



FACT SHEET

Requirements for Social Worker Licensing Supervisors

Effective August 1, 2011

ATTENTION SUPERVISORS AND SUPERVISEES: POSSIBLE DENIAL OF SUPERVISED PRACTICE

Upon audit, if it is found that the supervisor has not complied with these new requirements, the supervisees' supervised practice hours may be denied and the supervisor(s) may be subject to action by the Board's Compliance Unit.

To be eligible to provide licensing supervision on or after August 1, 2011, a social worker must:

- have completed the one-time requirement of 30 hours of training in supervision through coursework from an accredited college or university, or through continuing education (CE) which complies with the Board's CE requirements,
- be competent in the activities supervised, and
- attest to completion of this requirement when submitting any Supervision Plan form or Supervision Verification form for supervision provided on or after August 1, 2011.

To be eligible to provide clinical licensing supervision on or after August 1, 2011, a social must:

- meet the requirements listed above,
- have at least 2000 hours of experience in authorized social work practice, **including 1000 hours of experience in clinical practice** after obtaining a LICSW license, and
- attest to completion of this requirement when submitting any Supervision Plan form or Supervision Verification form for supervision provided on or after August 1, 2011.



FAQs

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Q. What are the requirements for licensing supervisors as of August 1, 2011?

A. **Any social worker providing licensing supervision after on or after August 1, 2011**, must have completed a one-time requirement of 30 hours of training in supervision. These hours may be completed through coursework from an accredited college or university, or through continuing education (CE) in compliance with the Board's CE requirements. **Clinical licensing supervisors** must also have at least 2000 hours of experience in authorized social work practice, **including 1000 hours of experience in clinical practice** after obtaining a LICSW license.

Q. Is there a time frame during which the one-time requirement of 30 hours of training in supervision must have been completed?

A. There is no time limit specified in statute identifying when the 30 hours of training in supervision may be earned.

Q. Of the 30 hours of training in supervision, how many of the hours may be independent study?

A. Prior to August 1, 2011, 10 of the 30 hours of training in supervision may be independent study. On or after August 1, 2011, 15 of the required 30 hours may be independent study.

Q. How will licensing supervisors document that they have met the supervisor requirements?

A. Licensing supervisors must attest to completion of the requirements listed above when submitting any Supervision Plan form or Supervision Verification form for supervision provided on or after August 1, 2011.

Q. Will licensing supervisors have to submit evidence to the Board to demonstrate that they have met the supervisor requirements?

A. The information submitted may be subject to audit to verify compliance. If a licensing supervisor is audited for the 30 hours of training in supervision, they must submit evidence such as an academic transcript or certificate of attendance. If a clinical licensing supervisor is audited for the 2000 hours of experience, including 1000 hours of experience in clinical practice, they must submit evidence such as a resume or a signed statement from the employer.

Q. What if my supervisor has not met the supervisor requirements by August 1, 2011?

A. Supervision with this supervisor must be suspended until the supervisor complies with the new requirements.