



If you've been keeping up with medical cannabis treatment in the news, or hearing about it from friends and relatives in other states, you may be wondering what your options are in Virginia and how to go about accessing treatment.

This "road map" to becoming a <u>registered medical cannabis patient</u> (https://www.license.dhp.virginia.gov/apply/) shares helpful insight into what you need to know – from taking that first step of meeting with a medical provider to walking through a processor's doors to pick up your treatment.



How do I qualify for medical cannabis treatment?

Many states have qualifying conditions that allow patients to receive medical cannabis treatment. In Virginia, any diagnosed condition can qualify for

treatment, as long as your practitioner has determined that you can potentially benefit. With the recommendation of a registered practitioner, you can become a <u>registered</u> <u>patient</u> (https://www.license.dhp.virginia.gov/apply/) and obtain products from our processors.

What conditions qualify for medical cannabis treatment?



Wondering if medical cannabis treatment is appropriate for you? If you're considering becoming a <u>registered</u> <u>patient</u>

(https://www.license.dhp.virginia.gov/apply/), it would be helpful to discuss with your practitioner the symptoms you are experiencing so they can determine whether this treatment is right for you.

Again, Virginia is not a state that requires a certain condition to qualify, but below is a list of conditions and symptoms that other states have deemed as qualifiers to get an idea of what medical grade cannabis can potentially help with.

Even if your ailment isn't on this list, be sure to explore your symptoms with a registered practitioner to determine whether medical cannabis treatment may be right for you.

Agitation of Alzheimer's disease • ALS • Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis/Lou Gehrig's disease • Anxiety • Arnold-Chiari malformation • Arthritis • Autism • Cachexia (wasting syndrome) • Cancer • Causalgia • Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy • Chronic pain • Crohn's disease • CRPS (Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Type II) • Cancer • Dystonia • Fibrous dysplasia • Fibromyalgia • Glaucoma • Hepatitis C • Hydrocephalus • Hydromyelia • Insomnia • Interstitial cystitis • Lupus • Migraines • Multiple sclerosis • Muscular dystrophy • Myasthenia gravis • Myoclonus • Nail-patella syndrome • Neurofibromatosis • Parkinson's disease • Peripheral neuropathy • Post-concussion syndrome • Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) • Reflex sympathetic dystrophy • Residual limb pain • Rheumatoid arthritis • Seizures (including those characteristic of epilepsy) • Severe or persistent muscle spasms • Severe Nausea • Sickle Cell Anemia • Sjogren's syndrome • Spinal cord disease (including but not limited to arachnoiditis) • Spinal cord injury with objective neurological indication of intractable spasticity • Spinocerebellar ataxia • Symptoms from AIDS/HIV • Syringomyelia • Tarlov cysts • Terminal illness with life expectancy of less than one year • Tourette syndrome • Traumatic brain injury (TBI)



How do I find a registered practitioner?

Practitioners must go through a registration process to recommend patients for treatment, and not all medical providers in Virginia are

registered. To find out if yours is able to make recommendations, visit the link <u>here</u> (https://dhp.virginiainteractive.org/Lookup/Index).

When searching for a provider, leave all fields blank except "Occupation," where you'll select "Registered Practitioner For CBD/THC-A Oil" to pull up a list of all registered practitioners in the state. You can also search by your practitioner's last name to find out if your provider in particular is registered.

If your practitioner is not listed, you have a couple of options:

- You can make a new patient appointment to discuss medical cannabis treatment with a practitioner from the list who is already registered to make recommendations.
- You can ask your provider to consider registering to recommend patients for treatment. Be prepared by sharing this.guide (https://norml.org/pdf_files/NORML_Clinical_Applications_for_Cannabis_and_Cannabinoids.pdf) from Virginia NORML about emerging applications for medical cannabis.

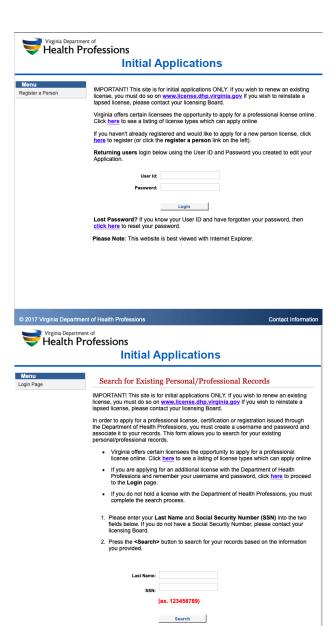
Once you meet with a provider and receive a written certification from them, recommending you for treatment, you'll be able to <u>register yourself</u> (https://www.license.dhp.virginia.gov/apply/) as a medical cannabis patient.



How do I register myself as a patient?

