How to use the Virginia.org Website Administration Tool

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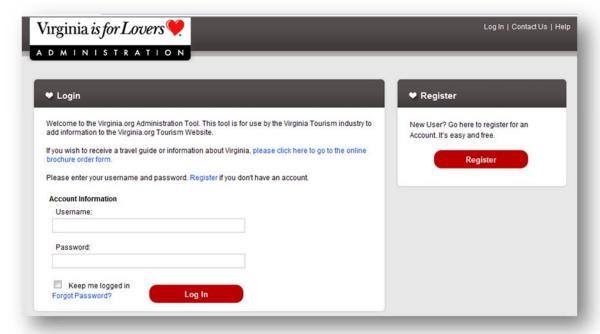
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To Access the Virginia.org Website Administration Tool:

1. Go to www.virginia.org and click on Add/Update Your Listings at the bottom of the page:



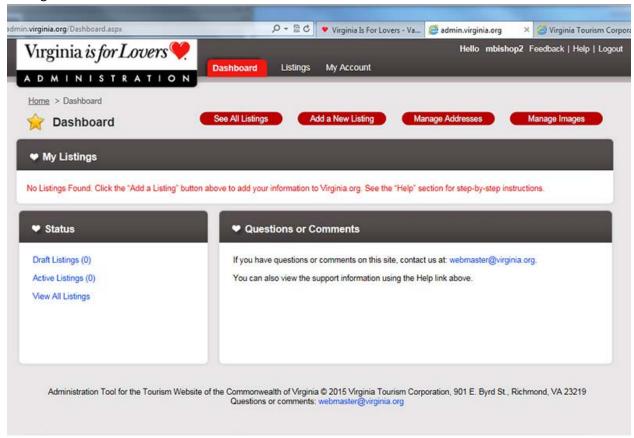
2. A new window will open with the Administration Tool's login / registration page:



3. If you are new to the Administration Tool and **do not** have a login, click on the "Register" button on the right to create your own username and password. Fill in all required fields as indicated with an asterisk (*) and any optional fields as applicable. Please note, your User ID must be at least six (6) characters and/or numbers. The User ID and password are case sensitive. Do not use the same password as your User ID. After completing the

form and the CAPTCHA entry at the bottom of the screen, click "Submit Application". Once your account has been reviewed you will receive an email confirmation from a VTC Administrator saying it is active.

- 4. Once your account has been activated, you can login to the Administration Tool. You must login before you can add or change information on the Virgina.org website. Enter your username (User ID) and password in the designated fields and click "Log In".
- 5. You will see the dashboard page within the Administration Tool where you can view listings status, search for your listings, and view your existing listings. From here you can also add a new listing, manage your images and manage addresses.



How to Use Your Dashboard

The Dashboard is where you can see all of your listings at a glance.

Page Functions:

See All Listings – This allows you to see all of your listings.

Add a New Listing – All information on Virginia.org are Listings. Click to add an event, attraction, package etc.

Manage Addresses – Saved addresses can be managed here. You can reuse a saved address in a listing so you don't have to retype the information.

Manage Images – You can remove any images from your library that are no longer needed.

