



## Board for Contractors REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS

The Virginia Board for Contractors requires licensed contracting firms to identify a Qualified Individual for each license classification and specialty designation printed on the license. The Qualified Individual in a **Class C** business must have at least 2 years of experience in the appropriate classification or specialty designation. The Qualified Individual in a **Class B** business must have at least 3 years of experience in the appropriate classification or specialty designation. The Qualified Individual in a **Class A** business must have at least 5 years of experience in the appropriate classification or specialty designation.

For all new applications for licensure, applications for specialties to existing licenses, or changes to an existing Qualified individual, received after December 1, 2012: In addition to the number of years of experience required, Qualified Individuals will be required to hold a valid Individual License or Certification issued by the Board for Contractors, hold a valid certification from another agency, board or third-party organization, or successfully complete a technical examination in order to meet the requirements set forth in the *Board for Contractors Regulations*.

### ***Requirements for Trade-Related License Classifications and Specialties***

Qualified Individual for the electrical (ELE), plumbing (PLB), and HVAC (HVA) license classifications, as well as the gas-fitting (GFC), liquefied petroleum gas contracting (LPG), and natural gas fitting provider contracting (NGF) specialty designations, must hold a current Master Tradesman Card issued by the Board for Contractors in the appropriate classification/specialty.

### ***Licensure and Certification Requirements for Non-Trade Related Classifications and Specialties***

Qualified Individuals for the asbestos (ASB), blast/explosive (BEC), fire sprinkler (SPR), elevator/escalator (EEC), lead abatement (LAC), manufactured home (MHI), radon mitigation (RMC), sewage disposal systems (SDS), and water well/pump (WWP) specialty designations are required to meet the following additional requirements:

#### **Asbestos Contracting (ASB)**

Business applying for ASB specialty designation must:

1. Employ a Qualified Individual who has a valid Asbestos Supervisor's License issued through the Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors (ALHI); telephone 804.367.8595.
2. Upon receipt of the Qualified Individual's Asbestos Supervisor's License submit a Contractors License application or Additional License Classification/Specialty Designation application along with fee to DPOR, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 400, Richmond, VA 23233-1485
3. Upon issuance of the Contractors License, contact the Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors (ALHI) at 804.367.8595 to apply for a (ALHI) Contractors License.

## **Blast/explosive Contracting (BEC)**

Business applying for BEC specialty designation must:

1. Employ a Qualified Individual who has a valid Blaster Certification issued through the State Fire Marshal's Office. To schedule your Qualified Individual for the Blaster Certification exam, contact Prometric at 1260 Energy Lane, St. Paul, MN 55108, telephone 1.800.899.3971 or [www.prometric.com/virginia](http://www.prometric.com/virginia). Additional inquiries contact State Fire Marshal's Office at 1005 Technology Park Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23059, telephone 804.371.0220 or [www.vafire.com/index.htm](http://www.vafire.com/index.htm).
2. Upon receipt of the Qualified Individual's Blaster Certification submit a Contractors License application or Additional License Classification/Specialty Designation application along with fee to DPOR, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 400, Richmond, VA 23233-1485.

## **Elevator/Escalator contracting (EEC)**

Business applying for EEC specialty designation must:

1. Submit a Elevator Mechanic Certification application along with fee to DPOR, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 400, Richmond, VA 23233-1485.
2. Upon approval by the Board, you may then schedule your Qualified Individual for the Certified Elevator/Escalator Mechanic exam, contact PSI Examination Services at 3210 E. Tropicana, Las Vegas, NV 89121; [www.psiexams.com](http://www.psiexams.com); telephone 1-800-733-9267; and facsimile 702-932-2666.
3. Upon successful completion of examination and issuance of Elevator Mechanic Certification, submit a Contractors License application or Additional License Classification/Specialty Designation application along with fee to DPOR, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 400, Richmond, VA 23233-1485 (if applicable).

## **Fire sprinkler contracting (SPR)**

Business applying for SPR specialty designation must:

1. Employ a Qualified Individual who has a valid NICET Level III certificate or higher issued through National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies. Contact NICET at 703-684-2835 or 1-800-787-0034.
2. Employ a Qualified Individual who has a valid Virginia Professional Engineer License who possess experience in automatic fire sprinkler layout and installation as verified by their employer(s), client(s) or building official(s).
3. Upon issuance of a valid Virginia Professional Engineer License OR a NICET Level III certificate or higher, submit a Contractors License application or Additional License Classification/Specialty Designation application along with fee to DPOR, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 400, Richmond, VA 23233-1485.

