



Virginia

Universal Licensing Recognition

WHAT ULR DOES

Universal Licensing Recognition (ULR) makes it easier for people who are already licensed in another state to get licensed or certified at the same level in Virginia. Applicants from states that do not require licensure or certification may still qualify for licensure in Virginia.

The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) will recognize out-of-state licenses or certifications for people who have been practicing in their profession for at least three years, are in good standing, were required to pass a competency exam and met certain standards related to education, training or experience. Applicants must submit all applicable Virginia fees to qualify.

Applicants interested in applying for their Virginia license through ULR can find the ULR application for their profession on DPOR's website: www.dpor.virginia.gov or they should contact the appropriate DPOR regulatory board for assistance.

WHAT ULR DOES NOT DO

Universal Licensing Recognition does not recognize other states' occupational licenses or certificates automatically. Individuals licensed in other states still **MUST** apply for a license through the appropriate DPOR board before working in the Commonwealth.

However, under ULR individuals will not be required to duplicate training and other requirements that often lead to unnecessary delays or prevent individuals from getting to work.

EXAMPLES OF PROFESSIONS/OCCUPATIONS IMPACTED

- Barbers
- Cosmetologists
- Real Estate
- Plumbers
- Electricians
- Estheticians
- Nail Technicians
- Waterworks Operators
- Opticians
- Wastewater Works Operators
- Gas Fitters
- Home Inspectors
- Tattooists
- HVAC
- And More

HOW ULR PROTECTS PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

Virginia's Universal Licensing Recognition will ensure protections for public health and safety. To qualify for a license under ULR, an applicant **MUST** be in good standing in all current and previously licensed locations and not have any past or pending investigations or complaints. Applicants will be required to submit a *Certification of Licensure/Letter of Good Standing* prepared by the state board/regulatory body where they are currently licensed.

A person may be prevented from receiving a license or certificate in Virginia if they have a disqualifying criminal background in accordance with in accordance with §54.1204. In addition, individuals receiving a license can only become licensed or certified in practice areas where they have been trained to practice in their original state.