

*Virginia Department of Education
Division of Teacher Education and Licensure
P. O. Box 2120
Richmond, VA 23218-2120*

APPLICATION FOR A VIRGINIA LICENSE

(Application for a teaching license, pupil personnel services license, division superintendent license, and a license with an endorsement to serve as an administrator and supervisor)

Thank you for your interest in licensure in Virginia. Please follow the guidelines below, complete the application forms, attach all required documentation, and return all completed information in a single packet to the address noted below. If you are employed in a Virginia educational agency, please submit your completed application packet directly to the appropriate individual in your school division or nonpublic school.

Please submit a complete packet. If an incomplete packet is submitted and a license cannot be issued, your application information will only be retained for one year. If a license has not been issued within a year, you will be required to resubmit a complete packet, including the fee.

Please follow the instructions below to apply for licensure.

CRITERIA FOR SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR AN INITIAL VIRGINIA LICENSE

You may submit an application for an **initial** Virginia license if you meet the criteria in at least one of the following:

- Have completed a state-approved teacher preparation program, to include student teaching; (If you have completed a Virginia approved program, you should request that your application be submitted by the college or university.);
- Have completed a state-approved school counselor, school psychologist, school social worker, or speech language pathology program or hold a current, valid license in another state with no deficiencies in one of these pupil personnel services areas;
- Hold a current, valid license from another state with no deficiencies with comparable endorsement(s) or teaching area(s);
- Are employed full-time under contract by a Virginia school division (Please submit your application directly to the employing school division.);
- Have completed an approved program in administration and supervision or hold a current, valid out-of-state license in administration and supervision. [An individual who holds a Virginia teaching license and who is seeking to add an administration and supervision endorsement does not need to submit an application for an initial license, but rather request an additional endorsement.]
- Are seeking a division superintendent license. (Please review the specific procedures for submitting a division superintendent license application.)

PLEASE NOTE:

Do **not** submit a new application for a license if you ever have been issued a Virginia teaching license or hold a five-year renewable Virginia license that has expired. If you hold an expired five-year renewable license, you must meet the renewal requirements that are noted in the *Virginia Licensure Renewal Manual*.

Refer to the **Procedures for Adding an Endorsement** if you are seeking an additional endorsement on your Virginia license. This information may be accessed on the Department of Education's Web site at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/adding_endorsements.pdf

PROFESSIONAL TEACHER'S ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to the Web site below to review required assessments for licensure in Virginia:

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/prof_teacher_assessment.pdf

**CHILD ABUSE RECOGNITION AND INTERVENTION TRAINING
IS REQUIRED FOR INITIAL LICENSURE**

The 2002 Virginia General Assembly amended the *Code of Virginia* to require that individuals seeking initial licensure and license renewal on and after July 1, 2004, must complete study in child abuse recognition and intervention in accordance with curriculum guidelines approved by the Board of Education. All instructional personnel required to hold a license for their positions are required to complete this requirement. Individuals must complete the Child Abuse Recognition and Intervention requirement **PRIOR TO LICENSURE AND PRIOR TO EMPLOYMENT IN A VIRGINIA PUBLIC SCHOOL.**

A free training module is available at: www.vcu.edu/vissta/training/va_teachers. Be sure your computer is connected to a printer when completing this training so you can print the certificate of completion. Submit this certificate with your completed application.

TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS FOR INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

Individuals are required to meet the Technology Standards for Instructional Personnel approved by the Board of Education. Individuals who graduated from an approved teacher preparation program in Virginia since December 1998 have met the requirement as the Technology Standards were incorporated in the program. All other individuals will need to meet this requirement as outlined and verified by the employing Virginia educational agency.

**PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING FOR AN INITIAL
VIRGINIA LICENSE FOR TEACHERS,
ADMINISTRATORS AND SUPERVISORS,
AND PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES PERSONNEL**

Step 1- Application Form: Please respond to all questions. [The procedures for applying for a division superintendent license are listed in the next section.]

