

**Unified Regulatory Plan of the Department of
Professional and Occupational Regulation for State
Fiscal Year 2026**

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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.

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.

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; and (ii) the licensing of polygraph examiners and the approval of schools in which courses of instruction in the detection of deception are taught.

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 2026, the Department will adopt proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☒ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ 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 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document HB 2573/SB 1245 Amendment (Tentative)		
Brief Overview The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation anticipates initiating an exempt rulemaking to amend the Virginia Professional Boxing and Wrestling Events Regulations (18VAC120-40) to comport with Chapters 95 (HB 2573) and 111 (SB 1245) of the 2025 Acts of Assembly. The legislation provides that a physician examining a boxer, martial artist, or professional wrestler prior to such athlete entering the ring must have held a license to practice medicine for at least three years in any jurisdiction of the United States and must be currently licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☒ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☒ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute	☐ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the restrictiveness of the current requirement which mandates that physicians be licensed in Virginia for at least five (5) years.	
Expected Date	August 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6366 / Stage 10656		
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 has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). In January 2025, the Department adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☒ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional	☒ Expedited Review Requested	☐ Guidance Document

Description	☐ Exempt Action
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Discretionary Action ☐ Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	• Allow for all American Polygraph Association accredited training programs to be considered “DPOR-approved.” • Reducing the amount of time from three (3) to two (2) years for which a licensee must hold a license before becoming eligible to act as a supervisor of a polygraph intern. • Removing a requirement that an individual seeking licensure by reciprocity be actively engaged in the practice of polygraphy for at least 12 months.
Expected Date	August 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation Administrative Fees Regulation (Tentative)	
Brief Overview	
The Board for Professional and Occupational Regulation (BPOR) intends to promulgate a new regulation that provides for administrative fees currently charged to regulants and members of the public for various administrative services provided by the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR). The regulation will include fees charged by DPOR for (i) certifications of licensure; and (ii) licensing examinations.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Final ☒ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Guidance Document ☐ Exempt Action
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Discretionary Action ☐ Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	None.
Expected Date	December 2025.

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 2026, the Department will adopt a final regulation.	

Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☒ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☒ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ 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 2026.	

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 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.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document HB 2154/SB 1310 Amendment (Tentative)		
Brief Overview The Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects intends to amend the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects Regulations (18VAC10-20) to implement the provisions of Chapters 534 (HB 2154) and 541 (SB 1310) of the 2025 Acts of Assembly. The legislation requires the Board to adopt regulations establishing work and education experience equivalencies that provide an alternative to the requirement of a professional degree in architecture from a program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB). In April 2025, the Board authorized the formation of a regulatory review committee to develop changes to the regulation.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☒ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	The regulatory action would establish alternative work and education experience requirements to the requirement of a professional degree in architecture from a program accredited by the NAAB.	
Expected Date	August 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6394 / Stage 10781		
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). In August 2024, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.		
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Additional Description	☒ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	• Removing requirements for applicants for licensure as an architect, designation as an engineer-in-training (EIT), and designation as a surveyor-in-training (SIT) to apply to the Board before taking the examinations for these credentials. • Reducing the stringency of requirements for individuals to qualify for an EIT or SIT designation. • Removing unnecessary requirements for applicants to provide letters of reference with an application for licensure or certification. • Eliminating requirements for business entities to register their branch offices with the Board. • Removing requirements for registered business entities to certify that a responsible person will be “resident” at business entities’ places of business.	
Expected Date	November 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Guidance Document 4987: Comity Applicant Criteria of the APELSCIDLA Board's Current Regulations		
Brief Overview		
The Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers, and Landscape Architects intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects Regulations (18VAC10-20) that serves to clarify the application requirements for those persons applying to the Board for licensure or certification via comity based on licensure or certification in a jurisdiction outside of Virginia. As a result of changes to the regulation, this guidance will no longer be applicable, and the guidance document will no longer be necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action

Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by three (3) pages. This is the equivalent of 750 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	December 2025.

