

Technical Professional License

The Technical Professional license is a five-year, renewable license available to a person who has graduated from an accredited high school (or possesses a General Education Development Certificate); has exhibited academic proficiency skills in literacy and communication, technical competency, and occupational experience; and has completed nine semester hours of specialized professional studies credit from a regionally accredited college or university.

The nine semester hours of professional studies coursework must include:

- Human growth and development (three semester hours),
- Curriculum and instructional procedures (three semester hours), and
- Applications of instructional technology or classroom and behavior management (three semester hours).

The Technical Professional License is issued at the recommendation of an employing educational agency in the areas of career and technical education, educational technology, and military science. Individuals seeking military science must have the appropriate credentials issued by the United States military. In addition to demonstrating competency in the endorsement area sought, the individual must:

- a. Hold a license issued by the appropriate Virginia board for those program areas requiring a license and a minimum of two years of satisfactory experience at the journeyman level or an equivalent;
- b. Have completed a registered apprenticeship program and two years of satisfactory experience at the journeyman level or an equivalent level in the trade; or
- c. Have four years of work experience at the management or supervisory level or equivalent or have a combination of four years of training and work experience at the management or supervisory level or equivalent.

The Technical Professional License includes endorsement areas such as:

- Building trades
- Cosmetology
- Building Maintenance
- Custodial Services
- Culinary arts
- Food Occupations
- Small engine repair
- Automotive Service Technology
- Industrial Maintenance Technology
- Agricultural Machinery Service