



How to get registered for Medical Cannabis Treatment



A Road Map for Patients Seeking Symptom Relief

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 [registered medical cannabis patient](https://www.license.dhp.virginia.gov/apply/) (<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 registered patient (<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 registered patient

(<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 [here](https://dhp.virginiainteractive.org/Lookup/Index) (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) (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 [register yourself](https://www.license.dhp.virginia.gov/apply/) (<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/)

(<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.

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Register a Person

IMPORTANT! This site is for initial applications ONLY. If you wish to renew an existing license, you must do so on www.license.dhp.virginia.gov. If you wish to reinstate a lapsed license, please contact your licensing Board.

Virginia offers certain licensees the opportunity to apply for a professional license online. Click [here](#) to see a listing of license types which can apply online.

If you haven't already registered and would like to apply for a new person license, click [here](#) to register (or click the **register a person** link on the left).

Returning users login below using the User ID and Password you created to edit your Application.

User Id:
Password:

Lost Password? If you know your User ID and have forgotten your password, then click [here](#) to reset your password.

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Search for Existing Personal/Professional Records

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In order to apply for a professional license, certification or registration issued through the Department of Health Professions, you must create a username and password and associate it to your records. This form allows you to search for your existing personal/professional records.

- Virginia offers certain licensees the opportunity to apply for a professional license online. Click [here](#) to see a listing of license types which can apply online.
- If you are applying for an additional license with the Department of Health Professions and remember your username and password, click [here](#) to proceed to the **Login** page.
- If you do not hold a license with the Department of Health Professions, you must complete the search process.

1. Please enter your **Last Name** and **Social Security Number (SSN)** into the two fields below. If you do not have a Social Security Number, please contact your licensing Board.
2. Press the **<Search>** button to search for your records based on the information you provided.

Last Name:
SSN:
(ex. 123456789)

First, you'll go to the link [here](https://www.license.dhp.virginia.gov/apply/) (<https://www.license.dhp.virginia.gov/apply/>) on the Department of Health 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.

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There were no matching records found.

- Please complete the required fields below and click the **Register** button. You will then be instructed to login with your newly created User ID and Password.
- If you currently hold a license with the Department of Health Professions or have already submitted a paper application to the state, click [here](#) to search again. Do not complete the form below to register as this will not allow you to access your licensure records. If your records cannot be found, click [here](#) to contact us for assistance.

NOTE: Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).

Name

* First Name: * Birth Date:
MM/DD/YYYY

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Name Suffix: Email:
ex. Sr. | Jr. | III ex. username@domain.com

*SSN/DMV: DMV Number

Address

Country: United States Phone:
ex. 8045551212

* Address Line 1:
ex. 123 Fourth St.

Line 2:
ex. Apt. 100

Line 3:

* City:
Foreign Addresses: Enter city, region, postal code

* State: VA

* Zipcode:
ex. 02705 or 027051234

User ID

*User ID:
ex. jsmith

*Password: *Confirm Password:
Minimum 6 characters

*Password Question: *Password Answer:
ex. Favorite color? ex. Blue

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.

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Welcome

If this is the first time you have logged in and wish to initiate an application, please click the **"Initial Application"** link from the menu on the left.

If you have already initiated an application online, but have not submitted your application fee yet, please click the **"Continue"** link located in the **Pending Licenses** section below to complete the application process.

If you have submitted your application and required fee, you may view the checklist items for your application by clicking on the **"View Checklist"** link located in the **Pending Licenses** section below. Please note that, this link will not be visible for applicants who have not yet paid the application fee.

If you have submitted your application and required fee online, but no longer see it listed in the **Pending Licenses** section below, it may have been issued by the Board. Please visit <https://www.license.dhp.virginia.gov/license/> and use your current UserID and Password to login and view your newly issued license.



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Application for Licensure

Select the profession, type and application method for the license you'd like to submit application.

License Type Selection

Profession:

License Type:

Obtained By Method:

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You'll want to head back to the [login screen](#) (<https://www.license.dhp.virginia.gov/apply/>) to login with your user ID and password.



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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](#)

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

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You have selected to initiate an application as a Registered Patient For CBD/THC-A Oil. If this license type is incorrect, please contact us at (804) 367-4456 for assistance.

• In addition to completing this online process applicants are required to submit additional information. [CLICK HERE](#) for the full instructions. You will be given another opportunity at the conclusion of the application process to download the form and instructions.

Instructions for All Applicants:
You will need to complete each of the steps listed on the Initial Application Menu on the left. To begin, please click the Start button below.

Please use the Next and Back buttons at the bottom of each step to navigate through the initial application process. You may click the "Save and finish later" button at any time during the application process. This will allow you to log out of the application, then log back in at a later time without losing any of the information that you have provided.

After completing all of the items in the Initial Application Menu, you will be able to submit your payment.

Your application will not be submitted to the Board of Pharmacy for review until you have submitted your payment. Please allow processing time for applications. In most circumstances, this will occur within 30 days if the application is complete and meets all licensure requirements.

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."

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Patient Demographics

INSTRUCTIONS:
This is the most current information we have on file for you. Please modify any incorrect information that is displayed.
Required fields are denoted with an asterisk (*).

Patient Information:
Patient SSN/Virginia DMV # (ex. 123456789):

Patient Date of Birth (ex. mm/dd/yyyy):

Is the current address in the U.S.?

Address Line 1 (ex. 123 Fourth St.):

Address Line 2:

Address Line 3:

Phone: (xxx-xxx-xxxx)

Email:

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Registration Questions

Any supporting documentation related to the questions below should be submitted to the Virginia Board of Pharmacy at:

Virginia Board of Pharmacy
Perimeter Center
6960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300
Henrico, VA 23233
Fax - (804) 527-4472
Email: cbd@dhp.virginia.gov

CBD/THC-A Oil Patient Information

1. Is this application for a minor or incapacitated adult patient? No Yes

2. Does the patient reside in the Commonwealth of Virginia? Yes No

3. Has the patient had a prior conviction of a violation of any law pertaining to controlled substances? Yes No

4. Has this patient had a registration for CBD/THC-A Oil denied, suspended or revoked by the board in the previous six months? Yes No

5. By entering my initials, I understand that I must submit proof of the patient's residency, proof of the patient's identity, proof of the patient's age, and a copy of the CBD/THC-A Oil written certification:

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 processors (<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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