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 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.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Guidance Document 5584: Review of ALHI Applications with Criminal Convictions	
Brief Overview	
The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors intends to significantly amend an existing guidance document associated with the (i) Virginia Asbestos Licensing Regulations (18VAC15-20), (ii) Virginia Lead-Based Paint Activities Regulations (18VAC15-30), and (iii) Home Inspector Licensing Regulations (18VAC15-40). The guidance document establishes criteria for prior criminal convictions disclosed on licensing applications that do not require review by the Board. The amendments would apply to individuals with (i) felony convictions more than three (3) years old with no subsequent reportable convictions, unless the conviction resulted in incarceration where the release date is less than one year from the application date (excluding certain felony offenses); (ii) felony convictions for possession of controlled substances more than two (2) years old with no other convictions; (iii) felony convictions under motor vehicle statutes; and (iv) various misdemeanor convictions.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ 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 2025.

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)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☒ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	None.	
Expected Date	August 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Action 6177 / Stage 10603		
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). As a result of its review, the Board adopted a proposed new regulation, Asbestos Licensing Regulations (18VAC15-21), which will replace the current regulation.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☒ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☒ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	- 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. - 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	September 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6367 / Stage 10711		
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)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☒ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☒ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	- Reducing entry requirements for a firm to obtain a lead contractor license. - Removing unnecessary curriculum requirements for providers of accredited lead training programs. - Removing unnecessary and burdensome provisions from the standards of practice and conduct.	
Expected Date	October 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 4498: Asbestos Regulation Interpretation - Aug 23, 2011		
Brief Overview The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors intends to amend an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Asbestos Licensing Regulations (18VAC15-20) which provides interpretive guidance regarding several provisions of the regulation. As a result of amendments to its regulation, the Board anticipates removing provisions of the guidance document that (i) will no longer be applicable; or (ii) will be incorporated into regulation.		

Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	It is anticipated that the length of the guidance document will be reduced to less than one (1) page (the equivalent to fewer than 250 words).	
Expected Date	November 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Guidance Document 4499: Lead Regulation Interpretation - Aug 23, 2011		
Brief Overview		
The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Lead-Based Paint Activities Regulations (18VAC15-30) which provides interpretive guidance regarding refresher training courses that are required for renewal of lead abatement professional licenses. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	November 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Guidance Document 5499: Lead-Based Paint Activities Regulations Interpretations and Policies		
Brief Overview		
The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Lead-Based Paint Activities Regulations (18VAC15-30) which provides interpretive guidance regarding several provisions of the regulation. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional	☐ Expedited Review Requested	☒ Guidance Document

Description	☐ Exempt Action
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Discretionary Action ☐ Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	November 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 5747: Requirements for Individuals who Analyze PCM Air Samples Onsite	
Brief Overview The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Asbestos Licensing Regulations (18VAC15-20). The guidance provides clarification of requirements for individuals who analyze PCM air samples onsite. This guidance will be incorporated into the new Asbestos Licensing Regulation (18VAC15-21), making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☒ Guidance Document ☐ Exempt Action
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Discretionary Action ☐ Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by two (2) pages. This is the equivalent of 500 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	November 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 6018: Clarification of Acceptable Degree Programs for Asbestos & Lead Licensing	
Brief Overview The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the (i) Virginia Asbestos Licensing Regulations (18VAC15-20); and (ii) Virginia Lead-Based Paint Activities Regulations (18VAC15-30). The guidance provides guidance regarding acceptable degree programs that may be used to qualify individuals for certain asbestos and lead licenses. This guidance will be incorporated into the Board's regulations, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☒ Guidance Document ☐ Exempt Action
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Discretionary Action

	☐ Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by two (2) pages. This is the equivalent of 500 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	November 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 6374: Renewing Asbestos Workers License with Asbestos Supervisor Refresher Training	
Brief Overview The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Asbestos Licensing Regulations (18VAC15-20) which provides that the Board will accept EPA/AHERA or Board-approved asbestos supervisor training programs for renewal of an asbestos worker license provided all other requirements of the Board are met. This guidance will be incorporated into the new Asbestos Licensing Regulation (18VAC15-21), making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by two (2) pages. This is the equivalent of 500 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	November 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 6834: Clarification Regarding Asbestos Abatement Projects that Require a Project Monitor	
Brief Overview The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Asbestos Licensing Regulations (18VAC15-20) which provides clarification regarding asbestos abatement projects that require a project monitor. This guidance will be incorporated into the new Asbestos Licensing Regulation (18VAC15-21), making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Discretionary Action

	☐ Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by two (2) pages. This is the equivalent of 500 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	November 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Lead-Based Paint Activities Regulations Conforming Amendments to 40 CFR Part 745 (Tentative)	
Brief Overview	
The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, And Home Inspectors intends to undertake an exempt rulemaking to amend the Virginia Lead-Based Paint Activities Regulations (18VAC15-30) to conform provisions of the regulation to recent changes to applicable federal regulations governing lead-based paint activities (40 CFR Part 745). The final federal rule became effective January 13, 2025. Pursuant to § 54.1-501 of the Code of Virginia, the regulations of the Board must be consistent with the Residential Lead-based Paint Hazard Reduction Act and United States Environmental Protection Agency regulations.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☒ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☒ Exempt Action ☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☒ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	None.
Expected Date	January 2026.

