing Aid Specialists Regulations (18VAC80-20). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as a hearing aid specialist. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for licensees. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). In January 2024, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.	
Regulatory Stage	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule

(check one box)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing the restrictiveness of entry requirements for licensure for individuals with a prior criminal history; • Reducing the stringency of requirements for individuals seeking to qualify for licensure as a hearing aid specialist by endorsement; and • Removing unnecessary requirements from the standards of practice and conduct. 	
Expected Date	July 2024.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6304 / Stage 10106		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Opticians Regulations		
Brief Overview The Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Opticians Regulations (18VAC80-30). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as an optician and approval of review courses. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for licensees. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). In January 2024, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces the restrictiveness of entry requirements for licensure for individuals with a prior criminal history; • Removal of a registration requirement for voluntary practice by out-of-state licensees; and • Reduces the restrictiveness of standards for approval of Board-approved reinstatement courses. 	
Expected Date	July 2024.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6303 / Stage 10105		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Hearing Aid Specialists Regulations		

Brief Overview		
The Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Hearing Aid Specialists Regulations (18VAC80-20). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as a hearing aid specialist. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for licensees. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Board will adopt the final regulation.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing the restrictiveness of entry requirements for licensure for individuals with a prior criminal history; Reducing the stringency of requirements for individuals seeking to qualify for licensure as a hearing aid specialist by endorsement; and Removing unnecessary requirements from the standards of practice and conduct. 	
Expected Date	May 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Action 6304 / Stage 10106		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
General Review of Opticians Regulations		
Brief Overview		
The Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Opticians Regulations (18VAC80-30). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as an optician and approval of review courses. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for licensees. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Board will adopt the final regulation.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduces the restrictiveness of entry requirements for licensure for individuals with a prior criminal history; Removal of a registration requirement for voluntary practice by out-of-state licensees; and 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduces the restrictiveness of standards for approval of Board-approved reinstatement courses.
Expected Date	May 2025.

Description of Board

The Real Estate Appraiser Board is a separate agency within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. The director of the department acts as the board's secretary and administrative officer. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 3. See the summary for the department for the powers and duties applicable to all regulatory boards. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 2.

The board is authorized to license real estate appraisers and adopt regulations that satisfy the minimum criteria of the federal Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989 (12 U.S.C. § 1331 et seq.). The board shall include in its regulations educational and experience requirements as conditions for licensure, provisions for the supervision of appraiser practices, provisions for the enforcement of standards of professional appraiser practice, and provisions for the disposition of referrals of improper appraiser conduct from any person or any federal agency or instrumentality. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 20.1.

The board is also authorized to license appraisal management companies. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 20.2.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6447 / Stage 10306	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Real Estate Appraiser Board Rules and Regulations	
Brief Overview The Real Estate Appraiser Board is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Real Estate Appraiser Board Rules and Regulations (18VAC130-20). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as a certified general real estate appraiser, certified residential real estate appraiser, licensed residential real estate appraiser, or appraiser trainee; approval of appraiser education courses; and certification as an appraisal education instructor. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses and certifications. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for regulants and Board-approved education courses. The review is being conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). In June 2024, the Board is expected to adopt proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	As part of this action, the Board is reviewing discretionary requirements imposed on regulated parties to determine whether such requirements impose burdens that are not necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; or are not necessary to effectively administer the licensure program.
Expected Date	December 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6431 / Stage 10295	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Appraisal Management Company Regulations	
Brief Overview The Real Estate Appraiser Board is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Appraisal Management Company Regulations (18VAC130-30). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as an appraisal management company. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for licensees. The review is being conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). In June 2024, the Board is expected to adopt proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	As part of this action, the Board is reviewing discretionary requirements imposed on regulated parties to determine whether such requirements impose burdens that are not necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; or are not necessary to effectively administer the licensure program.
Expected Date	December 2024.

