

# MONTANA BOARD OF SANITARIANS

## Sanitarian-In-Training Information

### STATUTES FOR SANITARIAN-IN-TRAINING

**37-40-101. Definitions.** Unless the context requires otherwise, as used in this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(6) "Sanitarian-in-training" means a person who meets the minimum educational qualifications required for a sanitarian's license and who works under the supervision of a licensed sanitarian. Sanitarians-in-training may, with board approval, work in a public health agency for a period not to exceed 1 year and be considered exempt from the licensing and registration requirements of [37-40-301](#).

**37-40-301. License required.** A person may not practice or offer to practice the profession of sanitarian as defined in this chapter or hold out to the public in any manner that the person is a licensed sanitarian unless the person is licensed and registered under the provisions of this chapter.

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### RULES FOR SANITARIAN-IN-TRAINING

#### **ARM 24.216.506 SANITARIAN-IN-TRAINING**

(1) On a form prescribed by the board, an applicant shall apply for and the board may issue a sanitarian-in-training permit to an applicant who meets the minimum educational requirements for a registered sanitarian under [37-40-301](#) and [37-40-302](#), MCA, and ARM [24.216.502](#). A person who has not completed an approved general microbiology course, but who otherwise meets the minimum standards for licensure, may be approved as a sanitarian-in-training.

(2) A sanitarian-in-training must work under the supervision of a licensed sanitarian. The supervising sanitarian must submit a plan for supervision for approval by the board. The supervising sanitarian must file quarterly reports with the board regarding the status and progress of the sanitarian-in-training.

(a) The plan of supervision shall include:

(i) an estimate of time of supervision provided;

(ii) number of hours of training to be provided per month; and

(iii) method of maintaining contact and supervision, including an alternate supervisor in cases of unavailability of designated supervisor.

(b) A sanitarian-in-training who satisfies the requirements of ARM [24.216.502](#)(3) shall inform the board regarding his or her participation in a general microbiology course.

(3) "Supervision," for purposes of this rule, means the availability of a licensed sanitarian for purposes of immediate communication and consultation on a weekly and as-needed basis as identified in the approved plan of supervision.

(4) A sanitarian-in-training permit is valid for a period of one year. A sanitarian-in-training who meets all the minimum standards for licensure is eligible to take the examination in Montana. There is no limit to the number of times a sanitarian-in-training may take the examination during the one-year exemption period.

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### **SANITARIAN-IN-TRAINING PLAN OF SUPERVISION**

#### **Recommendations by the Board of Sanitarians**

**In addition to the supervision plan criteria prescribed above in ARM 24.216.506(2), the Board recommends the following:**

1. Comprehensive training and supervision of the SIT should include the full-spectrum of the sanitarian profession, including the following areas of expertise:

[MCA 37-40-101\(3\)](#) *definition of "practicing the profession of sanitarian".*

- a. Food service
- b. Food processing
- c. Public accommodations
- d. Trailer courts
- e. Campgrounds
- f. Swimming pools and spas
- g. Day care centers
- h. Schools
- i. Air pollution
- j. Solid and hazardous waste collection and disposal
- k. Sewage treatment and disposal
- l. Drinking water supplies
- m. Vector control
- n. Land subdivision
- o. Underground storage tanks
- p. Milk sanitation

In addition, successful plans may include a number of hours of supervision and training provided by the supervising sanitarian or the alternate supervising sanitarian to assure the SIT is competent to provide sanitarian services prior to working independently in any given area of expertise as listed above.

[ARM 24.216.506\(2\)\(a\)\(i & ii\)](#)

Such supervision and training should provide, at a minimum, the following hours/month:

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| Quarter One   | 40 hours |
| Quarter Two   | 30 hours |
| Quarter Three | 20 hours |
| Quarter Four  | 10 hours |

The board recommends supervising sanitarian or the alternate supervising sanitarian utilize the training times with instruction on:

[MCA 37-40-101\(3\)](#) *definition of "practicing the profession of sanitarian".*

- a. state and local regulations applicable to local government jurisdictions and programs;
- b. cooperation with government agencies on matters of public and environmental health, including epidemiological investigations and emergency response to investigations; and
- c. educational and training programs in environmental standards and public health.

[MCA 37-40-101\(3\)](#) *definition of "practicing the profession of sanitarian".*

- d. state and local regulations applicable to local government jurisdictions and programs;
- e. cooperation with government agencies on matters of public and environmental health, including epidemiological investigations and emergency response to investigations; and
- f. providing educational and training programs in environmental standards and public health.

3. The method of maintaining contact should be in-person, by phone, or by email with preference of method being in that same order. [ARM 24.216.506\(2\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#)