Description of Board

The Auctioneers Board is a separate agency within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. 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.

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 is amending 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. In January 2025, the Board adopted a final regulation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☒ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	None.
Expected Date	September 2025.

Description of Board

The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology is a separate agency within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. 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.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Licensure of Body-Piercing Schools (Tentative)		
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology is undertaking a regulatory action to amend the Body-Piercing Regulations (18VAC41-60) to establish licensure requirements for (i) body-piercing schools and (ii) ear-piercing schools. Under current statute, no person, firm, or corporation is permitted to operate a school of body-piercing unless licensed by the Board pursuant to its regulations. Effective July 1, 2025, this licensure requirement will apply to schools of ear-piercing. The action is expected to establish the (i) minimum requirements for licensure of body-piercing and ear-piercing schools; (ii) standards for body-piercing and ear-piercing school curricula; (iii) requirements for maintaining and renewing licenses; and (iv) standards of practice for body-piercing and ear-piercing schools. A regulatory review committee of the Board is developing the regulation. In May 2025, the Board authorized a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☒ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Establishes a new pathway to licensure for body-piercers and ear-piercers.	
Expected Date	July 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document HB 2669 Amendment (Tentative)		
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to amend the Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations (18VAC41-20) to implement the provisions of Chapter 102 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly (HB 2669). The legislation amends the definitions of cosmetologist and cosmetology to clarify that cosmetic treatments are not included in such definitions. In May 2025, the Board adopted amendments to the regulation which will revise the curriculum standards for licensed cosmetology schools to align these standards with the statutory changes.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed

	☐ Final	☒ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	None.	
Expected Date	July 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document HB 2680/SB 1419 Amendment (Tentative)		
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to amend the Body-Piercing Regulations (18VAC41-60) to implement the provisions of Chapters 308 (HB 2680) and 322 (SB 1419) of the 2025 Acts of Assembly. The legislation provides for the licensure of ear-piercing salons, ear-piercing schools, and ear piercers. The legislation also requires the Board to establish training and apprenticeship programs for ear-piercers. In May 2025, the Board adopted amendments to the regulation which will establish the (i) requirements and qualifications for licensure of ear piercers and ear-piercing salons; and (ii) standards for ear-piercer apprenticeship programs.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☒ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	This legislation created a new sub-license for body-piercing. The regulations will establish minimum standards for this new license, reducing the barriers to entry into the ear-piercing profession.	
Expected Date	July 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6339 / Stage 10647		
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 April 2024, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☒ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☒ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	- Reducing the number of minimum hours of required training for individuals to become licensed as a barber or master barber. - 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.	
Expected Date	August 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Action 6344 / Stage 10657		
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 April 2024, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☒ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☒ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	- 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. - Removing unnecessary requirements related to minimum equipment for esthetics schools.	
Expected Date	August 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Esthetics & Master Esthetics Training Hours Review (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. A regulatory review committee of the Board is developing the regulation.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☒ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ 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	August 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 7761: Implementation of 1,000-hour Cosmetology Curriculum		
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to amend an existing guidance document associated with the Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations (18VAC41-20) that provides guidance regarding the implementation of the 1,000-hour cosmetology curriculum which became effective on September 1, 2024. The guidance will be revised to reflect changes in the Board's curriculum standards resulting from its action to implement the provisions of Chapter 102 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly (HB 2669).		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	None.	
Expected Date	August 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Guidance Document 7843: Cosmetology Licensees Completing Training Prior to Straight Razor Requirement		
Brief Overview		
The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations (18VAC41-20) that provides guidance regarding the performing of straight razor shaving by licensed cosmetologists prior to September 1, 2024. As a result of the Board's implementation of the provisions of Chapter 102 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly (HB 2669), this guidance will no longer be necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by two (2) pages. This is the equivalent of 500 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	August 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Guidance Document 6640: Master Barber Applicants who have Already Completed Training Equivalent to the Master Barber Curriculum		
Brief Overview		
The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations (18VAC41-20) related to the implementation of master barber licensure in 2017. This guidance document is no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	August 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6687 / Stage 10665		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Cosmetology Compact Amendment		
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology anticipates adopting a proposed regulation 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. In January 2025, the Board adopted an emergency regulation, which became effective in April 2025. The Board will propose a permanent regulation to replace the emergency regulation.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☒ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
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	September 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6342 / Stage 10697		
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 April 2024, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☒ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☒ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute	☒ Discretionary Action

