

Delaware Department of State Division of Professional Regulation Voluntary Treatment Option Program (VTO)



The Delaware Board of Architects is one of 27 boards and commissions within the Division of Professional Regulation that participates in the VTO program. This represents over 44,000 licensed professionals that have access to this program. Eligible licensed architects with substance abuse dependency or impairment can access professional help for assessment and treatment services.

The program provides an alternative non-public and non-disciplinary option for licensees who have not committed an offense, other than the status of being chemically dependent or impaired, that would be grounds for discipline under Chapter 3, Section 314 of the Architecture statute.

A licensee can self refer or someone can confidentially refer them. An application and referral form is available at the Division of Professional Regulation's website at www.dpr.delaware.gov by clicking on the Voluntary Treatment Option link.

The Voluntary Treatment Option program fosters a timely assessment to determine what treatment is needed for the licensee and what practice restrictions, if any, are needed to ensure public safety. This provides a win-win situation for licensees, employers and the public.

How does the process work?

- Submit an application/referral form to the Division of Professional Regulation's Program Coordinator.
- Complete an assessment with a licensed provider within 30 days of notification of eligibility.
- If treatment is recommended by the licensed provider, meet with the Program Coordinator and the Board designee to sign an agreement that outlines the treatment plan and compliance conditions.
- Access the prescribed level of treatment with the licensed provider.

Program Benefits

- Provides *confidential* access to treatment for impaired professionals.

- Protects the public.
- Promotes early intervention.
- Enables the licensee to continue to practice while complying with the VTO agreement and treatment plan.

You may contact the Program Coordinator for more information or consultation at (302) 744-4503 or by email at Kay.Warren@state.de.us or contact the Board's VTO Designee, Steven Atchley at (302) 388-6637.