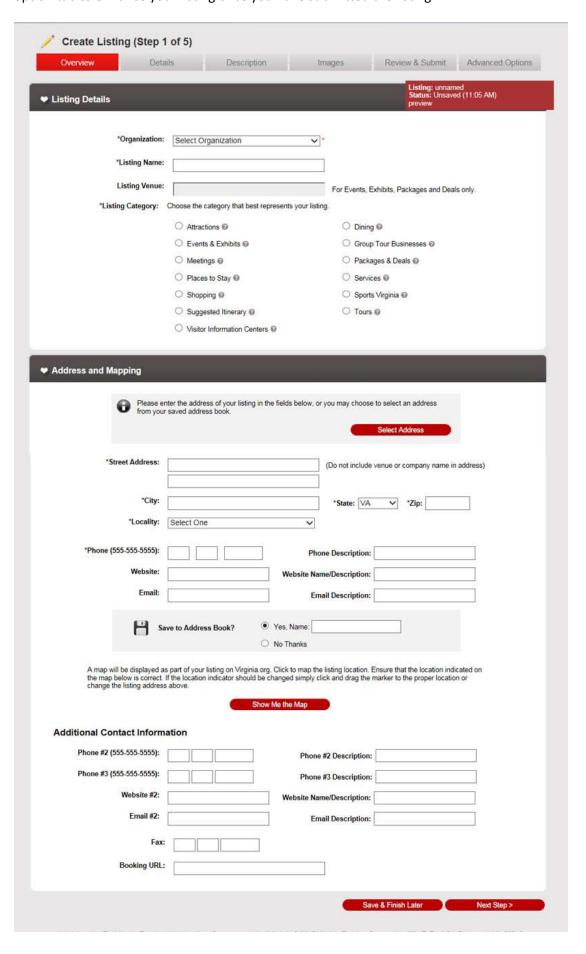
My Listings

They are organized by active, pending, draft, rejected or deactivated. Click the name to preview, edit or deactivate.

Status A snapshot of all your listings in the status mode.

How to Create a New Listing

Click "Add a New Listing" from the Dashboard. There are 5 steps to complete your listing. There is also an advanced option tab to enhance your listing once you have submitted the listing.



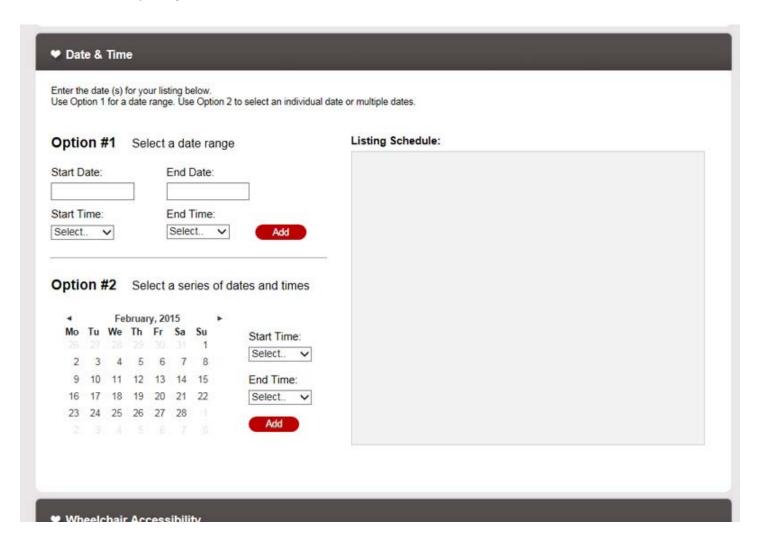
Overview

- 1. Provide a listing name. **If an error appears that the listing name is not unique, it means that the listing is already in the database for Virginia.org. Please contact webmaster@virginia.org for help.
- 2. Select a category. For events, packages and deals you must provide a venue which is below the listing name field
- 3. Add the listing address. Please provide a valid street address for mapping purposes. You can save the address for future use by clicking yes for Save to Address Book. This will allow you to use the address in other listings, saving you time in retyping the information.
- 4. Click "Show me the map". This will show the map preview for your address. If the location of the pin on the map is incorrect, you can move the pin to the correct place.
- 5. Add any additional contact information.
- 6. Add any of your social media links, ie Twitter, Facebook, Youtube, by selecting the corresponding dropdown.
- 7. Click Next Step to continue or Save and Finish Later if you want to come back to it.

Details

Category: Depending on the category you choose you will have different options for categories. Choose the appropriate categories.

For events, packages and tours: Date & Time



There are two options for selecting your dates.

Option #1

Add a start and end date and start and end times for the event. Click Add to add them to the schedule. This option is preferable for events that happen over a longer period of time. You do not have to put in the times if you don't need to.

Option #2

Select a date from the calendar.