	☐ Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	- 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. - Allowing for the licensure of mobile tattoo shops and salons.
Expected Date	October 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6343 / Stage 10762	
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 April 2024, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☒ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☒ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	- 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. - Allowing for the licensure of mobile body-piercing salons.
Expected Date	October 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 7329: Frequency of Providing School Rosters	
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations (18VAC41-20) and the Esthetics Regulations (18VAC41-70) that requires licensed schools to provide rosters of current students and students who attended in the last six months in the manner, format, and frequency prescribed by the Board. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulations, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	

Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	November 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Guidance Document 5238: Assessment of a Student's Competence in Esthetics		
Brief Overview		
The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Esthetics Regulations (18VAC41-70) that provides guidance to licensed esthetics schools conducting an assessment of a transfer student's competence in esthetics to receive credit toward completion of required training. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	November 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Guidance Document 5503: Guidance Document - Substantial Equivalence		
Brief Overview		
The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Tattooing Regulations (18VAC41-50) and the Esthetics Regulations (18VAC41-70) that provides guidance regarding the meaning of the term "substantially equivalent" as used in the regulation related to qualifications for licensure by endorsement and examination eligibility. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed

	☐ Final	☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	November 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 5593: Endorsement Candidate from State Offering Only One Licensing Exam		
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations (18VAC41-20) that provides interpretative guidance regarding applicants for licensure by endorsement from states where the applicant is only required to take one type of examination (written or practical). The guidance provides that the applicant will only be required to take the other type of examination (written or practical) that the originally issuing state did not require in order to qualify for licensure by endorsement. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	November 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 5594: Cosmetology Examiners		
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations (18VAC41-20) that provides interpretative guidance regarding examiners for license examinations in the cosmetology professions. The guidance provides that a cosmetologist examiner may serve as an examiner for a license examination in the cosmetology profession, including nail technician examinations. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed

	☐ Final	☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	November 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 6057: School Locations		
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations (18VAC41-20) and the Esthetics Regulations (18VAC41-70) that provides an interpretation of the regulatory requirement that a school hold a license for each and every location. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	November 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 6215: Esthetics - Cleaning Multi-use Items that Cannot Be Immersed		
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Esthetics Regulations (18VAC41-70) that provides guidance on the cleaning of multi-use instruments that cannot be immersed in liquid. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute	☒ Discretionary Action

	☐ Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	November 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 6373: Barber/Cosmetology Application Review Matrix	
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to amend 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 establishes criteria for prior criminal convictions and prior disciplinary actions disclosed on licensing and certification applications that do not require review by the Board. As a result of amendments to its regulations, the Board anticipates revising provisions of the guidance document to reflect and complement changes made to criminal history disclosure requirements.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	The amendments to the guidance document would allow agency staff to approve applications for applicants for licensure or certification who have prior criminal convictions that fall within the criteria established by the Board without out 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 or certifications sooner under this revised guidance.
Expected Date	November 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 6639: Cosmetology Instructors May Teach Nail or Wax Instructor Programs	
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations (18VAC41-20) which provides that certified cosmetology instructors may teach nail and wax programs. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☒ Guidance Document

Description	☐ Exempt Action
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Discretionary Action ☐ Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	November 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 6880: Definition of Clock Hours	
Brief Overview The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Barbering and Cosmetology Regulations (18VAC41-20); the Tattooing Regulations (18VAC41-50); and the Esthetics Regulations (18VAC41-70) which provides what constitutes an hour of school instruction under the regulations. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☒ Guidance Document ☐ Exempt Action
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Discretionary Action ☐ Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	November 2025.

