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**LAND SURVEYOR EXAMINATIONS
CANDIDATE INFORMATION BULLETIN**

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EXAMINATIONS BY PSI SERVICES LLC

This Candidate Information Bulletin provides you with information about the examination and application process for becoming licensed as a Land Surveyor in the Commonwealth of Virginia. To be licensed, you must pass an examination to confirm that you have attained at least a minimum level of knowledge regarding the principles, practices, statutes and regulations. The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (Department) has contracted with PSI to conduct its examination program. PSI provides examinations through a network of computer and paper-and-pencil examination centers in Virginia. PSI works closely with the Department and its Examination Review Committee to be certain that examinations meet local, national, and international requirements in basic principles and examination development standards.

After passing the necessary examinations, you may apply to the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation for a license. Once the Department has verified that you have met all of the requirements, the Department will issue the appropriate license. Questions concerning the licensing requirements should be addressed to the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA) licensing staff at (804) 367-8506.

EXAMINATION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates will need to apply for eligibility with the Department before being allowed to take an examination. Eligibilities are good for three years. If you fail, you may test unlimited during that three-year period.

Candidates should go to the Department's web page to begin the process <http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/Boards/APELS/>.

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www.dpor.virginia.gov
or email: apelscidla@dpor.virginia.gov

EXAMINATION PAYMENT AND SCHEDULING PROCEDURES

Once you are approved by the Department, you will receive an email confirmation from PSI. It is your responsibility to contact PSI to pay and schedule for the examination.

Examination Fee	\$175
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NOTE: EXAMINATION FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE OR TRANSFERABLE.
THE EXAMINATION FEE IS VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF PAYMENT.

ON-LINE ([HTTPS://TEST-TAKERS.PSIEXAMS.COM/VALS](https://test-takers.psiexams.com/vals))

For the fastest and most convenient examination scheduling process, PSI recommends that you register for your examinations using the Internet. You register online by accessing PSI's registration website at <https://test-takers.psiexams.com/vals>. Internet registration is available 24 hours a day.

Log onto PSI's website and select Sign in / Create Account. Select Create Account. You are now ready to pay and schedule for the exam. Enter your zip code and a list of the testing sites closest to you will appear. Once you select the desired test site, available dates will appear.

TELEPHONE ((855) 340-3910)

For telephone registration, you will need a valid credit card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover). PSI registrars are available Monday through Friday between 7:30 am and 10:00 pm, and Saturday-Sunday between 9:00 am and 5:30 pm, Eastern Time.

RESCHEDULING/CANCELING AN EXAMINATION APPOINTMENT

You may cancel and reschedule an examination appointment without forfeiting your fee if your *cancellation notice is received 2 days before the scheduled examination date*. For example, for a Monday appointment, the cancellation notice would need to be received on the previous Saturday. You may call PSI at (855) 340-3910.

Note: A voicemail or email message is not an acceptable form of cancellation. Please use the PSI Website or call PSI to speak directly to a Customer Service Representative.

RETAKING A FAILED EXAMINATION

It is not possible to make a new examination appointment on the same day you have taken an examination; this is due to processing and reporting results. A candidate who tests unsuccessfully on a Wednesday can call the next day, Thursday, and retest as soon as Friday, depending upon space availability. You may access a registration form at <https://test-takers.psiexams.com/vals>. You may also call PSI at (855) 340-3910.

MISSED APPOINTMENT OR LATE CANCELLATION

If you miss your appointment, you will not be able to take the examination as scheduled, further you will forfeit your examination fee, if you:

- Do not cancel your appointment 2 days before the scheduled examination date;
- Do not appear for your examination appointment;
- Are not checked in by your scheduled start time;
- Do not present proper identification when you arrive for the examination.

EXAM ACCOMMODATIONS (ADA)

All PSI examination centers are equipped to provide access in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and exam accommodations will be made in meeting a candidate's needs. A candidate with a disability or a candidate who would otherwise have difficulty taking the examination should request alternative arrangements by [Clicking Here](#).

Candidates granted accommodation in accordance with the ADA, MUST schedule their examination by telephone and speak directly with a PSI registrar.