## **Lead abatement contracting (LAC)**

Business applying for LAC specialty designation must:

1. Employ a Qualified Individual who has a valid Asbestos Supervisor's License with the Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors (ALHI); telephone 804.367.8595.

2. Upon receipt of the Qualified Individual's Lead Abatement Supervisor's License submit a Contractors License application or Additional License Classification/Specialty Designation application along with fee to DPOR, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 400, Richmond, VA 23233-1485.

3. Upon issuance of the Contractors License, contact the Board for Asbestos, Lead and Home Inspectors (ALHI) at 804.367.8595 to apply for a (ALHI) Contractors License.

### **Manufactured Home Contractor (MHC)**

Business applying for MHC specialty designation must:

1. Employ a Qualified Individual who has a valid Manufactured Housing Installer Certification issued through the Department of Housing and Community Development; telephone 804.371.7160.

2. Upon receipt of the Manufactured Housing Installer Certification, submit a Contractors License application or Additional License Classification/Specialty Designation application along with fee to DPOR, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 400, Richmond, VA 23233-1485.

### **Radon mitigation contracting (RMC)**

Businesses applying for the RMC specialty designation must:

1. Qualify for the Building (BLD) license classification, or Commercial (CIC), Farm (FIC), or Home (HIC) improvement specialty designation.

2. Designate a qualified individual who is certified by the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) or the National Radon Safety Board (NRSB). To obtain certification you must contact NEHA at [www.neha.org](http://www.neha.org), 1-800-269-4174 or NRSB at [www.nrsb.org](http://www.nrsb.org), 1-866-329-3474. For more information on Mitigation Guidelines and Protocols, contact the Virginia Department of Health at 1-800-468-0138 or visit the Radon Program web site at [www.vdh.virginia.gov/rad](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/rad).

### **Sewage disposal systems contracting (SDS)**

Business applying for SDS specialty Designation must:

1. Employ a Qualified Individual who has a valid Onsite Sewage Systems Professionals Installers license from the Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals Board, telephone 804.367.8595.

2. Upon receipt of the Onsite Sewage Systems Professionals Installers license submit a Contractors license application or Additional License Classification/Specialty Designation application along with fee to DPOR, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 400, Richmond, VA 23233-1485.

### **Waterwell/pump contracting (WWP)**

Business applying for WWP specialty designation must:

1. Submit a Water Well Systems Provider Certification application along with fee to DPOR, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 400, Richmond, VA 23233-1485 then

2. Upon approval by the Board, you may then schedule your Qualified Individual for the Certified Water Well Systems Provider exam, contact PSI Examination Services at 3210 E. Tropicana, Las Vegas, NV 89121; [www.psiexams.com](http://www.psiexams.com); telephone 1-800-733-9267; and facsimile 702-932-2666.

3. Upon successful completion of examination and issuance of Water Well Systems Provider Certification, submit a Contractors License application or Additional License Classification/Specialty Designation application along with fee to DPOR, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 400, Richmond, VA 23233-1485 (if applicable).

### Examination Requirements For Other Specialties

Qualified Individuals for the following specialties, in addition to the experience requirements, must successfully complete a technical examination that has been approved by the Board for Contractors:

Alternative Energy Systems (AES)	Home Improvement (HIC)
Building (BLD)	Industrialized Buildings (IBC)
Asphalt Paving and Sealcoating (PAV)	Landscape Irrigation (ISC)
Billboard/Sign (BSC)	Landscape (LSC)
Commercial Improvement (CIC)	Marine Facility (MCC)
Concrete (CEM)	Masonry (BRK)
Electronic/Communication Service (ESC)	Painting and Wallcovering (PTC)
Environmental Monitoring Well (EMW)	Recreational Facility (RFC)
Environmental Specialties (ENV)	Refrigeration (REF)
Equipment/Machinery (EMC)	Roofing (ROC)
Farm Improvement (FIC)	Swimming Pools (POL)
Fire Alarm Systems (FAS)	Vessel Construction (VCC)
Fire Suppression (FSP)	