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE: The application for teacher licensure in Virginia requires that you provide your social security number. Section 22.1-296.4 of the *Code of Virginia* requires a check of the registry of founded complaints of child abuse and neglect in Virginia and other states. A social security number is required for this search. In addition, Virginia is a member of the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification, and uses their clearinghouse to check for licensure revocation, suspension, denial, and reinstatement in other states. Virginia also provides information to the clearinghouse regarding licensure revocation, suspension, denial, and reinstatement in Virginia. The social security number is used for the clearinghouse and was required prior to 1975. The Virginia Department of Education will not release your social security number except in reporting cases of licensure revocation, suspension, denial, and reinstatement as noted above.

Step 2- Nonrefundable Application Fee: Attach a certified check, cashier's check, money order, or personal check made payable to the *Treasurer of Virginia*. The in-state fee is \$50 and the out-of-state fee is \$75.

Note: The fee is determined by the address on your application. A \$25 processing fee is assessed for a check returned for any reason. Returned checks are subject to collection action.

Step 3- College Verification Form: Send this form to the certification/licensure officer of the college or university where you completed a state-approved teacher preparation program. The student teaching/practicum/internship verification (Part III) must be completed for each student teaching/practicum/internship experience. (If you have completed a state-approved program at the undergraduate and graduate levels, please have both institutions complete a form.)

Step 4- Report on Experience: Request the completion of this form by the appropriate accredited nonpublic or public school division official if you have completed at least one year of full-time contractual teaching or other school professional experience in early childhood special education or kindergarten through grade 12 at a public or accredited nonpublic school.

Step 5- Professional Teacher's Assessment Scores: Please submit a copy of your scores for the licensure assessments, if required. Please refer to the following Web site for testing information: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/prof_teacher_assessment.pdf. Individuals who hold a valid out-of-state license (full credential without deficiencies) and who have completed a minimum of three years of full-time, successful teaching experience in a public or accredited nonpublic school (kindergarten through grade 12) in a state other than Virginia may be exempted from the professional teacher's assessment requirements.

Step 6- Official Student Transcripts: Contact the registrar's office of each college or university where you have earned degrees or completed course work. **Request official student transcripts to be sent to you, and submit the transcripts with your application packet.** Official student transcripts (bearing the registrar's signature and embossed seal) that have been issued to students **are** acceptable. Placement records sent from colleges, grade reports, and photocopies of transcripts will not be accepted or returned.

Step 7- Out-of-state License(s): Submit a **photocopy** of each of your current out-of-state license(s).

Step 8 – Proof of Child Abuse Recognition and Intervention Training: The 2002 Virginia General Assembly amended the *Code of Virginia* to require that individuals seeking initial licensure and license renewal on and after July 1, 2004, must complete study in child abuse recognition and intervention in accordance with curriculum guidelines approved by the Board of Education. All instructional personnel required to hold a license for their positions are required to complete this requirement. Individuals must complete the Child Abuse Recognition and Intervention requirement **PRIOR TO LICENSURE AND EMPLOYMENT IN A VIRGINIA PUBLIC SCHOOL**. A free training module is available at: www.vcu.edu/vissta/training/va_teachers. Be sure your computer is connected to a printer when completing this training so you can print the certificate of completion. Submit a copy of this certificate with your completed application.

PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING FOR A DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT LICENSE

Step 1- Application Form: Please respond to all questions. [If you are applying for a teaching license and a superintendent license, please check both boxes on the application and review the procedures for both licenses. You may submit your credentials in one packet.]

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE: The application for teacher licensure in Virginia requires that you provide your social security number. Section 22.1-296.4 of the *Code of Virginia* requires a check of the registry of founded complaints of child abuse and neglect in Virginia and other states. A social security number is required for this search. In addition, Virginia is a member of the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification, and uses their clearinghouse to check for licensure revocation, suspension, denial, and reinstatement in other states. Virginia also provides information to the clearinghouse regarding licensure revocation, suspension, denial, and reinstatement in Virginia. The social security number is used for the clearinghouse and was required prior to 1975. The Virginia Department of Education will not release your social security number except in reporting cases of licensure revocation, suspension, denial, and reinstatement as noted above.