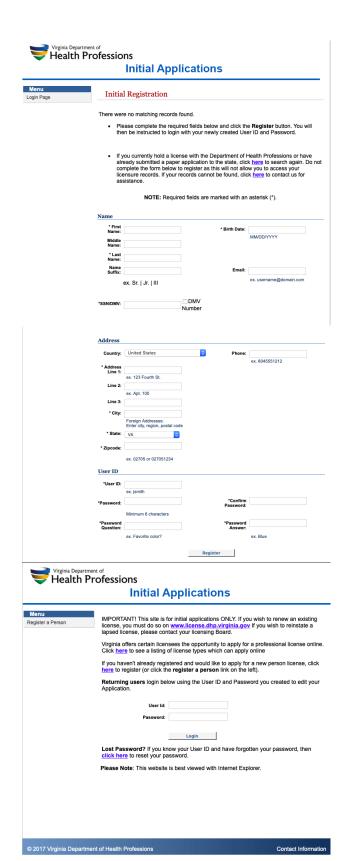
Once you obtain your written certification from a practitioner, you will need to register as a patient

(https://www.license.dhp.virginia.gov/apply/) through the Board of Pharmacy. The images and steps below will help guide you as you submit your application to become a patient.

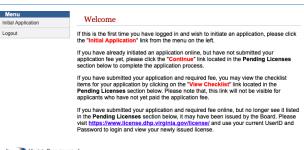


First, you'll go to the link here
(https://www.license.dhp.virginia.gov/ap
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Professions Initial Applications page, and
select "Register a Person" on the lefthand
sidebar.

On the following screen, you'll enter your last name and Social Security Number.



You'll then be prompted to fill out the information below and create a user ID and password for the website. Upon filling out this information, you'll click "Register" at the bottom of the screen.





Initial Applications



Virginia Department of Health Professions

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Applying For a Registered Patient For CBD/THC-A Oil Registration

APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE IN VIRGINIA

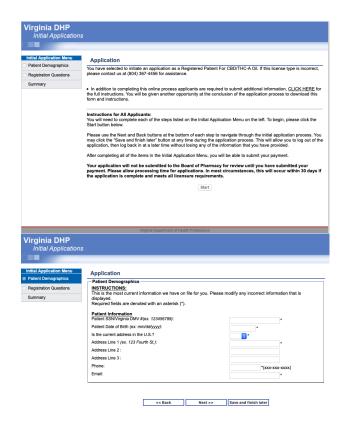
- Complete online application and pay the required fee.
- During the online application process, you may be required to submit additional forms to the Board depending on your answer to certain questions. You will be given another opportunity at the conclusion of the application process to download any additional forms and instructions.

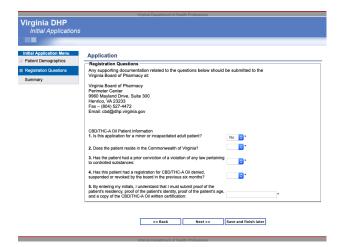
Click Here to Begin Your Application Process

You'll want to head back to the <u>login</u> <u>screen</u>

(https://www.license.dhp.virginia.gov/ap ply/) to login with your user ID and password.

Once you sign in, select "Initial Application" from the menu on the left.





Now, you can begin your application to become a medical cannabis patient.

You'll want to select "Pharmaceutical Processing" as the profession; "Registered Patient for CBD/THC-A Oil" for the license type; and "Initial Application" as the obtained by method. Select "Start Application."

Then, follow the link: "Click Here to Begin Your Application Process."

You'll answer the questions on the following screens for "Patient Demographics" and "Registration Questions."

On the "Summary" page, you'll be able to review what you've entered and submit the application.

After you get registered online, you'll pay the registration fee of \$50. You will also need to gather and scan some documents to complete your application process and submit these to the Board via email, mail or fax.

- A copy of the certification issued by a registered practitioner
- Proof of residency such as a government-issued identification card or tax receipt (if minor, parent must provide this)

- Proof of identity with a government-issued identification card (if minor, parent must provide this)
- Proof of the qualifying patient's age in the form of a birth certification or other government-issued identification

After everything is submitted, it takes about 7-10 days for processing the registration application. Once processing is complete, your registration card will be mailed to the address of record listed on your application. Keep this card in your wallet because this is what you will show to pharmacists at our processors so they can help you with your treatment.



Where can I go to pick up medical cannabis products?

Once your registration

(https://www.license.dhp.virginia.gov/apply/) process is complete, you'll visit one of the Virginia Medical Cannabis Coalition <u>processors</u> (https://www.vmccoalition.org/meet-our-companies) to meet with a pharmacist to discuss treatment options and pick up products. Keep an eye on our website for announcements as each facility opens across

the state in places like Portsmouth, Richmond, Bristol, and Manassas. Once they do, you can visit any processor across the state with your card and meet with a pharmacist to discuss treatment options.

You do not need to wait for facilities to open to begin your journey to receiving treatment. Start by making an appointment with a registered practitioner today or by simply having a conversation with your current primary care provider.

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