Description of Board

The Board for Branch Pilots is a separate agency within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. 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.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6338 / Stage 10457	
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 a proposed regulation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☒ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☒ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	- Remove unnecessary requirements for licensure as a full branch pilot. - Allow branch pilots with a full branch pilot license for the branch of Sea to Wolf Trap to qualify for an extension of route for the waters of the Chesapeake Bay from Wolf Trap to Smith Point, without requiring an additional federal first class pilot endorsement. - Streamlining provisions in the prohibited acts to reduce requirements.
Expected Date	September 2025.

Description of Board

The Cemetery Board is a separate agency within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. 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.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6442 / Stage 10672	
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). In September 2024, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☒ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☒ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	- Reducing the stringency of requirements for individuals to qualify as a compliance agent or compliance agent designee for a licensed cemetery company, including reducing required training by 50%. - Reducing the stringency of requirements for individuals to qualify as a trustee for a perpetual care or preneed trust fund, including reducing required experience by 60%. - Removing a rule that prohibits registered cemetery sales personnel from transferring from one cemetery company to another.
Expected Date	September 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 7116: Cemetery Board Criminal History Review Matrix	
Brief Overview The Cemetery Board intends to amend an existing guidance document associated with the Cemetery Board Rules and Regulations (18VAC47-20). The guidance document establishes criteria for prior criminal convictions and prior disciplinary actions disclosed on licensing and registration applications that do not require review by the Board. As a result of amendments to its regulations, the Board	

anticipates revising provisions of the guidance document to reflect and complement changes made to criminal history disclosure requirements.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	The amendments to the guidance document would allow agency staff to approve applications for applicants for licensure or registration who have prior criminal convictions that fall within the criteria established by the Board without out 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	October 2025.

Description of Board

The Common Interest Community Board is a separate agency within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. 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.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 5734 / Stage 10702	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document General Review of Common Interest Community Manager Regulations	
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 (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☒ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☒ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	- Extending the period of licensure for common interest community manager firms from one (1) year to two (2) years. - Extending the period for reinstatement of licenses and certificates from six (6) months to one (1) year.
Expected Date	September 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6354 / Stage 10701		
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). In October 2024, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☒ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☒ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Provide for the Board to electronically send, instead of mail, renewal notices to common interest community associations.	
Expected Date	October 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 4190: Evidence of Proper Fidelity Bond or Dishonesty Insurance and Sufficient Coverage Obtained by CIC Manager Applicant.		
Brief Overview The Common Interest Community Board intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Common Interest Community Manager Regulations (18VAC48-50) that provides the amount and informational requirements on bond insurance coverage obtained by common interest community manager applicants as a condition of licensure. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute	☒ Discretionary Action

	☐ Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by two (2) pages. This is the equivalent of 500 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	October 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 5049: CIC Manager Requirement to Obtain and Maintain a Separate Fidelity Bond or Insurance Policy to Comply with Section 54.1-2346.D of the Code of Virginia and 18 VAC 48-50-30.E of the Board's Regulations.	
Brief Overview The Common Interest Community Board intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Common Interest Community Manager Regulations (18VAC48-50) which provides that a fidelity bond or insurance policy that a common interest community manager must obtain in accordance with § 54.1-2346(D) of the Code of Virginia is separate from the insurance that an association must obtain to comply with applicable provisions of common interest community law. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by three (3) pages. This is the equivalent of 750 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	October 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 6256: Summary of Board Interpretations, Policies and Guidance Documents.	
Brief Overview The Common Interest Community Board intends to amend an existing guidance document associated with the Common Interest Community Manager Regulations (18VAC48-50), Common Interest Community Association Registration Regulations (18VAC48-60), and Common Interest Community Ombudsman Regulations (18VAC48-70) which provides a summary of the Board's statutory interpretations, policies, and guidance documents. As a result of amendments to its regulations, the Board anticipates removing provisions of the guidance document that (i) will no longer be applicable; or (ii) will be incorporated into regulation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☒ Guidance Document

Description	☐ Exempt Action
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Discretionary Action ☐ Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	The length of the guidance document is anticipated to be reduced by at least one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	November 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 7092: Common Interest Community Association Registration – Interpretive Guidance for 18VAC48-60-60	
Brief Overview The Common Interest Community Board intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Common Interest Community Association Registration Regulations (18VAC48-60) which provides interpretive guidance regarding the meaning of the phrase "lots or units subject to the declaration" as used in 18VAC48-60-60 of the regulation. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☒ Guidance Document ☐ Exempt Action
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Discretionary Action ☐ Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by four (4) pages. This is the equivalent of 1,000 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	November 2025.