Description of Board

The Real Estate Board is a separate agency within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. The director of the department acts as the board's secretary and administrative officer. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 3. See the summary for the department for the powers and duties applicable to all regulatory boards. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 2.

The board is authorized to license real estate brokers (including individuals, corporations, associations, and partnerships) and salespersons; prescribe standards for licensure and for professional conduct; and promulgate regulations for all authorized purposes. The board is authorized to regulate certain schools offering real estate courses and to include in its regulations a procedure for processing applications from education providers. The board is authorized to develop criteria for evaluating and approving continuing education course credits and for awarding credit hours for such courses.

The board is required to develop a residential property disclosure statement form for use in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 27 of Title 55. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 21. It also administers the Virginia Real Estate Transaction Recovery Fund for recovery of unsatisfied final judgments against licensed real estate brokers or salespersons. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 21, Article 2.

The board is authorized to (i) administer and enforce the provisions of the Fair Housing Law as it applies to respondents not otherwise under the jurisdiction of the Fair Housing Board, as provided in Chapter 23.2 (§ 54.1-2343 et seq.) of Title 54.1 of the Code of Virginia, and (ii) promulgate regulations to carry out the Virginia Fair Housing Law (Code of Virginia, Title 36, Chapter 5.1). In addition, the board is authorized to enforce the provisions of the Real Estate Settlement Agents Act as it applies to real estate brokers dually licensed as settlement agents (Code of Virginia, Title 55, Chapter 27.3).

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not Available		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Real Estate Board Application Review Matrix		
Brief Overview		
The Real Estate Board plans to amend an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations (18VAC135-20). The guidance document establishes criteria for prior criminal convictions and prior disciplinary actions disclosed on licensing applications that do not require review by the Board. The amendments would (i) add “embezzlement” to the list of felony offenses that must be reviewed by the Board; (ii) provide that the Board will not review reportable misdemeanor convictions more than three (3) years old unless there is a prior conviction for the same offense within the last five (5) years; and (iii) provide that the Board will not review felony drug convictions within the last five (5) years, provided the applicant provides evidence of satisfactorily completing substance abuse counseling when required by a court.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action

Deregulatory Component	The amendments to the guidance document would allow agency staff to approve applications for applicants for licensure who have prior criminal convictions that fall within the criteria established by the Board without requiring such applicants to have their applications considered by the Board, a process that can take several months. Such applicants who otherwise meet the requirements and qualifications for licensure could receive licenses sooner under this revised guidance.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document HB 383 and SB 330 Amendment	
Brief Overview The Real Estate Board anticipates initiating an exempt rulemaking to amend the Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations (18VAC135-20) to comport with Chapters 29 and 120 of the 2024 Acts of Assembly. The legislation increases the number of hours of continuing education for renewal of a real estate broker or real estate salesperson license must complete in the mandatory topics of ethics and standards of conduct, fair housing, legal updates and emerging trends, real estate agency, and real estate contracts. This action will make changes to continuing education provisions in the regulation to conform to the changes in statute.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document HB 917 and SB 358 Amendment	
Brief Overview The Real Estate Board anticipates initiating an exempt rulemaking to amend the Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations (18VAC135-20) to comport with Chapters 459 and 621 of the 2024 Acts of Assembly. The legislation adds to the definition of "real estate broker" any individual or business entity who sells or offers to sell, buys or offers to buy, negotiates, or otherwise deals in real estate contracts, including assignable contracts, on two or more occasions in any 12-month period for compensation or valuable consideration. The legislation also makes technical amendments to the statute. This action will revise the regulation to make technical changes to conform the regulation to the changes in statute.	
Regulatory Stage	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule