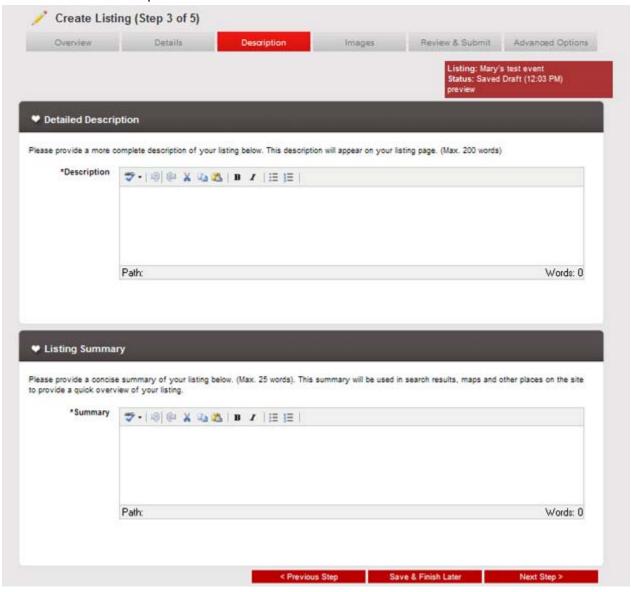
You can select each date separately and add the times for each date, for example if the event occurs Oct. 2 from 10am -2pm, select Oct. 2 on the calendar, put in the start and end times and then click Add to Schedule. This is a preferable option if your event happens every week. For example, if your event is every other Friday, select each of the Fridays that is occurs on the calendar and then click Add.

Wheel Chair Accessibility

Select the appropriate check boxes.

Description

Provide a description of your attraction, event, package etc. Remember that it is potential customers/visitors reading this description. Use paragraph returns, bold, bullet lists etc. You can also spell check your description. You have 200 words for your description. The listing summary is important! This description appears with the search results and other places on the website.



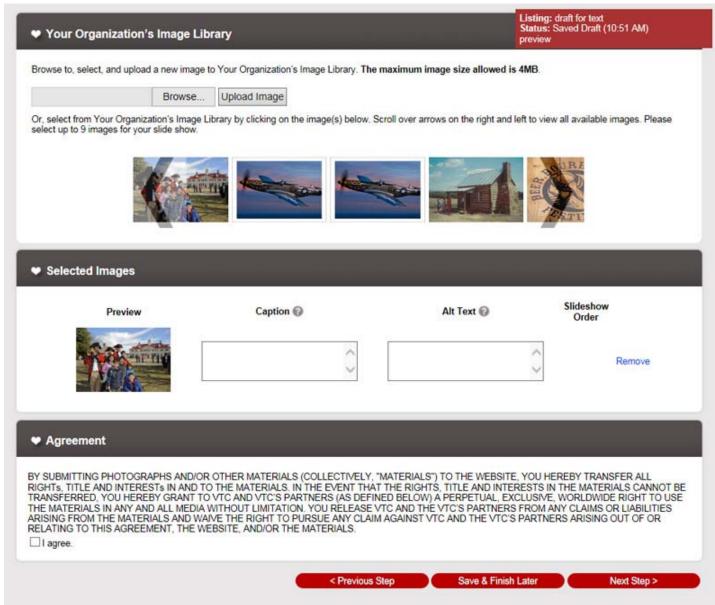
Images

Images can greatly enhance your listing. You can upload as many images as you wish, you can add up to 9 in a slideshow per listing. **Preferred image size 1600 pixels wide x 800 pixels high.** The main focus of your image should be centered with visual padding around it. The image will resize depending on the screen size that is being used.

Click Browse to find your image on your computer. Click Upload Image. It is automatically added to your image library and your slideshow.

You can select from your image library to add an image to your slideshow. You can rearrange the images in the order to be shown or remove images. Removing an image from your slideshow does not remove it from your image library.

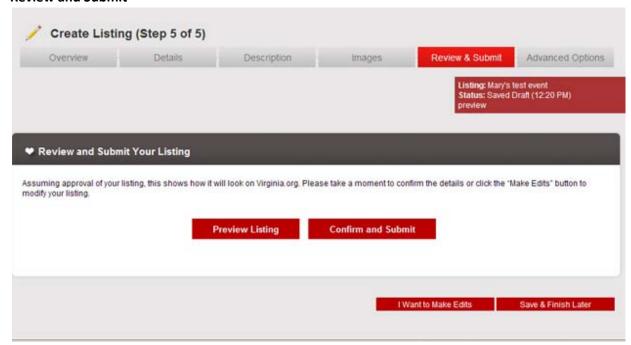
Be sure to add a caption and Alt text to each image.



