



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

13 VAC 5-21 – Virginia Certification Standards
Department of Housing and Community Development
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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The Board of Housing and Community Development (Board) proposes to amend its Virginia Certification Standards to clarify that regulated entities must complete both periodic maintenance training and required continuing education credits in order to maintain certification.

Result of Analysis

The benefits likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

Currently, these certification standards require active certificate holders to have “attended all periodic training designated by the Board” but do not specify what this training entails. The Board proposes to flesh out this requirement by including the types of training (maintenance training and pertinent continuing education) that certificate holders will have to periodically complete.

Because the categories of training that the Board proposes to insert into these standards are already required, no regulated entity is likely to incur any additional costs on account of this proposed change. To the extent that current regulatory language may have led to confusion about what is expected of certificate holders, this change will provide the benefit of clarity.

Businesses and Entities Affected

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) reports that approximately 2,900 local building code enforcement personnel are currently certified by the Board.

Localities Particularly Affected

No locality will be particularly affected by this proposed regulatory action.

Projected Impact on Employment

This regulatory action will likely have no impact on employment in the Commonwealth.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

This regulatory action will likely have no effect on the use or value of private property in the Commonwealth.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

Small businesses in the Commonwealth are unlikely to incur any costs on account of this regulatory action.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

Small businesses in the Commonwealth are unlikely to incur any costs on account of this regulatory action.

Real Estate Development Costs

This regulatory action will likely have no effect on real estate development costs in the Commonwealth.

Legal Mandate

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 2.2-4007.H of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 36 (06). Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. Further, if the proposed regulation has adverse effect on small businesses, Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include (i) an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the regulation; (ii) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other

administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents; (iii) a statement of the probable effect of the regulation on affected small businesses; and (iv) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the regulation. The analysis presented above represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.