(check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.	
Expected Date	July 2024.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document HB 1237 and SB 437 Amendment		
Brief Overview The Real Estate Board anticipates initiating an exempt rulemaking to amend the Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations (18VAC135-20) to comport with Chapters 327 and 352 of the 2024 Acts of Assembly. The legislation defines "place of business" for real estate brokers. The legislation requires every principal broker to have readily available to the public in the broker's primary place of business the firm license, principal broker license, and the license of every salesperson and broker active with the firm and requires each branch office, defined in the bill, to have readily available to the public the branch office license and a roster of every salesperson or broker assigned to that branch office. Finally, the legislation requires any nonresident real estate broker residing in a state that mandates resident real estate brokers of the Commonwealth to maintain a place of business in such mandating state to maintain a place of business in the Commonwealth. This action will revise provisions in the regulation relating to the licensure of branch offices to conform the regulation to the changes in statute.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.	
Expected Date	July 2024.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document SB 554 Amendment		
Brief Overview The Real Estate Board anticipates initiating an exempt rulemaking to amend the Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations (18VAC135-20) to comport with Chapter 157 of the 2024 Acts of Assembly. The legislation requires the Real Estate Board, upon application, to recognize current and		

valid licenses or certificates issued by a neighboring state, defined in the legislation, as fulfillment of qualifications for licensure in the Commonwealth if there are no pending investigations or complaints, no disqualifying criminal records, and no discipline imposed by another state. This action will revise provisions in the regulation relating to universal license recognition (ULR) to conform the regulation to the changes in statute.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	Creates an additional pathway to licensure for individuals licensed in a “neighboring state” (District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, or West Virginia). Such individuals would not be required to meet the three-year licensure requirement in the current ULR provisions of the regulation.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Training Program Amendment	
Brief Overview The Real Estate Board plans to amend 18VAC135-20-360 of the Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations (18VAC135-20), which provides for the standards for certification of proprietary schools, qualifications for the certification of instructors for pre-license education courses, and approval of education courses. This action would amend this section of the regulation to (i) provide that an education course approval will expire three years from the last day of the month in which the approval was issued; and (ii) to provide that schools must appropriately update course materials to reflect changes in applicable law or regulation when such changes take effect. Such changes would not require separate approval from the Board.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.
Expected Date	August 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6446 / Stage 10305	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations	
Brief Overview The Real Estate Board is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations (18VAC135-20). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as real estate broker, salesperson, firm, or business entity, and approval of real estate schools, instructors, and courses. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for regulants and Board-approved schools, instructors, and courses. The review is being conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Board will adopt proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	As part of this action, the Board is reviewing discretionary requirements imposed on regulated parties to determine whether such requirements impose burdens that are not necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; or are not necessary to effectively administer the licensure program.
Expected Date	December 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6441 / Stage 10296	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Fair Housing Regulations	
Brief Overview The Real Estate Board is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Fair Housing Regulations (18VAC135-50). The regulation contains the board's interpretation of the coverage of the fair housing law regarding discrimination related to the sale or rental of dwellings, the provision of services in connection therewith, the availability of residential real estate-related transactions, or any other discriminatory conduct prohibited by the Virginia Fair Housing Law. The review is being conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Board will adopt proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document

Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	As part of this action, the Board is reviewing discretionary requirements imposed on regulated parties to determine whether such requirements impose burdens that are not necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; or are not necessary to effectively administer the licensure program.
Expected Date	December 2024.

Description of Board

The Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists is a separate agency within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. The director of the department acts as the board's secretary and administrative officer. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 3. See the summary for the department for the powers and duties applicable to all regulatory boards subject to its administration. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 2.

The board is authorized to license and certify individuals to practice or offer to practice as a Virginia licensed professional soil scientist, a Virginia certified professional wetland delineator, or a Virginia certified professional geologist; to establish standards for licensure, certification, and professional conduct; and to promulgate regulations for those purposes. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 22.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document HB 1182 Amendment	
Brief Overview The Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists anticipates initiating an exempt rulemaking to amend the Regulations Governing Certified Professional Wetland Delineators (18VAC145-30) to comport with the requirements of Chapter 545 of the 2024 Acts of Assembly. The legislation replaces the requirement that an applicant with a bachelor's degree in a relevant field have four years of relevant experience to be certified as a professional wetland delineator with three years of such experience. For applicants seeking certification through experience, the legislation reduces to three years the required experience that the applicant must have in wetland science research or as a teacher of wetlands curriculum in an accredited institution of higher education in order to be certified.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of years of required experience in wetland delineation for applicants seeking to qualify for certification with a bachelor's degree is reduced by 25%. • The number of years of required experience for applicants seeking to qualify for certification based on experience in wetland science research or in teaching a wetlands curriculum is reduced by 25%.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document HB 287 and SB 184 Amendment

