

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING AN APPLICATION TO PRACTICE AS A
CERTIFIED SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST**

**APPLICATION FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE
BEFORE YOU PROCEED, READ THE FOLLOWING POINTS CAREFULLY!**

NOTE

**AN APPLICATION THAT IS NOT COMPLETE EXPIRES ONE YEAR AFTER IT IS
SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT
TO ENSURE THAT ALL NECESSARY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ARRIVE AT THE
BOARD PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE. IF THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION
EXPIRES, THE APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT ANOTHER APPLICATION, PAY THE
APPLICATION FEE AGAIN AND ENSURE THAT NEW SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
ALSO GET TO THE BOARD.**

You should familiarize yourself with the qualifications required for licensure by reviewing the laws and regulations governing the practice of surgical assisting in Virginia. They can be found at: https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/medicine/medicine_laws_regs.htm.

The Board works as efficiently as possible to process applications. The time from filing an application with the Board until the issuance of a license is dependent upon entities over which the Board has no control. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that outside entities send the necessary documentation to the Board.

NB: Virginia law considers material misrepresentation of fact in an application for licensure to be unprofessional conduct. Misrepresentation may be by commission or omission. Be sure of your facts and provide full responses to the Board's questions.

A completed application must be submitted along with the payment of the licensing fee of \$75.00. Applications and fees must be submitted together.

The phone number to the Virginia Board of Medicine is 804-367-4600. The email address for this profession is surgtech-medbd@dhp.virginia.gov

Mailing Address

Virginia Board of Medicine
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300
Henrico, VA 23233-1463

The Board of Medicine discourages the use of the United States Postal Service to send documents. The Board is unable to trace documents delivered by the Postal Service. If you wish to send your documents by overnight mail, please use FED EX or UPS. If noted below, certain documents may be submitted directly from the primary source entity or employer by an email PDF attachment or facsimile the Board.

Application Instructions

Complete the application and pay the fee of \$75.00

Surgical Technologists - Provide to the Board documentation of one of the following six (6) credentialing pathways listed below. For any pathway selected, **please mail an original notarized copy of your credential/certificate, transcript, diploma, or letter of completion to the Board.** You can also request that this information be emailed directly to the Board at surgtech-medbd@dhp.virginia.gov by the credentialing body or the program where you completed your surgical technology training or apprenticeship. Employer's letter verifying practice must come directly to the Board from the employer. The Board will not accept a document that is copied after the notary stamp has been affixed.

PATHWAY 1 (National Certification)

Notarized copy of transcript or certificate awarded showing successful completion of an accredited surgical technologist training program **and** current credential as a surgical technologist issued by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) or its successor; or

PATHWAY 2 (Military Training)

Successful completion of a training program for surgical technology during the applicant's service as a member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States; or

PATHWAY 3 (Apprenticeship Program)

Successful completion of a surgical technologist apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor; or

PATHWAY 4 (Hospital-Based Training Program)

Successful completion an hospital-based surgical technologist training program approved by the Board; or

PATHWAY 5 (Nationally Accredited Training Program **and** Current Credential as a Surgical Technologist)

Successful completion of a surgical technologist training program through an institution or program accredited by a nationally recognized accreditation organization **and** hold current credential as a surgical technologist from a board-approved entity. The surgical technologist credential issued by the National Center for Competency Testing (NCCT) is approved by the Board; or

PATHWAY 6 (Grandfathering - Expires December 31, 2023)

Practice as a surgical technologist or fully attended a surgical technologist training program **at any time prior to October 1, 2022, provided an application for registration as a surgical technologist is submitted to the Board by December 31, 2023.** If you practiced as a surgical technologist at any time prior to October 1, 2022, please have your employer submit a letter directly to the Board on the employer's letterhead verifying dates of practice as a surgical technologist. **Note: The deadline to submit an application to the Board for registration as a surgical technologist through the grandfather pathway is December 31, 2023.**

License Verification – If licensed/certified/registered or permitted to practice as a surgical technologist in another state or jurisdiction, verification of professional license from a jurisdiction within the United States, its territories and possessions or Canada in which you have been issued a license/certificate/registration or permit must be received by the Board. **Please contact the jurisdiction where you have been issued a license/certificate/registration or permit to practice as a surgical technologist to inquire about having documentation forwarded to the Virginia Board of Medicine.** Verification must come directly from the jurisdiction and may be sent by email to surgtech-medbd@dhp.virginia.gov, faxed to (804) 527-4426 or mailed.

PLEASE NOTE:

*If you answer “yes” to any question in numbers 6-18, please provide a brief explanation on your application and send a separate written explanation to the Board, along with proof of supporting documentation of the disposition.

Please be aware that Virginia law allows an address that is public and available to those who ask for it, but it also allows for a private address as well. The private address is referred to as the “address of record”, and it is the address to which communications from the Board of Medicine are to be sent. If you give only one address, the Board will consider it as public, and it will be made available to those who ask for it. For the “address of record”, you may use a P.O. Box or a practice location instead of your home address.

*Applications will be acknowledged after receipt if items are missing.

*Applications not completed within 12 months may be purged without notice from the Board.

*Additional information may be requested after review by Board representatives.

**Application fees are non-refundable.*

PROCEEDING TO THE APPLICATION SIGNIFIES THAT YOU HAVE READ AND ACCEPT THE FOREGOING PRINCIPLES REGARDING THE BOARD’S PROCESSE