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## Steps to obtain a Virginia Medical Cannabis Card

Step 1: Contact a Virginia Board of Pharmacy-registered practitioner to schedule an evaluation appointment to obtain a valid written certification. **A patient/parent/legal guardian must have a written certification issued to them prior to applying for registration with the Board of Pharmacy and purchasing/possessing medical cannabis products.** You can find a practitioner via Virginia Norml found [here](#) , or via the Virginia Board of Pharmacy provider list found [here](#). The written certification must be renewed annually.

Step 2: Once you obtain your valid written certification, you will need to submit the online application for obtaining board registration with the Virginia Board of Pharmacy and pay the registration fee (currently \$50 for patients). The online registration application can be found [here](#) and must be renewed annually. Instructions on the steps to register can be found [here](#).

Step 3: Once your online application is approved (roughly 30 business days to process the application), the registration card (medical cannabis card) will be mailed to the address of record listed on the application.

Step 4: Once you have **BOTH** your valid written certification AND registration card (medical cannabis card), you are allowed to purchase & possess products from a Virginia Medical Dispensary. As of February 2021, there are 4 dispensaries open.

- [Dharma Pharmaceuticals](#) in Bristol
- [gLeaf](#) in Richmond
- [Beyond-Hello](#) in Manassas
- [Columbia Care](#) in Portsmouth

Step 5: Bring a valid, government issued ID, your registration (medical cannabis) card issued by the Virginia Board of Pharmacy, and a printed copy of your valid written certification with you at every visit to a medical dispensary to make your purchase. You will be allowed to purchase up to a “90-day supply” of medical cannabis, which will be determined by the pharmacist during consultation with the patient. We recommend transporting your medical cannabis in a locked container in the glove box or trunk of your vehicle for safekeeping. As with any medication, please ensure only the registered patient has access to their medical cannabis, and the medication is kept in a locked/secured container out of reach of children.

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