Description of Board

The Board for Contractors is a separate agency within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. 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. The board also administers the Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund for recovery of unsatisfied final judgments against licensed contractors.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document HB 1707/SB 1059 Amendment		
Brief Overview The Board for Contractors will be initiating an exempt rulemaking to amend the Board for Contractors Regulations (18VAC50-22) to comport the regulation with Chapters 127 (HB 1707) and 133 (SB 1059) of the 2025 Acts of Assembly. The legislation amends provisions of statute related to the Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund. The action would remove a provision from the regulation that mandates that recovery fund assessments paid at the time of application for licensure be refunded to applicants that do not become licensed.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☒ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☒ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute	☐ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	None.	
Expected Date	July 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 2959: Board for Contractors Policies & Interpretations		
Brief Overview The Board for Contractors intends to amend an existing 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 regulations, interpretive guidance, and general policies.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA

	☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	It is anticipated that the length of the guidance document will be reduced by at least one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	July 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Guidance Document 5724: PSI Examination Equivalency		
Brief Overview		
The Board for Contractors intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Board for Contractors Regulations (18VAC50-22) and Individual License and Certification Regulations (18VAC50-30). The 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. Staff review has determined that this document does not fall within the meaning of "guidance document" as defined in the Administrative Process Act.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	July 2025.	

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 has proposed 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 raise 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 raise price caps that have been in place since 1995.		

Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☒ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	None.	
Expected Date	November 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Board for Contractors Renewal Notifications Amendment (Tentative)		
Brief Overview		
The Board for Contractors proposes to amend the Board for Contractors Regulations (18VAC50-22) and the Individual License and Certification Regulations (18VAC50-30) to remove rules that mandate the mailing of documents for regulants to renew licenses.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☒ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	These changes will allow for a paperless license renewal process which will save members of the regulated community time when renewing licenses.	
Expected Date	December 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. 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.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6430 / Stage 10679		
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). In August 2024, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☒ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☒ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Eliminates unnecessary requirements for proprietary schools to demonstrate to the Board that they are financially responsible and receive approval from the Board.	
Expected Date	September 2025.	

Description of Board

The Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians is a separate agency within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation. 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.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6303 / Stage 10668		
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 a proposed regulation.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☒ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☒ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	- 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. - Removing unnecessary requirements from the standards of practice and conduct.	
Expected Date	August 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6304 / Stage 10649		
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 a proposed regulation.		
Regulatory Stage	☐ NOIRA	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA

(check one box)	☐ Proposed ☒ Final	☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☒ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	• 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. • Reduces the restrictiveness of standards for approval of Board-approved reinstatement courses.	
Expected Date	August 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Guidance Document 7524: Application Review Matrix		
Brief Overview		
The Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Hearing Aid Specialists Regulations (18VAC-80-20) and the Opticians Regulations (18VAC80-30). The guidance document establishes criteria for prior criminal convictions and prior disciplinary actions disclosed on licensing and certification applications that do not require review by the Board. As a result of amendments to its regulations, this guidance will no longer be necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	September 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. 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. The board is also authorized to license appraisal management companies.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6447 / Stage 10758		
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 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)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☒ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☒ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	• Increase the time period for an applicant to take and pass the Board-approved license examination once approved to the examination from 12 months to 24 months, • Revise qualifications for certification of pre-licensure education instructors to allow individuals to qualify based on experience as an instructor or teacher, instead of requiring a baccalaureate degree. • Increase from one (1) year to two (2) years the timeframe that regulants have to reinstate an expired credential.	
Expected Date	October 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6431 / Stage 10684		
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 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)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☒ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☒ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduce the stringency of requirements for disclosure of prior criminal history.	
Expected Date	October 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 7122: Real Estate Appraiser Board Application Review Matrix		
Brief Overview The Real Estate Appraiser Board intends to amend an existing guidance document associated with the Real Estate Appraiser Board Rules and Regulations (18VAC130-20) and the Appraisal Management Company Regulations (18VAC130-30). 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. As a result of amendments to its regulations, the Board anticipates revising provisions of the guidance document to reflect and complement changes made to criminal history disclosure requirements.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ 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 out 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	November 2025.

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. 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 7 of Title 55.1 Code of Virginia. It also administers the Virginia Real Estate Transaction Recovery Fund for recovery of unsatisfied final judgments against licensed real estate brokers or salespersons.