EXAMINATION SITE CLOSING FOR AN EMERGENCY

In the event that severe weather or another emergency forces the closure of an examination site on a scheduled examination date, your examination will be rescheduled. PSI personnel will attempt to contact you in this situation. However, you may check the status of your examination schedule by calling (855) 340-3910. Every effort will be made to reschedule your examination at a convenient time as soon as possible. You may also check our website at <https://test-takers.psiexams.com/vals>.

EXAMINATION SITE LOCATIONS

Following are the examination centers where you may take the Virginia licensing examinations. Virginia candidates can only test at the examination centers listed below. They are not allowed to test out-of-state.

ALEXANDRIA AREA

205 S. Whiting St
The Landmark Building, Suite 608
Alexandria, VA 22304

FREDERICKSBURG AREA

2020 Lafayette Blvd
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

HARRISONBURG AREA

2322 Blue Stone Hills Drive, Suite 280
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

CHARLOTTESVILLE

2114 Angus Road, Suite #105-B
Charlottesville, VA 22901

EASTERN SHORESALISBURY AREA

Beaglin Park Plaza
1323 Mt. Hermon Rd., 1322 Belmont Avenue, Bldg #2, Suite 2A203
Salisbury, MD 21801

JOHNSON CITY

904 Sunset Drive, Ste 7A
Johnson City, TN 37604

MIDLOTHIAN

2621 Promenade Parkway, Suite 103
Midlothian, VA 23113

NORFOLK AREA

861 Glenrock Rd., Ste 105
Norfolk, VA 23502

RICHMOND (BOULDERS II)

7400 Beaufont Springs Dr
Boulders II Building, Suite 560
Richmond, VA 23225

ROANOKE

5115 Bernard Dr, Suite 104
Roanoke, Virginia 24018

STAFFORD

1010 Corporate Drive, Suite 103
Stafford, VA 22554

TAZEWELL

165 Chamber Drive
Tazewell, VA 24651

VIENNA AREA

1919 Gallows Rd, Suite 360
Vienna, VA 22182

VIRGINIA BEACH

484 Viking Dr, Suite 105
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

REPORTING TO THE EXAMINATION SITE

On the day of the examination, you should arrive at least 30 minutes before your appointment. This extra time is for sign-in, identification, and familiarizing you with the examination process. *If you arrive late, you may not be admitted to the examination site and you will forfeit your examination registration fee.*

REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION AT EXAMINATION SITE

Candidates must register for the exam with their LEGAL first and last name as it appears on their government issued identification. The required identification below must match the first and last name under which the candidate is registered. Candidates are required to bring one (1) form of a valid (non-expired) signature bearing identification to the test site.

REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION (with photo) - Choose One

- Government-issued Driver's License
- U.S. Dept. of State Driver's License
- U.S. Learner's Permit (plastic card only with photo and signature)
- National/State/Country Identification Card
- Passport
- Passport card
- Military ID
- Military ID for spouses and dependents
- Alien Registration Card (Green Card, Permanent Resident Visa)

SECURITY PROCEDURES

The following security procedures apply during examinations:

- You will be given an LCD writing tablet at check-in that must be returned at check-out. This is to be used for notes or calculations.
- To protect the integrity of its exams, DPOR limits the types of calculators you may bring to exam sites. The list of approved calculators is reviewed annually. The only calculator models acceptable for use during the exams are as follows.
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- All personal belongings of candidates should be placed in the secure storage provided at each site prior to entering the examination room. Personal belongings include, but are not limited to, the following items:
 - **Electronic devices of any type, including cellular / mobile phones, recording devices, electronic watches, cameras, pagers, laptop computers, tablet computers (e.g., iPads), music players (e.g., iPods), smart watches, radios, or electronic games.**
 - **Bulky or loose clothing or coats** that could be used to conceal recording devices or notes. For security purposes outerwear such as, but not limited to: open sweaters, cardigans, shawls, scarves, hoodies, vests, jackets and coats are not permitted in the testing room. **In the event you are asked to remove the outerwear, appropriate attire, such as a shirt or blouse should be worn underneath.**
 - **Hats or headgear not worn for religious reasons** or as religious apparel, including hats, baseball caps, or visors.
 - **Other personal items**, including purses, notebooks, reference or reading material, briefcases, backpacks, wallets, pens, pencils, other writing devices, food, drinks, and good luck items.
- Although secure storage for personal items is provided at the examination site for your convenience, PSI is not responsible for any damage, loss, or theft of any personal belongings or prohibited items brought to, stored at, or left behind at the examination site. PSI assumes no duty of care with respect to such items and makes no representation that the secure storage provided will be effective in protecting such items. If you leave any items at the examination site after your examination and do not claim them within 30 days, they will be disposed of or donated, at PSI’s sole discretion.
- Person(s) accompanying an examination candidate may not wait in the examination center, inside the building or on the building’s property. This applies to guests of any nature, including drivers, children, friends, family, colleagues or instructors.
- No smoking, eating, or drinking is allowed in the examination center.
- During the check in process, all candidates will be asked if they possess any prohibited items. Candidates may also be asked to empty their pockets and turn them out for the proctor to ensure they are empty. The proctor may also ask candidates to lift up the ends of their sleeves and the bottoms of their pant legs to ensure that notes or recording devices are not being hidden there.
- Proctors will also carefully inspect eyeglass frames, tie tacks, or any other apparel that could be used to harbor a recording device. Proctors will ask to inspect any such items in candidates’ pockets.
- If prohibited items are found during check-in, candidates shall put them in the provided secure storage or return these items to their vehicle. PSI will not be responsible for the security of any personal belongings or prohibited items.
- Any candidate possessing prohibited items in the examination room shall immediately have his or her test results invalidated, and PSI shall notify the examination sponsor of the occurrence.
- Any candidate seen giving or receiving assistance on an examination, found with unauthorized materials, or who violates any security regulations will be asked to surrender all examination materials and to leave the examination center. All such instances will be reported to the examination sponsor.
- Once candidates have been seated and the examination begins, they may leave the examination room only to use the restroom, and only after obtaining permission from the proctor. Candidate will not receive extra time to complete the examination.

TAKING THE EXAMINATION BY COMPUTER

The examination will be administered via computer. You will be using a mouse and computer keyboard.

TUTORIAL

Before you start your examination, an introductory tutorial to the computer and keyboard is provided on the computer screen. The time you spend on this tutorial, up to 15 minutes, DOES NOT count as part of your examination time. Sample questions are included following the tutorial so that you may practice using the keys, answering questions, and reviewing your answers.

TEST QUESTION SCREEN

One question appears on the screen at a time. During the examination, minutes remaining will be displayed at the top of the screen and updated as you record your answers.

IMPORTANT: After you have entered your responses, you will later be able to return to any question(s) and change your response, provided the examination time has not run out.

EXAMINATION REVIEW

PSI, in cooperation with the Department, will be consistently evaluating the examinations being administered to ensure that the examinations accurately measure competency in the required knowledge areas. While taking the examination, examinees will have the opportunity to provide comments on any questions, by using the comments key on the keyboard. These comments will be analyzed by PSI examination development staff. PSI does not respond to individuals regarding these comments, all substantive comments are reviewed. **This is the only review of examination materials available to candidates.**

SCORE REPORTING

Your score will be given to you immediately following completion of the examination. In order to pass the examination, you must achieve a minimum score of 70%. You can print the score report from your online account.

Your results will be given to you immediately following completion of the examination.

- If you **pass**, you will receive an examination result report which will indicate "PASS".
- If you **do not pass**, you will receive a diagnostic report indicating your strengths and weaknesses.

DESCRIPTION OF EXAMINATIONS

VA STATE SPECIFIC LAND SURVEYOR EXAM (LS) EFFECTIVE THRU 10/8/2026

# of Questions	Minimum Passing Score	Time Allowed
50	70% (35 correct)	2 Hours

CONTENT OUTLINE

Subject Area	# of Items
Regulations	10
Virginia Statutes	10
Geometrics	4
Land Planning, Design and Drainage	5
Construction/Route Location Survey	3
Erosion and Sediment Control	8
Boundary Survey Law	3
Wetlands/Chesapeake Bay/Water Quality	5
Hydrographic	2

