



State of Vermont
PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION

**LICENSING OF NURSING HOMES, RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES,
 THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY RESIDENCES, AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES**

**SUMMARY
 DESCRIPTION
 OF PERMIT**

A license is required to operate a nursing home, a residential care home, a therapeutic community residence, or an assisted living residence.

**CRITERIA FOR
 JURISDICTION**

A residential care home is a place, however named, excluding a licensed foster home, which provides, for profit or otherwise, room, board, medication management, personal care, and if needed, nursing overview, to three or more residents unrelated to the home operator.

The core principles of assisted living are to promote individual independence and “aging in place.” Aging in place respects a consumer’s right to choose a living situation in which s/he can remain at home even though care needs are likely to increase over time. ALRs differ from Residential Care Homes in that ALRs offer a private living unit with a lockable door, a private bathroom as well as common or shared areas and a variety of services including housekeeping and basic transportation.

A nursing home is an institution or distinct part of an institution which is primarily engaged in providing to its residents any of the following:

- (A) Skilled nursing care and related services for residents who require medical or nursing care.
- (B) Rehabilitation services for the rehabilitation of injured, disabled or sick persons.
- (C) On a 24-hour basis, health related care and services to individuals who because of their mental or physical condition require care and services that can be made available to them only through institutional care.

Therapeutic community residence means a place, however named, excluding a hospital as defined by statute or the Vermont state hospital, which provides, for profit or otherwise, short-term individualized treatment to three or more residents with major life adjustment problems, such as alcoholism, drug abuse, mental illness or delinquency.

**INFORMATION
 REQUIRED**

A completed license application form; plans and specifications for construction.

FEEES

None

**APPLICATION
 TIME FRAME**

Minimum 3 months.

**ADMINISTERING
AGENCY**

AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING DIVISION OF LICENSING AND PROTECTION
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AUTHORITY

33 V.S.A. Chapter 71

**APPLICABLE
RULES**

Assisted Living Residence Regulations
Residential Care Home Licensing Regulations
Therapeutic Community Residences
Vermont State Nursing Home Regulations

**APPEAL
PROCESS**

3 V.S.A. § 3091; 33 V.S.A. § 7118. A person aggrieved by a decision or action of the Licensing Division may file a request for a fair hearing with the Human Services Board if requested within thirty days of the Department's issuance of the decision.

**OTHER PERMITS
AND APPROVALS**

Department of Public Safety, Fire Safety Division ([Sheet # 49](#))
<http://www.vtfiresafety.org>. Wastewater System & Potable Water Supply Permit ([Sheet # 1](#)), ACT 250 ([Sheet # 47](#)) Town Approval, Nursing License - RN or LPN - for staff, 3 Professional References.