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 55.1, Chapter 10).

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Guidance Document 3178: Proof of Financial Responsibility for Board-Approved Education Providers	
Brief Overview	
The Real Estate Board intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations (18VAC135-20) which establishes requirements for documents to be submitted by education providers to prove financial responsibility when applying for Board approval. The requirements outlined in the guidance document have been incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	July 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Guidance Document 3648: Real Estate Pre-License Instructor Guidance Document		
Brief Overview		
The Real Estate Board intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations (18VAC135-20) which requires every Board-approved salesperson and broker pre-license course to be taught by a Board-certified pre-license instructor. The requirements outlined in the guidance document have been incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	July 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Guidance Document 3665: Continuing & Post License Education Course Reporting Requirements		
Brief Overview		
The Real Estate Board intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations (18VAC135-20) which requires that approved education providers electronically transmit course completion data to the Board in an approved format within five (5) business days of completion of the course. The requirements outlined in the guidance document have been incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	July 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Guidance Document 3964: Real Estate Distance Education Notarized Affidavit Requirement		
Brief Overview		
The Real Estate Board intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations (18VAC135-20) which requires that licensees who complete a Board-approved distance learning course for post-licensure or continuing education to file a notarized affidavit. The requirements outlined in the guidance document have been incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	July 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Guidance Document 4160: On-line Course Time Requirement		
Brief Overview		
The Real Estate Board intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations (18VAC135-20) which requires that Board-approved education providers to require licensees to be actively engaged online in learning the content of Board-approved online courses for at least 50 clock minutes to receive one hour of education credit. The requirements outlined in the guidance document have been incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	July 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 5529: Real Estate Continuing Education Elective Courses		
Brief Overview The Real Estate Board intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations (18VAC135-20) which provides that the Board may approve general elective continuing education courses for subjects that are not specified in the regulation. The guidance outlined in the guidance document has been incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	July 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 5039: Necessity for Brokerage Agreements		
Brief Overview The Real Estate Board intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations (18VAC135-20) which provides guidance for licensees as it relates to understanding the requirements of § 54.1-2137 of the Code of Virginia. The statute outlined in the guidance document was amended as a result of Chapters 479 (HB 1684) and 495 (SB 1309) of the 2025 Acts of Assembly, making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by three (3) pages. This is the equivalent of 750 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	July 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
2025 Legislative Amendments	
Brief Overview	
The Real Estate Board will be initiating an exempt rulemaking to amend the Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations (18VAC135-20) to comport with the following legislation: • Chapters 122 and 129 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly. • Chapters 479 and 495 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly. • Chapters 463 and 466 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly. Chapters 122 (HB 1653) and 129 (SB 785) prohibit the Board from charging a fee to a real estate licensee for the transfer of such licensee between offices within a licensed real estate firm, including from such firm's primary place of business to one of its branch offices or from a branch office to another branch office under the same primary place of business. Chapters 479 (HB 1684) and 495 (SB 1309) repeal the provision providing that, notwithstanding any other provision of law requiring written brokerage agreements or governing the duties of licensees, nothing will be construed to require that a written agreement between a licensee and a prospective buyer or tenant be executed prior to the licensee's showing properties to the prospective buyer. The legislation also provides that a licensee engaged by a seller or landlord will not be required to show property to a prospective buyer when such showing is conducted pursuant to and in accordance with a brokerage agreement entered into with a seller or landlord client. Chapters 463 (HB 2557) and 466 (SB 993) clarify that the provisions related to real estate brokers, salespersons, and rental location agents do not apply to any person employed by a licensed real estate broker for and on behalf of the owner of any real estate or the improvements thereon that the licensed broker has contracted to manage for the owner if the actions of such employee are limited to (i) accepting and signing broker-approved rental agreements, state or federal required disclosures, and any documents required for compliance with Virginia Fair Housing Law related to such rental transaction and (ii) accepting security deposits, periodic rent, and other payments contracted for in the rental agreement for such real estate.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☒ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☒ Exempt Action ☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☐ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	• Exempts licensees who are transferring between offices within the same licensed real estate brokerage from the requirement to pay a fee to the Board for processing of the transfer transaction. This will provide a cost savings to regulants.
Expected Date	August 2025.