Brief Overview		
The Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists anticipates initiating an exempt rulemaking to amend the Regulations for the Geology Certification Program (18VAC145-40) to comport with the requirements of Chapters 4 and 23 of the 2024 Acts of Assembly. The legislation amends the definition of "practice of geology" to include the performance of any professional service or work wherein the principles and methods of geology are applied, including (i) investigating, evaluating, and consulting; (ii) geological mapping; (iii) describing the natural processes that act upon the earth's materials; (iv) predicting the probable occurrence of natural processes; and (v) inspecting, planning, and performing and supervising geological work in order to enhance and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and the environment. The legislation also defines "geological mapping."		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.	
Expected Date	July 2024.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Action 6298 / Stage 10095		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
General Review of Professional Soil Scientists Regulations		
Brief Overview		
The Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Professional Soil Scientists Regulations (18VAC145-20). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for regulants. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). In March 2024, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing the restrictiveness of continuing education requirements for renewal of licenses. 	
Expected Date	July 2024.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6299 / Stage 10096	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Regulations Governing Certified Professional Wetland Delineators	
Brief Overview The Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Regulations Governing Certified Professional Wetland Delineators (18VAC145-30). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining certification. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of certificates. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for regulants. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). In March 2024, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing the restrictiveness of provisions related to taking the license examination; and Revising provisions in the standards of practice and conduct to reduce requirements.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6300 / Stage 10098	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Regulations for the Geology Certification Program	
Brief Overview The Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Regulations for the Geology Certification Program (18VAC145-40). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining certification. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of certificates. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for regulants. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). In June 2024, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing the restrictiveness of requirements for an individual to qualify as a geologist-in-training; and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removing unnecessary requirements from the standards of practice and conduct, including disclosure standards and prohibited acts.
Expected Date	August 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Action 5495 / Stage 9706	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Fee Adjustment	
Brief Overview	
The Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists proposes to amend the Professional Soil Scientists Regulations (18VAC145-20), the Regulations Governing Certified Professional Wetland Delineators (18VAC145-30), and the Regulations for the Geology Certification Program (18VAC145-40) to adjust its licensing fee structure. The Board must establish fees adequate to support the costs of the Board operations and a proportionate share of the Department’s operations. By the close of the next biennium, fees will not provide adequate revenue for those costs.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.
Expected Date	November 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Action 6298 / Stage 10095	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
General Review of Professional Soil Scientists Regulations	
Brief Overview	
The Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Professional Soil Scientists Regulations (18VAC145-20). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for regulants. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Board will adopt the final regulation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action

Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing the restrictiveness of continuing education requirements for renewal of licenses.
Expected Date	March 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6299 / Stage 10096	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Regulations Governing Certified Professional Wetland Delineators	
Brief Overview The Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Regulations Governing Certified Professional Wetland Delineators (18VAC145-30). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining certification. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of certificates. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for regulants. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Board will adopt the final regulation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing the restrictiveness of provisions related to taking the license examination; and Revising provisions in the standards of practice and conduct to reduce requirements.
Expected Date	March 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6300 / Stage 10098	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Regulations for the Geology Certification Program	
Brief Overview The Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Regulations for the Geology Certification Program (18VAC145-40). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining certification. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of certificates. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for regulants. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). In June 2024, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document

Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing the restrictiveness of requirements for an individual to qualify as a geologist-in-training; and • Removing unnecessary requirements from the standards of practice and conduct, including disclosure standards and prohibited acts.
Expected Date	May 2025.

