

**CRITERIA FOR REGISTRATION OR RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION AS
COMMERCIAL GRADER OF VIRGINIA TOBACCO FOR 2021**

1. E-filing of applications is mandatory for obtaining registration/renewal of registration as Commercial Grader of Virginia Tobacco for the calendar year 2021. The manual applications will not be entertained.
2. Registration/Renewal of registration may be granted to the applications received within the stipulated time, if they are in order and fulfill conditions of registration as laid down in Sub Rule7(a) and (b) of Rules 34-E,34-I and 36 of Tobacco Board Rules,1976.
3. The applicants seeking renewal of registration should have submitted the statutory returns as required under Tobacco Board Rules,1976 within the stipulated time.
4. The applicants are required to submit the "Letter of Undertaking" in the prescribed proforma duly signed by the authorized person and upload the scanned copy through online system.
5. The applicants seeking registration/renewal of registration should not have violated any of the provisions of the Tobacco Board Act, Rules, Regulations, terms and conditions of certification of registration or renewal of registration granted by the Board, directions issued by the Board from time to time and stipulations laid down by the Board for discharging the various activities as prescribed under Section 8 of Tobacco Board Act, 1975.
6. The applicants (in case of proprietary concerns) shall submit a copy of PAN Card of the proprietor as Identification proof.
7. The applicants are required to submit the "GST Certificate" and upload the scanned copy through online system.
8. The applicants should submit the "Bank Certificate", "Letter of Undertaking" and 'Declaration form" in **Original** along with Demand Draft towards the fee payable and self-certified copies of documents, as specified under in online system.
9. Applications received within stipulated time and beyond the prescribed due dates may be considered for grant / renewal of registration for the calendar year 2021 subject to payment of the following fees:
 - a) Applications received within stipulated time - Rs.250/-
 - b) Late Applications
 - For Fresh Applications received from 02.11.2020 to 31.12.2020 & for Renewal Applications received from 01.12.2020 to 31.12.2020 - Rs.5,000/-
 - For Fresh and Renewal applications received **On or after 01.01.2021** - Rs.10,000/-
10. The applicants should upload the self certified scanned documents as mentioned below along with submission of application and payment of requisite fees.
 - a) Latest Bank Certificate against current account of the applicants' banker in the prescribed proforma (available at login page of website: www.tobaccoboard.in)

- b) Letter of Undertaking on Company Letter head in the prescribed proforma (available at login page of website: www.tobaccoboard.in)
 - c) Copy of Partnership Deed / Memorandum of Articles of Association along with full addresses of partners/directors, **if the firm is Partnership/Private Ltd / Public Ltd.**
 - d) Copy of Licence under the Factories Act 1948
 - e) Copy of PAN Card
 - f) Copy of GST certificate
 - g) Copy of plan of North light grading pendals duly certified by the Registered Surveyor.
 - h) Self attested copy of Lease Agreement (in case of lease godown) on Rs.100/- non-judicial stamp paper.
 - i) Copy of Municipal/Corporation latest tax paid receipt pertaining to the grading premises.
 - j) Copy of commitment letter from traders/ list of growers certified by the concerned Auction Superintendent for whom tobacco is to be graded.
11. The applicant should possess godown and North Light Grading Hall and submit the self attested copy of plan of godown/North Light Grading Hall.
 12. The applicant shall submit the list of farmers along with their TBGR No's endorsed by the concerned Auction Superintendents in case the applicant intends to undertake grading of the tobacco of growers and the names of companies to whom he wants to undertake grading along with a copy of such contract in case he intends to undertake grading of the tobacco of traders.
 13. The following penalties shall be collected for non-furnishing of statutory returns in time by Commercial Grader, while granting registration/renewal of registration for 2021.
 - a) A penalty of Rs.250/- per fortnight shall be levied, if the 1st fortnight returns are submitted after the end of the same month and before 15th of succeeding month.
 - b) A penalty of Rs.500/- per fortnight shall be levied, if the 1st fortnight returns are submitted after 15th of succeeding month.
 - c) A penalty of Rs.250/- per fortnight shall be levied, if the 2nd fortnight returns are submitted after the 15th of succeeding month and before end of the month.
 - d) A penalty of Rs.500/- per fortnight shall be levied, if the 2nd fortnight returns are submitted after end of the succeeding month.