You must agree to the Image Agreement. If you do not agree you may not upload the image to the Virginia.org website.

Click Next Step to continue.

Review and Submit

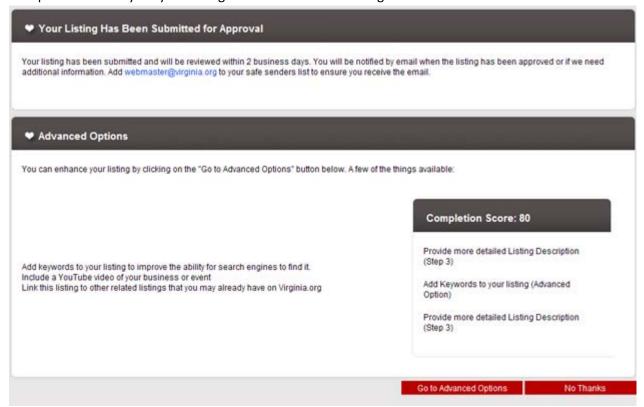


You can click "Preview Listing" to see how it will look on the website.

**You must click "Confirm and Submit" in order for the listing to be put into the review queue for VTC staff to approve it for the website. Until it is Submitted it will appear as being in Draft status.

If you need to make changes you can click "I want to make edits". Or you can click Save & Finish Later.

After clicking Confirm and Submit you will have the option to go to "Advanced Options" or you can go back to your dashboard by clicking "No Thanks". The completion score tells you what you can do to enhance your listing to improve the ability for your listing to be shown in search engine results.



Advanced Options

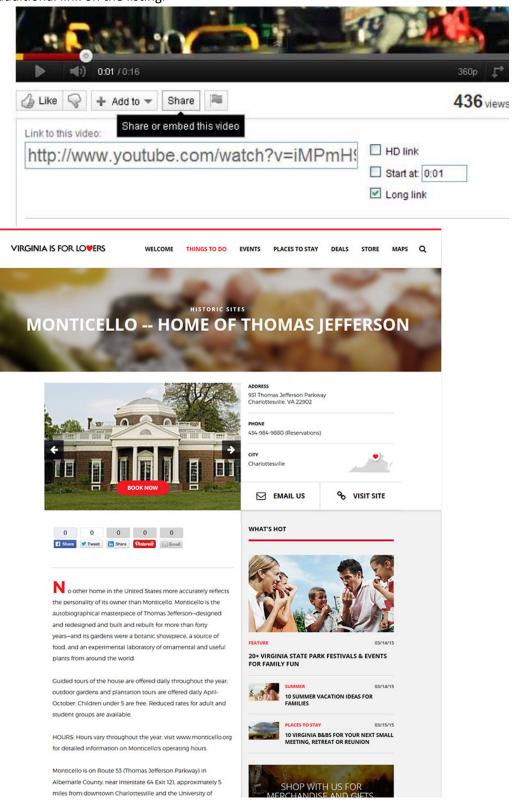
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Add keywords to help with search engine marketing. Add a word and a comma after each word.

If this listing is an event you can select the Attendance. This is for VTC research only.

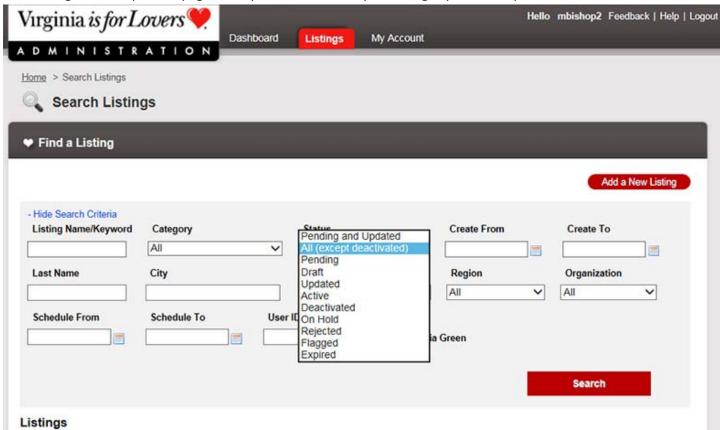
If you have other listings on the site you can connect them together by checking the listing. The related listings will appear with the listing on the site.

