

VIRGINIA HOUSING 2026 UNIVERSAL DESIGN CHECKLIST

New and Adaptive Re-use Unit, Pick 10 Optional Items
Rehab Unit, Pick 5 Optional Items

SUBMIT CHECKLIST TO VIRGINIA HOUSING PRIOR TO PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS	SHEET OR SPEC LOCATION
1. Route	
1.1 Accessible Route	
1.2 Accessible Parking	
1.3 Garbage Collection	
1.4 Common Spaces	
1.5 Curb Cuts	
1.6 Ramps	
2. Movement	
2.1 Exterior Walkways	
2.2 Interior Passageways	
2.3 Level Space at Entryways	
2.4 Clear Space on Pull Side of All Doors	
2.5 Interior Passage Doorways	
2.6 Exterior Doorways and Unit Entry	
3. Approach	
3.1 Clear Floor Space	
3.2 Reach Range	
3.3 Operation	
3.4 Door Hardware	
3.5 Plumbing Fixtures	
4. Kitchens	
4.1 Clear Floor Space	
4.2 Range	
4.3 Refrigerator	
4.4 Sink	
4.5 Multiple Height Work Surfaces	
4.6 Cabinet Hardware	
5. Bathrooms	
5.1 Bathroom Type (# of Option A Baths)	
5.2 Bathing Area (# of Step-in and Roll-in Showers)	
5.3 Shower Fixtures	
6. Laundry	
6.1 Side by Side, Front Loading Equipment	
7. Technology	
7.1 Thermostats	

OPTIONAL ELEMENTS	Included (X)	SHEET OR SPEC LOCATION
1. Route		
1.1 Weather Sheltered Entryways		
1.2 Signage		
2. Movement		
2.1 Access to All Common Areas		
2.2 Enhanced Site Lighting		
3. Approach		
3.1 Accessible Windows		
4. Kitchens		
4.1 Extra Floor Space		
4.2 Roll-Under Range		
4.3 Full Extension Drawers and Shelves		
4.4 Task Lighting		
4.5 Kitchen Pantry		
5. Bathrooms		
5.1 Extra Floor Space		
5.2 Roll-Under Vanity or Sink		
5.3 Tilt Mirror		
5.4 Non-Glare Lighting		
5.5 Solid In-Wall Blocking		
5.6 Handheld Showerheads		
6. Bedrooms		
6.1 Closets		
7. Audio/Visual		
7.1 Audio/Visual Doorbell		
7.2 Visual Alarm		
7.3 Closet Lighting		
8. Technology		
8.1 Keyless Entry		
8.2 Smart Home		
9. Innovation		
9.1 Innovation		

Provided that the development's architect of record is on Virginia Housing's list of Universal Design Certified Architects, and all essential elements and the required number of optional elements are incorporated into the design and construction of the qualified UD units:

- 15 points, if all the units in an elderly development meet this requirement.
- 15 points multiplied by the percentage of units meeting this requirement for non-elderly developments.

PROPERTY NAME: _____

APPLICANT: _____
 Pre-Construction Signature / Date Post-Construction Signature / Date

ARCH OF REC: _____
 (same as TC app) Pre-Construction Signature / Date Post-Construction Signature / Date

SITE ENGINEER: _____
 (if owner retained) Pre-Construction Signature / Date Post-Construction Signature / Date