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- *Library of Virginia Standards for Plats* 17VAC15-61 (et seq.), <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/report/0jgPN/>
- *Code of Virginia* §13.1-542 (et seq.) *Professional Corporations*, <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/report/0MZEJ/>
- *Code of Virginia* §13.1-1000 (et seq.) *Virginia Limited Liability Company Act*, <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/report/0HmHe/>
- *Code of Virginia* §13.1-1100 (et seq.) *Virginia Professional Limited Liability Company Act*, <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/report/0RYxw/>
- *Code of Virginia* §15.2-2200 (et seq.) *Planning, Subdivision of Land and Zoning*, <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/report/0CTqo/>
- *Code of Virginia* §28.2-1300 (et seq.) *Wetlands*, <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/report/0SY57/>
- *Code of Virginia* §33.2-400 (et seq.) *Limited Access Highways, Scenic Highways and Virginia Byways, and Highways over D*, <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/report/0tN4s/>
- *Code of Virginia* §54.1-400 (et seq.) *Architects, Engineers, Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects*, <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/report/0FBmg/>
- *Code of Virginia* §55-79.39 (et seq.) *Condominium Act*, <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/report/0wCCK/>
- *Code of Virginia* §55-287 (et seq.) *Virginia Coordinate System*, <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/report/0PNcE/>
- *VDOT Drainage Manual* (current edition), http://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/LocDes/DrainageManual/Combined_Drainage_Manual.pdf
- *VDOT Road and Bridge Standards* (current edition), https://www.virginiadot.org/business/locdes/2016_road_and_bridge_standards.asp
- *VDOT Survey Manual* (current edition), https://www.virginiadot.org/business/locdes/survey_manual.asp
- *VDOT Subdivision Street Requirements* (current edition) http://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/subdivisionStreetRequirements/SSR_2005_Final.pdf
- *VDOT Work Area Protection Manual* (current edition) https://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/traffic_engineering/2011_WAPM_REV_2.pdf
- *VDOT Road Design Manual* (current edition) <https://www.virginiadot.org/business/locdes/rdmanual-index.asp>
- *Virginia Erosion & Sediment Control Handbook*, <https://www.fm.virginia.edu/depts/operations/environmental/erosion.html>
- DCR and VWRRC *Virginia Stormwater Management BMP Clearinghouse* <https://www.swbmp.vwrrc.vt.edu/>
- *Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Designation and Management Regulations* 9VAC10-20 (et seq.) <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/report/034AQ/>
- *US Clean Water Act*, Section 404 <https://www.epa.gov/cwa-404/overview-clean-water-act-section-404>
- *US Army Corps of Engineers Hydrographic Survey Manual EM-1110-2-1003*, January 2002. <http://www.plainwater.com/pubs/EM-1110-2-1003.pdf>
- *US Army Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual* Technical Report Y-87-1 <http://www.cpe.rutgers.edu/Wetlands/1987-Army-Corps-Wetlands-Delineation-Manual.pdf>
- *Virginia Wetlands Management Handbook* http://www.ccrm.vims.edu/permits_web/guidance/handbook/handbook.pdf <https://scholarworks.wm.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2771&context=reports>
- *Clark on Surveying and Boundaries* (June 1998), Robillard and Bouman <https://store.lexisnexis.com/products/clark-on-surveying-and-boundaries-skuusSku7679>
- *Route Location and Surveying*, Hickerson <https://www.amazon.com/Route-Location-Surveying-Formerly-Published/dp/B0000CII1V>
- *Surveying*, Francis H. Moffitt/Harry Bouchard <https://www.abebooks.com/book-search/title/surveying-9th-edition/author/francis-moffitt-harry-bouchard/>
- *NOAA Tide Tables* <https://www.abebooks.com/book-search/title/surveying-9th-edition/author/francis-moffitt-harry-bouchard/>
- *Boundary Control and Legal Principles*, Robillard and Wilson <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/book/10.1002/9781118750780>
- *Easements and Reversions*, Donald Wilson <https://www.amazon.com/Easements-Reversions-Donald-Wilson/dp/0910845433>

All references to the *Code of Virginia* and the *Virginia Administrative Code* (VAC) only require attention in those areas of the codes that pertain to the practice of surveying. All codes may be accessed through the Virginia Legislative Information System at <http://leg1.state.va.us/>.