If you have a YouTube video you can add the embed code in the field provided. The video will then appear as an additional link on the listing.



Find Existing Listings

Click Listings at the top of the page. Here you can search for your listings by the fields provided.



Edit an Existing Listing

Click on the Listing name from your Dashboard or Listings search. Click Edit.



You then go through the steps as above or you can click the appropriate header to jump right to that step.

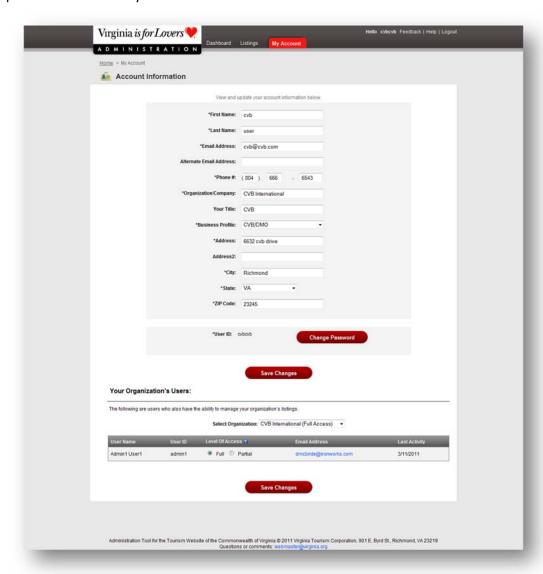


Change a Listing Status

You can deactivate a listing if it will no longer be needed on Virginia.org. See the image above.

How to View and Edit Your Profile

Click on My Account at the top of the page. You can update the information on the page at any time or change your password as necessary.



Adding Meeting Room Specifications for the Virginia.org/Meetings/ Quick Venue Finder.

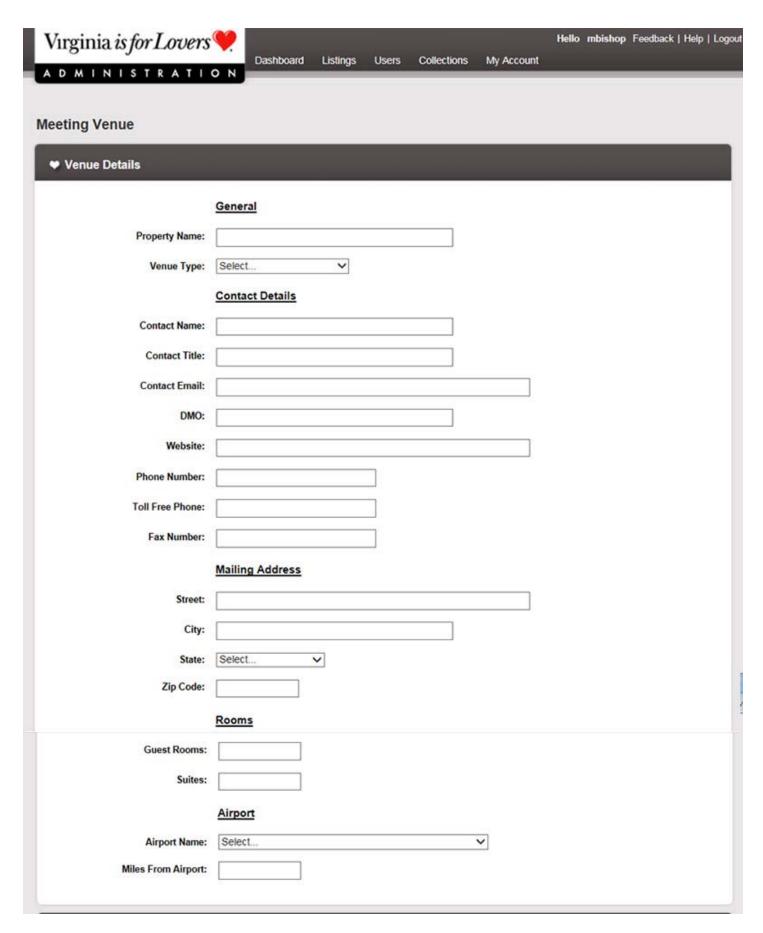
Your meeting facility must be listed on Virginia.org - http://www.virginia.org/directory/meetings/- before you can add your meeting specifications. See Add a New Listing above if your facility is not listed. If your property is a hotel, you will need to add a separate listing for Meeting facilities.