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)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☒ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	None.	
Expected Date	August 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6446 / Stage 10804		
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 has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). In November 2024, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☒ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☒ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action

Deregulatory Component	- Provisions of the regulation are significantly revised to (i) streamline the regulation, (ii) make the regulation clearer to understand; and (iii) make the regulation easier to follow. - Remove burdensome requirements related to advertising.
Expected Date	November 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Guidance Document 2021: Real Estate Advisory Council's Report Regarding Post-Licensure Education	
Brief Overview	
The Real Estate Board intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Virginia Real Estate Board Licensing Regulations (18VAC135-20) which establishes the guidelines for the 30-hour education curriculum for newly licensed real estate salespersons. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☒ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by 17 pages. This is the equivalent of 4,250 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	December 2025.

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 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.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
HB 1835 Amendment (Tentative)	
Brief Overview	
The Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists anticipates initiating an emergency rulemaking to amend the Regulations for the Geology Certification Program (18VAC145-40) to implement Chapter 722 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly (HB 1835). The legislation establishes a mandatory licensure program for individuals who practice or offer to practice as a professional geologist or in a geological specialty in Virginia. Currently, such individuals may apply for voluntary certification from the Board. The legislation requires the Board to adopt an emergency regulation to implement the provisions of the legislation.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☒ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	None.
Expected Date	January 2026.

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 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.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 6285 / Stage 10540		
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). In January 2024, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☒ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☒ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	- 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. - Reducing the number of continuing education (CE) hours required for renewal of most waterworks operator and wastewater works operator licenses.	
Expected Date	August 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Action 5961 / Stage 10673
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 has been conducted in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and Executive Directive Number One (2022). In October 2024, the Board adopted proposed amendments to the regulation resulting from its review.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☒ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☒ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action ☐ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute ☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	- 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 onsite sewage system installers, onsite sewage system operators, and onsite soil evaluators. - Increasing from 12 months to 24 months the period of time a licensee is eligible to reinstate an expired license. - Reducing the number of continuing education (CE) hours required for renewal of most types of licenses.
Expected Date	August 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Guidance Document 6171: Pumping of Alternative Onsite Sewage Systems	
Brief Overview	
The Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Onsite Sewage System Professionals Licensing Regulations (18VAC160-40), which provides for the Board's policy pertaining to conventional onsite sewage system operators pumping alternative onsite sewage systems. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track

Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by three (3) pages. This is the equivalent of 750 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	September 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Guidance Document 6204: Effective Date of Utility Management CPE for Class 1 and 2 Waterworks & Wastewater Works Operators		
Brief Overview		
The Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators Licensing Regulations (18VAC160-30). The guidance pertains to a change in the regulation regarding continuing professional education (CPE) that became effective in 2017. This guidance will be repealed because it is no longer applicable.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.	
Expected Date	September 2025.	

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not Available.		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Guidance Document 6214: Onsite Sewage System Professionals Master and Journeyman License Requirements		
Brief Overview		
The Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Onsite Sewage System Professionals Licensing Regulations (18VAC160-40), which provides the Board's policy as it pertains to the licensure of individuals engaged in the provision of regulated activities. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested	☒ Guidance Document

	☐ Exempt Action
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Discretionary Action ☐ Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by one (1) page. This is the equivalent of 250 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	September 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 7178: License Requirements for Operators of Alternative Systems Exceeding 10,000 Gallons per Day	
Brief Overview The Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Onsite Sewage System Professionals Licensing Regulations (18VAC160-40), which provides for license requirements for those acting as an operator of an alternative sewage system that exceeds 10,000 gallons per day design flow. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☒ Guidance Document ☐ Exempt Action
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Discretionary Action ☐ Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by two (2) pages. This is the equivalent of 500 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	September 2025.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) Not Available.	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Guidance Document 7210: License Requirements for Operators of Small Wastewater Treatment Facilities	
Brief Overview The Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals intends to repeal an existing guidance document associated with the Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators Licensing Regulations (18VAC160-30). The guidance provides for the acceptance of work experience to qualify for licensure for individuals whose experience was obtained in an unclassified wastewater treatment facility. This guidance will be incorporated into the regulation, making the guidance document no longer necessary.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Final ☐ Fast-Track
Additional	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☒ Guidance Document

Description	☐ Exempt Action
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☒ Discretionary Action ☐ Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	Reduces the number of the agency's guidance document pages by two (2) pages. This is the equivalent of 500 words being eliminated.
Expected Date	September 2025.