Description of Board

The Board for Waste Management Facility Operators is a separate agency within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. The director of the department acts as the board's secretary and administrative officer. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 3. See the summary for the department for the powers and duties applicable to all regulatory boards. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 2.

The board is authorized to license waste management facility operators and to promulgate regulations and standards for the training and licensure of such operators. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 22.1.

Solid waste management facilities are required to be operated under the direct supervision of a waste management facility operator licensed by the board. Code of Virginia, Title 10.1, Chapter 14, Article 2.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6166 / Stage 10328		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Regulatory Reduction Initiative		
Brief Overview The Board for Waste Management Facility Operators is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Waste Management Facility Operators Regulations (18VAC155-20). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as a waste management facility operator, and approval of pre-license education or continuing education courses. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for licensees and Board-approved pre-license and continuing education courses. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Board will adopt the final regulation.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The entry requirements for licensure are revised to reduce required experience by 50%. • The continuing education requirement for a licensee to renew a license is reduced by 25%. • The record retention requirement for providers of Board-approved education courses is reduced by 50%. 	
Expected Date	March 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 5727 / Stage 9598		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Fee Amendment		

Brief Overview

The Board for Waste Management Facility Operators proposes to amend the Waste Management Facility Operators Regulations (18VAC135-20) to adjust license renewal, late renewal, and reinstatement fees for waste management facility operator licenses. The Board must establish fees adequate to support the costs of its operations and a proportionate share of the Department’s operations. Current fees do not provide adequate revenue for those costs. By the close of the next biennium, fees will not provide adequate revenue for those costs. It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Board will adopt the final regulation.

Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.	
Expected Date	May 2025.	

Description of Board

The Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals is a separate agency within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. The director of the department acts as the board's secretary and administrative officer. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 3. See the summary for the department for the powers and duties applicable to all regulatory boards. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 2.

The board is authorized to examine and license waterworks operators, wastewater works operators, onsite soil evaluators, onsite sewage system installers, and onsite sewage system operators; to prescribe standards for licensure and professional conduct; and to promulgate regulations for those purposes. Code of Virginia, Title 54.1, Chapter 23.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not Available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Experience Verification when Applying under Universal License Recognition	
Brief Overview	
<p>The Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals is proposing a guidance document associated with Onsite Sewage System Professionals Licensing Regulations (18VAC160-40). The guidance document pertains to the verification of experience for onsite sewage system professionals seeking recognition of work experience from a state that does not require licensure as provided for under § 54.1-205(B) of the Code of Virginia (Universal License Recognition) (effective July 1, 2023).</p> <p>The proposed guidance provides that in addition to the requirements in subdivisions 2-4 of subsection B of § 54.1-205 of the Code of Virginia, the Board will recognize work experience with a similar scope of practice for a conventional or alternative onsite sewage system installer, conventional or alternative onsite sewage system operator, or conventional or alternative onsite soil evaluator in lieu of the qualifications for these professions established in the Onsite Sewage System Professionals Licensing Regulations, if the applicant has at least three years of documented experience as a conventional or alternative onsite sewage system installer, conventional or alternative onsite sewage system operator, or conventional or alternative onsite soil evaluator in another state that does not issue an occupational or professional license for such work and as verified by a master conventional or alternative onsite soil evaluator, master conventional or alternative onsite sewage system installer, master conventional or alternative onsite sewage system operator, professional engineer, health department employee, registered environmental health specialist, registered sanitarian, or an equivalent credential to these licenses.</p>	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.

