

**TITLE 8. EDUCATION**  
**RICHARD BLAND COLLEGE**  
**Chapter 50**

*Proposed Regulation*

REGISTRAR'S NOTICE: Richard Bland College is exempt from the Administrative Process Act in accordance with § 2.2-4002 A 6 of the Code of Virginia, which exempts educational institutions operated by the Commonwealth.

Title of Regulation: **8VAC115-50.** Richard Bland College Open Flames on Campus (adding **8VAC115-50-10, 8VAC115-50-20, 8VAC115-50-30, 8VAC115-50-40, 8VAC115-50-50**).

Statutory Authority: § 23.1-1301.A.1 of the Code of Virginia.

Effective Date:

Summary:

*The regulation establishes the limitations on the presence of open flames in college buildings or on college property, and imposes the requirement for a permit for certain activities involving open burning or open flames. This is the first regulation on this subject.*

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RICHARD BLAND COLLEGE OPEN FLAMES ON CAMPUS

**8VAC115-50-10. Definitions.**

*The following words and terms when used in this chapter shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:*

*“Open flame” means any activity or device producing a flame, including, but not limited to candles, tiki torches, oil lanterns, butane or other gas burners, incense, campfires, bonfires, fire pits, and grills.*

*"College property" means any property, vehicle, or vessel owned, leased, or controlled by Richard Bland College.*

**8VAC115-50-20. Permit required for open burning and open flames; exceptions.**

- A. *Open flames are prohibited on all college property, including within college buildings and facilities, except pursuant to a permit issued by the college's Department of Campus Safety and Police.*
- B. *Exceptions to the requirement for a permit are:*
  - 1. *Activities taking place within the scope of academic coursework when under the supervision of the relevant faculty member;*
  - 2. *Flames created for the transient purpose of lighting a cigarette, cigar, pipe, or similar smoking device, provided such activity is in an authorized location, is otherwise lawful, and the burning or smoking elements are safely and responsibly disposed;*

3. *Small celebration candles used briefly and in an appropriate quantity in connection with a celebration, provided such activity is not left unattended, is in an authorized location, is otherwise lawful, and the smoking or burning elements are safely and responsibly disposed; and*
4. *Activities undertaken by college contractors whose contract has been approved by the President or her designee and which contract authorizes open flames.*

**8VAC115-50-30. Permits.**

*Persons seeking to ignite an open flame must apply to the Department of Campus Safety and Police for a permit to perform the activity. Permits may be issued for a one-time event or activity, or on a recurring or on-going basis.*

*Applicants must apply at least five working days in advance of the activity to ensure consideration. An applicant's history of compliance with previous permits will be considered in a decision to grant a permit.*

*Persons granted permits are required to comply with all conditions of the permit.*

**8VAC115-50-40. Person lawfully in charge.**

*In addition to individuals authorized by college policy, Richard Bland College police officers and representatives of the Department of Campus Safety and Police are lawfully in charge for the purposes of forbidding entry upon or remaining upon college property of those who are in violation of this prohibition.*

**8VAC115-50-50. Compliance with Policy.**

*Persons who fail to obtain a permit or to comply with its conditions will be asked to extinguish the open flame or bring the activity into compliance with the terms of the permit. Failure to comply may result in a request to leave campus. Failure to leave campus may result in arrest for trespass. Members of the campus community are also subject to disciplinary action, including termination or expulsion.*