The Virginia Board of Pharmacy recently confirmed that isoflurane is considered a Schedule VI drug by the Board.

The classes of drugs and devices that fall under Schedule VI can be found at § 54.1-3455 of the Code of Virginia. Please see here for the full regulation: [https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title54.1/chapter34/section54.1-3455/](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title54.1/chapter34/section54.1-3455/)

Because isoflurane is a Schedule VI drug, all PIs who store and use isoflurane as a part of their research must have a Virginia Board of Pharmacy registration.

How to Obtain a Virginia Board of Pharmacy Schedule VI Registration:
1) Print the application and complete it. The Board requires an original signature, so please do not fax or scan it.

Here is a link to the application form: [https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/pharmacy/pharmacy_forms.htm#csr](https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/pharmacy/pharmacy_forms.htm#csr)

To request a copy of a sample completed application, please email controlsub@vcu.edu.

2) Check the appropriate box – either “New” or “Change to Drug Schedule.”
   The fee for a new application is $90.
   There is no fee for a change to drug schedule.

3) Check the boxes for all “Controlled Substance Schedules” you require, new and existing.

4) Attach to the application a brief list of the controlled substances to be added and provide details as to the intended use of these new controlled substances.

5) Mail the completed application to the Board at the address at the top of the application.

6) For a new application, the Virginia Board of Pharmacy will schedule a time for inspection.
   For a change to drug schedule, once the application is received, the change will be made to the Board’s database and a new, updated certificate will be mailed to the PI. Please allow 7-10 business days for delivery by mail.

If any questions, the Virginia Board of Pharmacy can be reached at: 804-367-4456, Option 2.

How to Obtain Isoflurane at VCU:
The Division of Animal Resources (DAR) can provide isoflurane to PIs with Schedule VI registrations.

DAR will not provide isoflurane without proof that the PI has a current Schedule VI registration.

DAR will track to whom it has provided isoflurane, when, and how much was provided.

How to Store Isoflurane:
Schedule VI drugs should be kept out of sight when not in use and behind a locked door or cabinet when the registrant is not present. Schedule VI drugs do not need to be locked in a safe and do not require a usage log.