VA STATE SPECIFIC LAND SURVEYOR EXAM (LS) **EFFECTIVE 10/9/2026**

# of Questions	Minimum Passing Score	Time Allowed
50	70% (35 correct)	2 Hours

CONTENT OUTLINE

Subject Area	# of Items
Regulations	9
Virginia Statutes	8
Geometrics	6
Land Planning, Design and Drainage	5
Construction/Route Location Survey	4
Erosion and Sediment Control	5
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Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Designation and Management Regulations 9VAC25-830

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title9/agency25/chapter830/>

DCR and VWRRC Virginia Stormwater Management BMP Clearinghouse	https://www.deq.virginia.gov/water/stormwater/stormwater-construction/bmp-clearinghouse
VDOT Road Design Manual	https://www.vdot.virginia.gov/doing-business/technical-guidance-and-support/technical-guidance-documents/road-design-manual/
VDOT Work Area Protection Manual	https://www.vdot.virginia.gov/doing-business/technical-guidance-and-support/technical-guidance-documents/work-area-protection-manual-and-pocket-guide/
Code of Virginia §1-600, Virginia Coordinate System	https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title1/chapter6/
Code of Virginia §55.1-1900 (et seq.) Condominium Act	https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacodepopularnames/virginia-condominium-act/
Code of Virginia §33.2-400 (et seq.) Limited Access Highways, Scenic Highways and Virginia Byways, and Highways over Dams	https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacodefull/title33.2/chapter4/
Code of Virginia §28.2-1300 (et seq.) Wetlands	https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title28.2/chapter13/section28.2-1300/
Code of Virginia §15.2-2200 (et seq.) Planning, Subdivision of Land and Zoning	https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title15.2/chapter22/
Library of Virginia Standards for Plats 17VAC15-61 (et seq.)	https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title17/agency15/chapter61/section20/
Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects Regulations 18VAC10-20 (et seq.)	Vol. 42 Iss. 13 (Final) 18VAC10-20, Board For Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers And Landscape Architects Regulations February 09, 2026
VDOT Drainage Manual (June 30, 2025)	Drainage Manual Virginia Department of Transportation
VDOT Road and Bridge Standards (April 30, 2026)	Road and Bridge Standards Virginia Department of Transportation
VDOT Survey Manual (August 1, 2021)	Survey Manual Virginia Department of Transportation
VDOT Subdivision Street Requirements (March 9, 2009)	Subdivision Street Requirements Virginia Department of Transportation
Virginia Erosion & Sediment Control Handbook	https://www.deq.virginia.gov/water/stormwater/stormwater-construction/handbooks
Code of Virginia §54.1-400 (et seq.) Architects, Engineers, Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects	§ 54.1-400. Definitions
Basic GIS Coordinates Second Edition by Jan Van Sickle 2004; General Knowledge	
Butler, Lynda Lee and Livingston, VA Tidal and Coastal Law, The Michie Company, 1998	
Elementary Survey, 13th edition, Wolf and Brinker	
Surveying by Moffitt and Bouchard, 9th Edition	

LAND SURVEYOR B (LSB) EXAM **EFFECTIVE THRU 9/30/2026**

# of Questions	Minimum Passing Score	Time Allowed
100	70% (70 correct)	8 Hours

CONTENT OUTLINE

Subject Area	# of Items
Erosion Control	12
Storm Drainage Systems	16
Land Planning and Design	20
Sanitary Sewer	22
Water Line Extensions	20
Federal/State/Local Standards	10

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- *VDOT Drainage Manual* (current edition) http://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/LocDes/DrainageManual/Combined_Drainage_Manual.pdf
- *VDOT Road and Bridge Standards* (current edition) https://www.virginiadot.org/business/locdes/2016_road_and_bridge_standards.asp
- *VDOT Survey Manual* (current edition) https://www.virginiadot.org/business/locdes/survey_manual.asp
- *VDOT Subdivision Street Requirements* (current edition) http://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/subdivisionStreetRequirements/SSR_2005_Final.pdf
- *VDOT Minimum Standards of Entrances* (current edition)
- *Virginia Erosion & Sediment Control Handbook* <https://www.fm.virginia.edu/depts/operations/environmental/erosion.html>
- *Code of Virginia* §54.1-400 (et seq.) *Architects, Engineers, Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects*, <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/report/0FBmg/>
- *VDH Manual for Waterworks Regulations and the Practice for Waterworks Design* <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title12/agency5/chapter590/section640/>
- *Sewage Collection and Treatment Regulations* 9VAC25- 790 (et seq.)
- References (of your choice) on Sanitary Sewer Design and the Practice of Surveying

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