

CHECKLIST AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS AN ADVANCED MEDICATION AIDE

To avoid delays in the processing of your APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS AN ADVANCED MEDICATION AIDE be sure to follow the instructions carefully before submitting your application. It is important to complete all requirements and send in all required support documents as listed below.

*** If you are not currently registered as a medication aide AND certified as a CNA in Virginia, you do not qualify for A-RMA. (Please visit our website at https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/nursing/nursing_laws_regs.htm for a copy of the Laws Governing Nursing and the Virginia Regulations Governing the Registration of Medication Aides).*

LISTED BELOW ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS AN ADVANCED MEDICATION AIDE

- APPLICATION** – This application will not be considered until all sections have been completed, including the certification. The applicant may need to submit supporting documentation regarding responses to the licensure questions.
- FEE** – The fee for application for advanced registered medication aide is **\$100**. All fees are non-refundable.
- VERIFICATION** – Hold both a current certification as a nurse aide and current registration as a registered medication aide in Virginia.
- ADDITIONAL TRAINING REQUIREMENT** – Submit a certificate of completion for the following additional education requirements:
 - Have successfully completed a minimum of 60 hours of advanced training in a nursing facility that includes population and medication specific training.
- SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (IF APPLICABLE)** –
 - Detailed explanation of conviction(s)** – Detailed explanation should describe the circumstances that caused each conviction; what happened, when it happened, why it happened, and what you have done or are doing to ensure these incidents will not happen again. To avoid delays this information should be included with the application.
 - Certified Court Order(s)** – To avoid delays, contact the court(s) and request a certified copy of the conviction record(s) from the appropriate court clerk's office (either the arrest warrant with the back filled out by the judge (misdemeanor) or the final Sentencing Order if it were a felony for conviction. If the Sentencing Agreement makes mention of a pre-hearing or probationary report, that report must also be included. Certified documents must be **emailed/mailed** to the Virginia Board of Nursing, Attention Medication Aide. **Photocopied or faxed court orders are not accepted.** If court records are no longer available, contact the court(s) and request a certified statement that your records are no longer available. Certified statement must be **emailed/mailed** to the Virginia Board of Nursing.

- Proof all court ordered requirements have been met** (for example: payment of fines/fees/restitutions/status of an approved payment plan, completion of community service, completion of any treatment programs, and status of probation).
- Name Change Document** – If **any** of your documentation or supporting documentation (i.e. certificates, supporting documents, court documents) are in a different name from the name provided on your application, include a copy of the legal document that changed your name to the Virginia Board of Nursing, Attention Medication Aide. (Acceptable forms are marriage certificate, divorce decree, certificate of naturalization or court order).

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. It is unlawful to practice as an Advanced Registered Medication Aide in Virginia until you have been issued a current Virginia Advanced Registration.
2. Applications received without the required processing fee will be returned to the sender.
3. Faxed or photocopied documents will not be accepted; only original documents will be accepted.
4. Applications are processed in the order received and may take 30-45 business days to review/complete from the initial application date. Board staff will contact you if any additional information is needed. Please allow time (30-45 business days) for a thorough review of all your application documentation before contacting the Board, as it may slow down the review process of your application.
5. Applications will remain on file with the board for one year from the date of receipt. If, at the end of one (1) year, licensure/certification/registration is not issued, the applicant must reapply in accordance with the requirements of the Regulations.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION SHOULD BE EMAILED/MAILED TO:

ATTN: Medication Aide

Virginia Board of Nursing

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300

Henrico, VA 23233

Email: rr-dhpmedicationaide@dhp.virginia.gov