

1 AN ACT relating to certification for clinical supervisors of alcohol and drug  
2 counselors and declaring an emergency.

3 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

4 ➔Section 1. KRS 309.0834 is amended to read as follows:

- 5 (1) An applicant for certification as a certified clinical supervisor shall pay the board  
6 the initial fee for certification, and shall:
- 7 (a) Hold and maintain an alcohol and drug counselor license, clinical alcohol and  
8 drug counselor license, or alcohol and drug counselor certification at the  
9 International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium reciprocal level;
- 10 (b) Meet all education, continuing education, work experience, and supervision  
11 requirements of the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium for  
12 the Clinical Supervisor;
- 13 (c) Have passed a written examination that has been approved by the International  
14 Certification and Reciprocity Consortium; and
- 15 (d) Have signed an agreement to abide by the standards of practice and code of  
16 ethics approved by the board.
- 17 (2) ***The board shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS***  
18 ***Chapter 13A to establish a limited period of time of not less than ninety (90) days***  
19 ***or more than one (1) year from the effective date of this Act during which the***  
20 ***board may grant certification as a clinical supervisor to an applicant who does***  
21 ***not meet all the requirements of subsection (1) of this section if the applicant:***
- 22 ***(a) Is licensed in Kentucky as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor or certified***  
23 ***in Kentucky as an alcohol and drug counselor as of March 24, 2021; and***
- 24 ***(b) Has board approval to provide clinical supervision as of March 24,***  
25 ***2021***~~[The board shall promulgate administrative regulations establishing a~~  
26 ~~time limit of not less than ninety (90) days or more than one (1) year by which~~  
27 ~~a person who was approved by the board as a supervisor prior to March 24,~~

1           2021, is required to meet the requirements for a certified clinical supervisor in  
2           subsection (1) of this section].

3   (3) *An applicant who has been granted certification by the board in accordance with*  
4   *subsection (2) of this section shall be immediately authorized to provide clinical*  
5   *supervision to alcohol and drug counselors in accordance with subsection (5) of*  
6   *this section and any administrative regulations promulgated by the board*  
7   *establishing requirements for clinical supervision.*

8   (4) *After the expiration of the time period established by the board under subsection*  
9   *(2) of this section, an applicant for certification as a clinical supervisor shall meet*  
10   *the requirements in subsection (1) of this section in accordance with any*  
11   *administrative regulations promulgated by the board establishing requirements*  
12   *for certification.*

13   (5) A certified clinical supervisor may supervise registered alcohol and drug peer  
14   support specialists, licensed alcohol and drug counselors, licensed clinical alcohol  
15   and drug counselors, certified alcohol and drug counselors, and persons who are  
16   seeking registration or certification.

17       ➔Section 2. Whereas there is a shortage of counselors who are qualified and  
18   available to treat individuals during the current substance use disorder crisis and it is of  
19   the utmost importance that all qualified counselors be able to provide treatment, an  
20   emergency is declared to exist and this Act takes effect upon approval by the Governor or  
21   upon its otherwise becoming a law.