Step 2- Nonrefundable Application Fee: Attach a personal check, certified check, cashier's check, or money order made payable to the Treasurer of Virginia. The in-state fee is \$100 and the out-of-state fee is \$150. Note: The fee is determined by the address on your application. **A \$25 processing fee is assessed for a returned check.**

Step 3- Report on Experience: Request the completion of this form by the appropriate school official(s) to verify at least five years of full-time experience in an accredited public and/or nonpublic school, two years of which must be teaching experience at the kindergarten through grade 12 and two years of which must be in administration/supervision.

Step 4- Official Student Transcripts: Contact the registrar's office of each college or university where you have earned degrees or completed course work. **Request official student transcripts to be sent to you and submit the transcripts with your application packet.** Official student transcripts (bearing the registrar's signature and embossed seal) which have been issued to students **are** acceptable. Placement records sent from colleges, grade reports, and photocopies of transcripts will not be accepted or returned.

Step 5- Out-of-state License(s): Submit a **photocopy** of your out-of-state division superintendent license(s), if applicable.

Step 6 – Proof of Child Abuse Recognition and Intervention Training: The 2002 Virginia General Assembly amended the *Code of Virginia* to require that individuals seeking initial licensure and license renewal on and after July 1, 2004, must complete study in child abuse recognition and intervention in accordance with curriculum guidelines approved by the Board of Education. All instructional personnel required to hold a license for their positions are required to complete this requirement. Individuals must complete the Child Abuse Recognition and Intervention requirement **PRIOR TO LICENSURE AND EMPLOYMENT IN A VIRGINIA PUBLIC SCHOOL**. A free training module is available at: www.vcu.edu/vissta/training/va_teachers. Be sure your computer is connected to a printer when completing this training so you can print the certificate of completion. Submit this certificate with your completed application.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ADDRESS

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Please Check:

License Requested: _____ **Initial License (Fee-\$50 in-state; \$75-Out-of-state)** _____ **Division Superintendent License (Fee--\$100-in-state; \$150-out-of-state)**

PART I--INFORMATION PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Social Security Number		Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)	
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Suffix (Jr., Sr., III, etc.)
Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code) [Please note that the address provided is public information.]			
Daytime Telephone Number (include area code) ()	Home Telephone Number (include area code) ()	Gender (for statistical purposes only) _____ Male _____ Female	
Race (for statistical purposes only - check one) _____ 1. American Indian/Alaskan Native _____ 2. Asian or Pacific Islander _____ 3. Black (not of Hispanic Origin) _____ 4. Hispanic _____ 5. White (Not of Hispanic Origin)			

PART II

<p>Have you ever been convicted of a felony in the U.S. (or territories) or found guilty of a criminal offense in another country? _____ Yes _____ No (If yes, attach a letter of explanation and a copy of the court documents indicating judgment and disposition of the case from the court of conviction.)</p> <p>Have you ever been found guilty of a misdemeanor involving children or drugs? _____ Yes _____ No (If yes, attach a letter of explanation and a copy of the court documents indicating judgment and disposition of the case from the court of conviction.)</p> <p>Have you ever had a teaching certificate or license denied, revoked, invalidated, cancelled, or suspended? _____ Yes _____ No (If yes, please attach a statement giving full details and official documentation of the action taken.)</p> <p>Have you ever been the subject of a founded complaint of child abuse or neglect? _____ Yes _____ No (If yes, please attach a statement giving full details and official documentation of the action taken.)</p>

PART III--EDUCATION (only colleges and universities--BA/BS and MA/MS)

Name of Institution	Location	Dates Attended	Degree (if earned)	Major/Major Subjects

PART IV--EXPERIENCE (Grades K-12 only -- Full-time, contractual experience only, not substitute, summer school, or aide)

Name of School	Location	Dates of Employment (Month/Year to Month/Year)	Grade(s)/Subject(s) Taught

PART V--OUT-OF-STATE EDUCATIONAL LICENSE – This section must be completed, if applicable. (Enclose a copy of each license.)

