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# SUPERVISOR INFORMATION

RECIPROCITY AND INTERNSHIP/RESIDENCY TEMPORARY LICENSE

# SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITES

California veterinarians acting as supervisors for temporary licensees are responsible for ensuring that the extent, kind, and quality of veterinary services performed by the temporary licensee is consistent with that which is provided by California veterinarians in good standing, under similar circumstances and conditions. The supervising veterinarian is also responsible for reviewing client/patient records, monitoring and evaluating diagnosis, and treatment decisions of the temporary licensee; monitoring and evaluating the ability of the temporary licensee to provide the services where he or she will be practicing and to the particular clientele being served. The supervisor will ensure that the temporary licensee is in compliance with the laws and regulations governing the practice of veterinary medicine.

### **GENERAL SUPERVISOR REQUIREMENTS**

- The supervisor shall possess and Maintain a current license in good standing and shall notify immediately the temporary licensee of any disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, revocation or suspension, even if stayed, probation terms, inactive license status, or lapse in licensure, that affects his or her ability or right to supervise.
- The supervisor shall keep Informed of developments in the practice of veterinary medicine and in California law governing the practice of veterinary medicine and shall comply with the laws and regulations governing the supervision of a temporary licensee.
- Upon written request of the Board, the supervisor shall provide to the Board any documentation, which verifies the supervisor's compliance with the requirements set forth in this section.
- The supervisor shall be an owner, principal or employee of the veterinary practice employing the temporary licensee.

# A supervisor who fails to comply with the laws and regulations relating to the supervision of a temporary licensee shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Board.

### **RECIPROCITY SUPERVISOR REQUIREMENTS**

- Supervision shall include at least one face-to-face observation and review by the supervisor of the temporary licensee's veterinary services per week, which shall be documented and maintained by the supervisor.
- Supervision shall include the establishment of a protocol where the supervisor or another designated California licensed veterinarian in good standing is available to thetemporary licensee in the event of an emergency or a need arises for a consultation.

- The supervisor shall notify the board, in writing, within 10 days of the termination of your supervisory relationship with the temporary licensee.
- If the supervisory relationship between the supervisor and the temporary licensee has been terminated, the temporary licensee shall not perform any veterinary services for which a license is required until he or she has submitted to the Board, in writing, the name and license number of another veterinarian who is to be the temporary licensee's supervisor which is accompanied by a signed acknowledgment from the new supervisor that he or she has read and agrees to comply with the provisions of the Board's laws relating to the supervision of temporary licensees.
- If a supervisor will be unavailable to supervise the temporary licensee for seven (7) or more consecutive days, the supervisor shall make arrangements for a California licensed veterinarian in good standing to supervise the temporary licensee in the supervisor's absence. The temporary supervisor shall comply with the provisions of section 2021.9.
- A supervisor who is unavailable to supervise the temporary licensee for four (4) or more consecutive weeks shall be deemed to have terminated the supervisory relationship.

#### **INTERN/RESIDENCY SUPERVISOR REQUIREMENTS**

- Supervision shall include daily face-to-face observation and review by the supervisor or another designated board-certified specialist of the intern's veterinary medical services, which shall be documented and maintained by the supervisor.
- When the supervising board-certified specialist is not physically on site where the intern is performing veterinary medical services, the supervisor shall be available by telephone for consultation with the intern or has designated another board-certified specialist to be available at the site or by telephone for consultation with the intern.
- The Board-certified veterinary supervisor shall possess and maintain a current, valid California license in good standing and a valid certification from the American Veterinary Medical Association in one of the following specialties: anesthesiology, dentistry, dermatology, emergency and critical care, internal medicine (all specialties), ophthalmology, radiology, surgery and theriogenology.
- The supervisor of a temporary license intern shall notify the board, in writing, within ten (10) days of any termination of the intern's participation in the internship or residency program.



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# SUPERVISOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to abide by the following regulation necessary to become a supervisor for a temporary licensee:

- 1. Possess and maintain a current, valid California license as a veterinarian.
- 2. Keep informed of developments in the practice of veterinary medicine and in California law governing the practice of veterinary medicine.
- 3. Maintain a current licensee in good standing and shall notify immediately the temporary licensee of any disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, revocation or suspension, even if stayed, probation terms, inactive license status or lapse in licensure, that affects my ability or right to supervise.
- 4. Comply with the laws and regulations governing the supervision of a temporary licensee.
- 5. Be an owner, principal or employee of the veterinary practice employing the temporary licensee.
- 6. Notify the board in writing, within 1O days of the termination of supervisorial relationship with the temporary licensee.

Upon written request of the Board, I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, shall provide to the Board any documentation which verifies my compliance with the requirements set forth in the section 2021.9.

# A supervisor who fails to comply with the laws and regulations relating to the supervision of a temporary licensee shall be subject to disciplinary action by the board.

- A supervisor who is unavailable to supervise the temporary licensee for four (4) or more consecutive weeks shall be deemed to have terminated the supervisorial relationship.
- The temporary licensee shall notify the board in writing, within ten (10) days of any termination of the supervisorial relationship.
- If the supervisor will be unavailable to supervise the temporary licensee of seven (7) or more consecutive days, the supervisor shall make arrangements for a California licensed veterinarian in good standing to supervise the temporary licensee in the supervisor's absence. The temporary supervisor shall comply with the provisions of section 2021.9.

Signature

Date



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#### SUPERVISOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT FORM

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1. TEMPORARY LICENSEE INFORMATION:

LAST NAME:	FIRST NAME:		MIDDLE NAME:		
STREET ADDRESS:					
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:	PHONE NUMBER:		
The temporary licensee shall notify the Board in writing within 10 days of termination of the Supervisory relationship and mist cease practice immediately upon termination of the relationship.					

#### 2. SUPERVISOR INFORMATION:

3. LAST NAME:	FIRST NAM	E:	MIDDLE NAME:		
STREET ADDRESS:					
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:	PHONE NUMBER:		
LICENSE NUMBER:		EXPIRATION DATE:			
A supervisor or temporary licensee who fails to comply with the laws and regulation shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Board.					

I/We agree to the terms specified in the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Article 2.5 of Section 2021, 2021.1, 2021.9 and 2021.10 relating to temporary licensee/supervisor requirements.

#### SIGNATURES: