

THE CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND



✦ We Set Standards

Instructors must pass a State examination to show competency and knowledge of the subject matter.

Instructors are required to further their training and enhance their knowledge and skills in the profession in order to renew their license every year.

All guide dog schools in the State are inspected annually to ensure that they meet State standards, including that students and dogs receive the required number of instruction hours and that the dogs are competent guides.

✦ We Advocate

We advocate for the public access rights of guide dog users.

Government agencies, law enforcement, and private companies consider us a valuable resource to consult before they make decisions that might affect you.

✦ We Regulate

We make sure guide dog schools and instructors meet safety standards, so you and your dog have the skills and tools to be a confident, capable team.

We provide you with a license look-up service. Before choosing an instructor or a school, you should check whether the instructor or school has an active and clear license.

✦ We Listen

You can lodge a complaint with us about a licensee or contact us with questions by phone at 866.512.9103 or online at www.guidedogboard.ca.gov.

✦ We Lead

We are the only licensing and regulatory entity of guide dog schools and instructors in the United States.