

Temporary Supervision Requirements – August 2020

It is a requirement for those supervising **students** or those undertaking delegated activities to be able to demonstrate to the GOC that the supervision is *adequate*.

We define 'adequate supervision' as provided by a registrant who:

- holds a qualification in **an eyecare related field** and is sufficiently experienced to undertake the functions they are supervising;
- is a fully qualified **statutorily registered health care professional** with at least two years continuous registration;
- complies with the GOC code of conduct (**and/or equivalent regulator's conduct standards**) in their professional practice;
- is not only on the premises but in a position to oversee the work undertaken and to intervene if necessary, in order to ensure protection of the patient;
- must retain clinical responsibility for the patient;
- must ensure that no untoward consequences to the detriment of the patient can arise from the actions of a person who is being supervised;
- must ensure compliance with all legal requirements governing the activity.

Additional requirements for supervision of **students**:

The supervisor:

- ensures that their students are registered with the GOC;
- meets the approval criteria of providers;
- provides continuous personal supervision, i.e. is in the practice when the student is in professional contact with patients and be able to intervene as necessary;
- supports, observes and mentors;
- provides a sufficient and suitable learning environment;
- ensures the student has access to the appropriate equipment to meet the requirements of the Route to Registration;
- is familiar with the assessment requirements, guidelines and regulations of the Route to Registration;
- ensures that when the student is in professional contact with patients they are clearly identified as a student under supervision and that the identity of the supervisor is also made clear to the patient.