Expected Date	July 2024.
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Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not Available	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Granting Continuances for Disciplinary and Licensing Cases Brought Before the Board	
Brief Overview	
<p>The Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals is proposing a guidance document associated with the Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators Licensing Regulations (18VAXC160-30) and the Onsite Sewage System Professionals Licensing Regulations (18VAC160-40).</p> <p>The guidance document establishes a written policy for regulated parties and the Board governing continuances for disciplinary and licensing cases. The policy provides that requests for continuance of a licensing case by be granted administratively by the Board’s Executive Director. The policy provides that requests for continuance of a disciplinary case may be granted administratively by the Board’s Executive Director if the recommended sanction in the case does not include license revocation. For a disciplinary case in which the recommended sanction includes license revocation, the Board by vote may grant a request for continuance.</p>	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Action 6285 / Stage 10074	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
General Review of Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators Licensing Regulations	
Brief Overview	
<p>The Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators Licensing Regulations (18VAC160-30). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as a waterworks or wastewater works operator, and approval of training courses. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for licensees. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). In January 2024, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.</p>	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule

	<input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing from 12 months to 24 months the period of time an applicant has to pass the license examination once approved by the Board to sit for the examination; Reducing the restrictiveness of entry requirements for licensure or certification for individuals with a prior criminal history; Reducing the restrictiveness of entry experience requirements for most classes of waterworks operator and wastewater works operator licenses; Increasing from 12 months to 24 months the period of time a licensee is eligible to reinstate an expired license; and Reducing the number of continuing education (CE) hours required for renewal of most waterworks operator and wastewater works operator licenses.
Expected Date	July 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 5961 / Stage 10281	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Onsite Sewage System Professionals Licensing Regulations	
Brief Overview The Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Onsite Sewage System Professionals Licensing Regulations (18VAC160-40). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as an onsite sewage system installer, onsite sewage system operator, and onsite soil evaluator, including requirements specific to those who work with conventional and alternative types of onsite sewage systems, and approval of training courses. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for licensees. The review is being conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022).	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	As part of this action, the Board is reviewing discretionary requirements imposed on regulated parties to determine whether such requirements impose burdens that are not necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; or are not necessary to effectively administer the licensure program.
Expected Date	October 2024.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 5683 / Stage 9703	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document 2021 Fee Adjustment	
Brief Overview The Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals proposes to amend the Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators Licensing Regulations (18VAC160-30) to adjust license application, renewal, and reinstatement fees for waterworks and wastewater works operator licenses. The Board must establish fees adequate to support the costs of its operations and a proportionate share of the Department's operations. Current fees do not provide adequate revenue for those costs. By the close of the next biennium, fees will not provide adequate revenue for those costs. It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Board will adopt the final regulation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.
Expected Date	April 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 5684 / Stage 9704	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document 2021 Fee Adjustment	
Brief Overview The Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals proposes to amend the Onsite Sewage System Professionals Licensing Regulations (18VAC160-40) to adjust license application, renewal, and reinstatement fees for onsite sewage system installer, onsite sewage system operator, and onsite soil evaluator licenses. The Board must establish fees adequate to support the costs of its operations and a proportionate share of the Department's operations. Current fees do not provide adequate revenue for those costs. By the close of the next biennium, fees will not provide adequate revenue for those costs. It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Board will adopt the final regulation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	None.

Expected Date	April 2025.
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Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6285 / Stage 10074	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators Licensing Regulations	
Brief Overview The Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals is undertaking a general regulatory review of the Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators Licensing Regulations (18VAC160-30). The regulation contains the requirements for obtaining licensure as a waterworks or wastewater works operator, and approval of training courses. The regulation provides for renewal and reinstatement of licenses. The regulation also provides for the standards of practice and conduct for licensees. The review has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). It is anticipated that during FY 2025, the Board will adopt the final regulation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action
Deregulatory Component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing from 12 months to 24 months the period of time an applicant has to pass the license examination once approved by the Board to sit for the examination; • Reducing the restrictiveness of entry requirements for licensure or certification for individuals with a prior criminal history; • Reducing the restrictiveness of entry experience requirements for most classes of waterworks operator and wastewater works operator licenses; • Increasing from 12 months to 24 months the period of time a licensee is eligible to reinstate an expired license; and • Reducing the number of continuing education (CE) hours required for renewal of most waterworks operator and wastewater works operator licenses.
Expected Date	April 2025.