If you have your meeting facility already listed on the site or your listing has been approved, simply click the name of the listing from your Dashboard.

You will see a new button for "Add Room Specs"



You will see a new form. This is the information that will appear with the Quick Venue Finder.



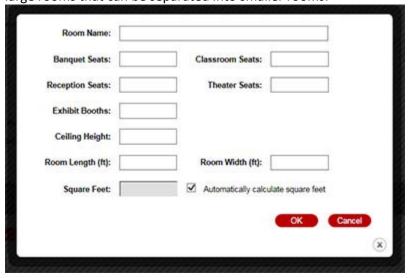
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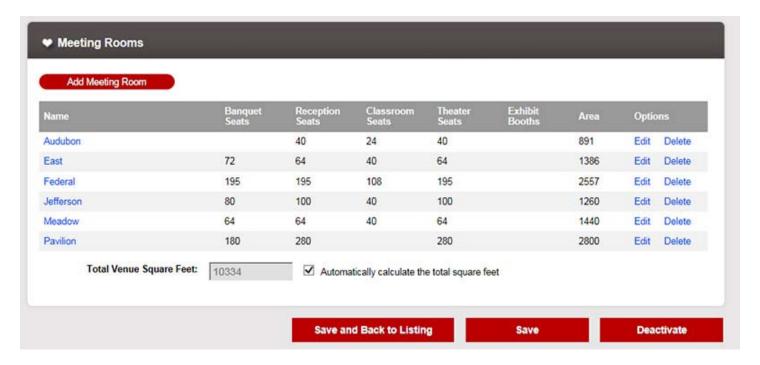
To add the room specifications, click Add Meeting Room.

A new form will appear. Fill in the information for your meeting room. You will need to click "Add Meeting Room" for each room you have. You can uncheck the box for calculating the square feet if you want to put it in manually. The system will automatically calculate the square feet of all your rooms unless you specify it not to. This is important for large rooms that can be separated into smaller rooms.



Once you have all your room specs in the form the rooms will appear like below. You can edit the rooms or delete them. Be sure to calculate the total room space if you don't click the "Automatically calculate the total square feet" button.

You can then Save the information or Save and Go Back to the Listing. **You must click "Submit"** in order for your facility and your room specs to appear on the Quick Venue Finder.



Once your meeting rooms are all listed in the forms, you can edit them by click "Edit Room Specs" from the listing preview screen.

How to become Virginia Green Certified

Join The Commonwealth's Campaign to Promote Environmentally-Friendly Practices in Virginia's Tourism Industry. Click the links below to get more information.



What is Virginia Green?

How to Join Virginia Green Lodging

How to be a Virginia Green Attraction

How to be a Virginia Green Restaurant

How to be a Virginia Green Winery or Brewery

How to be a Virginia Green Conference/Convention Center

Green Event Planning

How to be a Virginia Green travel organization / partner

Virginia Green is run through a partnership among the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC), and the Virginia Hospitality and Travel Association (VHTA). The program seeks to reduce the environmental impacts of the tourism industry and raise environmental awareness.

DEQ currently manages the application process and provides participant assistance, recognition, and maintenance of the Virginia Green website. As part of <u>Virginia is for Lovers website</u>, VTC hosts an online database that allows consumers to search for accommodations, restaurants, and conference facilities that participate in Virginia Green. Additionally, VTC and VHTA both work to market Virginia Green to the hospitality and tourism industry.