State:	First issue date:	Last expiration date:
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PART VI--COMPLETE IF YOU HAVE ACCEPTED A POSITION IN VIRGINIA REQUIRING A LICENSE

Name of Employer :	Beginning Date of Employment:	Assignment:
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BY MY SIGNATURE, I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS ACCURATE AND COMPLETE. I UNDERSTAND THAT MISREPRESENTATION MAY RESULT IN THE DENIAL OR REVOCATION OF THE VIRGINIA LICENSE.

Date _____ Applicant's Signature _____

IMPORTANT NOTICE: A nonrefundable fee (\$50 in-state and \$75 out-of-state fee) must be submitted with the application. There is a \$25 fee for a returned check. Make checks payable to the Treasurer of Virginia. A complete application must be submitted. Incomplete applications may not be retained longer than one year.

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COLLEGE VERIFICATION FORM

The primary purpose of this form is to determine whether an applicant for licensure has completed a state-approved preparation program at the graduate or undergraduate level. In these cases, the form must be completed by the appropriate certification/licensure official of the college/university where the program has been completed. The completed form must be submitted to this office by the applicant along with other items required for licensure or the Virginia school administrator with whom the applicant has accepted employment.

PART I

Social Security Number:		Date of Birth: (Month/Day/Year)	
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Suffix (Jr., Sr., III)
Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)			
Name of Institution			
Degree and Date of Conferral			

PART II: Please circle the appropriate response:	
YES NO	The applicant satisfactorily completed a state-approved preparation program and completed endorsements (teaching areas, administration and supervision, or pupil personnel services) in the following:
ENDORSEMENTS: _____	
PART III: Student Teaching, Internship, and/or Practicum Experience:	
Course Title: _____	Course Number: _____
Semester Hours: _____	Clock Hours: _____
A. High School grade (s): _____	(Do not include special education experience – use line C)
B. Elementary grade (s): _____	(Do not include special education experience – use line C)
C. Specific special education area(s)* and grade level (s) _____	
*Please specify the exact nature of the exceptional child (children) included in the student teaching/practicum experience.	
Special subject area(s) (i.e., Art, Music, P.E.): _____	Grade level (s): _____

Requisite to compliance with the licensure regulations established by the Virginia Board of Education are the following conditions: the applicant must be at least 18 years of age and must possess good moral character. I certify on the basis of my information and belief that the applicant possesses good moral character.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____
 NAME: _____
 TITLE: _____
 INSTITUTION: _____

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REPORT ON EXPERIENCE

DIRECTIONS: A report verifying experience must be completed by the appropriate nonpublic school or public school division official if the applicant for initial licensure has had a total of at least one year of full-time, contractual teaching experience or held other professional positions in a public school or accredited nonpublic school. The completed form must be submitted to this office by the applicant along with all other items required for licensure or to the Virginia school administrator with whom the applicant has accepted employment.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Social Security Number: _____-_____-_____		
Address of Applicant (Street, City, State, Zip Code)		

NAME OF ACCREDITED SCHOOL <small>(Please report only full-time, contractual teaching experience in an accredited public or accredited nonpublic school. Experience as a substitute teacher or aide should not be listed.)</small>	POSITION HELD	GRADE LEVEL OR SPECIFIC SUBJECT TAUGHT	LENGTH OF SERVICE (MONTH/YEAR TO MONTH/YEAR)

Total number of years of full-time teaching experience: _____

Total number of years of full-time experience in administration supervision: _____

Total number of years of full-time experience in a pupil personnel services area (counselor, psychologist, social worker, speech pathologist, vocational evaluator): _____

By my signature, I verify that the above-named person was successfully employed full-time, under contract in the public schools or **accredited** non public school(s) and for the period(s) listed above.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

SCHOOL DIVISION/SCHOOL: _____

ADDRESS: _____
