

## BOARD OF GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

### Modified Language

(Language in **bold** is existing language that was previously proposed to be deleted and is now being put back in; additions to previously proposed text are indicated by double underline; and deletions from previously proposed text are indicated by ~~underline with double strikethrough or double strikethrough only.~~)

(1) Amend Section 2260 of Division 22 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

§ 2260. Completion of Requirements for License as Instructor.

(a) ~~If~~ ~~An~~ applicant for an instructor's license ~~must have had three years of full-time experience, including~~ ~~at least~~ ~~of 22 person-dog units~~ ~~guide dog teams that have successfully completed instruction~~ ~~but does not have~~ cannot show the **required three years' actual experience as an instructor, any** additional experience in kennel work or dog training only may be credited, provided it is **as an apprentice** in a guide dog school under a qualified instructor meeting standards equivalent to schools and instructors licensed by the board. may be credited towards the required three years actual experience as an instructor. The experience as an apprentice must be under the supervision of a licensed instructor or instructor that meets standards equivalent to an instructor licensed by the Board, as determined by the Board. Such experience as an apprentice shall include training dogs in all aspects required by sections 2266 and 2282.

(b) Any ~~If~~ license as an instructor is issued under the "equivalent" provision of Section 7209, the licensee will be required to make up the lacking **experience** factor within one year, and thus meet the specified requirement for both years of experience and handling person/dog units. Otherwise, the license will be revoked as an instructor or apprentice that is being used to fulfill the required three years actual experience as an instructor, must be full-time experience. "Full time" means an average of 32 hours per week. The experience shall be obtained while under the supervision of an instructor that meets standards equivalent to those licensed by the Board, as determined by the Board.

~~e) The experience shall include training dogs in all aspects required by Sections 2266 and 2282.~~

~~d) "Full time" means an average of 32 hours per week.~~

(ec) The applicant must submit verification to the Board that his experience meets the requirements of this section. The verification must come from an individual in a supervisory position from the guide dog school where the experience was obtained.

The verification must state that the applicant has met the requirements as specified in this subsection (a).

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 7208 and 7209, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Section 7209, Business and Professions Code

(2) Amend Section 2266 of Division 22 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

§ 2266. Apprentice Standards; Minimum Instruction.

(a) A school shall not employ or retain in its employ an apprentice who: ~~(1) is~~ not suited temperamentally and otherwise to work with blind persons in the use of guide dogs.

~~(2) Has not had at least one year's actual experience in working with the training of dogs.~~

(b) Each guide dog school licensed by the board shall require every apprentice to undergo a systematic organized program of instruction which has been approved by the board. Such organized program of instruction shall be under a licensed instructor and shall include the following subjects:

(1) Care and selection of dogs;

(2) Obedience training of dogs;

(3) Training of dogs preparatory to becoming guides for blind people;

(4) Required reading on blindness and its effects;

(5) Course of instruction in the California Guide Dogs for the Blind Act and the regulations of the board;

(6) Basic principles of travel and mobility training for blind people.

(c) No apprentice shall be permitted to train instruct any guide dog team except under the ~~direct and immediate~~ supervision of a licensed instructor, and until he has completed not less than twenty hours of such instruction, a week for a period of not less than one year.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 7208, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 7208 Business and Professions Code.