



## **Boost 200 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

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### **Department of Health Professions (DHP) Supervision Requirements**

**Boost 200 participants and their Supervisors must follow all DHP requirements and regulations to achieve and maintain licensure (including Supervision requirements) in the Commonwealth for the duration of Boost 200 participation.**

- For more information about the DHP Supervision and requirements and how to apply for Supervision as a Resident in Counseling and Resident in Marriage and Family Therapy go to: <https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/counseling/>
  - For more information about the DHP Supervision requirements and how to apply for Supervision as a Supervisee in Social Work go to: <https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/social/>
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### **Boost 200 Applicant Questions**

**What is the Boost 200 application deadline? When will I hear about my application status?**

*Boost 200* applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis, until all funding is obligated.

**Where is the program available in Virginia?**

*Boost 200* applicants/participants may work in any Virginia locality. Preference will be given to those working in any one of Virginia's Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas (MHPSA). Click [here](#) to see if your Work Site is located in a MHPSA.

Preference will also be given to people of color or people who are bilingual, regardless of where they work in Virginia.

## Who is eligible for *Boost 200*?

Masters-prepared Social Workers, Counselors or Marriage and family Therapists; Residents in Counseling or Residents in Marriage and Family Therapy licensed by the DHP; and current Supervisees in Social Work approved by the DHP may apply for *Boost 200*. All applicants must be paying out-of-pocket for all or most of their licensure-required Supervision and have applied to the DHP to begin Supervision before applying to *Boost 200*. Please see the [Boost 200 Participant Guidelines](#), located on the *Boost 200* website, for more details.

## What does the *Boost 200* application look like?

The [Boost 200 application](#) (*link goes to a .pdf preview of the application*) is available online on the [Boost 200 website](#) and gathers the following information:

- Personal, Contact, and Demographic
- Education
- Supervision
- Work Site
- Financial

A complete application also includes the following documents:

- Current Resume
- [Personal Statement](#)
- [Recommendation Form](#)

*Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

## For individuals enrolled in *Boost 200*, how will funding for Supervision be distributed?

While the *Boost 200* applicant is the individual pursuing licensure as an LPC, LCSW or LMFT in Virginia, it is the person's Supervisor who actually receives payment from the Virginia Health Care Foundation for Supervision hours completed.

A *Boost 200* Supervisor will be a contractor of the Foundation.

- Supervisors will submit Supervision hours completed each month to VHCF via ADP. VHCF will pay Supervisors monthly via electronic bank transfer.
- Supervisors will receive an IRS Form 1099 documenting payment by the Foundation for their tax purposes each year of *Boost 200* participation.

For the Foundation to continue paying for a *Boost 200* participant's Supervision hours, those pursuing licensure as an LPC, LCSW or LMFT must:

- Be making satisfactory progress on fulfilment of required Supervision hours;
- Maintain good standing with the DHP;
- Report Supervision and clinical hours to VHCF in a timely manner; and
- Communicate changes in employment, Supervision, and other key information to the Foundation in a timely manner.

**Does the Foundation pay the same hourly Supervision rate for all *Boost 200* participants?**

No. We recognize that the hourly rate for licensure-required Supervision varies by Supervisor and by region of the state, as well as for group and individual Supervision. *Boost 200* Supervisors should charge a reasonable rate that is in the average range for their region of the Commonwealth.

**What happens if I move out-of-state during the Service Commitment and am unable to fulfill the entire 4,000 hour obligation?**

The Foundation is deeply committed to increasing access to basic mental health services for *Virginians* by increasing the number of licensed behavioral health professionals who practice in the Commonwealth for the long-term. If there is the slightest possibility that you will move from Virginia in the next 4 – 5 years, *Boost 200* is not a good fit for you.

In the event that a *Boost 200* participant leaves the state before completing the licensure-required Supervision hours or before fulfilling the commitment to practice in Virginia for 2 years after obtaining licensure, the participant will be considered to have breached their *Boost 200* contract.

If breach occurs, the participant is obligated to repay the full amount expended by VHCF for their Supervision PLUS interest set at the prime rate at the time of default. The timeframe for repayment will depend on the amount owed and other relevant factors, such as the number of Service Commitment hours completed.

**I am working at an agency and do not receive licensure-required Supervision at my job. Do I need to have a DHP-approved Supervisor before I apply to *Boost 200*?**

Yes. You must have a DHP-approved Supervisor before you apply to *Boost 200* (*per the DHP guidelines, this person does not need to work at the same employer as you*). You must submit your application for Supervision as a Licensed Resident in Counseling or Supervisee in Social Work before you apply to *Boost 200*, as well.

## **Boost 200 Supervision FAQs**

**I have submitted my information to the VHCF Boost 200 Supervisor Registry. I would like to update that information. How do I do that?**

To update your registry information, email *Boost 200* at [Boost200@vhcf.org](mailto:Boost200@vhcf.org). Please use the following format for the email Subject Line: Last Name, First Name – Update to Supervisor Registry. Then, in the body of the email, please clearly indicate what should be updated.

**I am a DHP-approved Supervisor and would like to provide Supervision for Boost 200 participants, how can I do that?**

Thank you for your willingness to serve as a Supervisor for a *Boost 200* participant! Please provide us with your name and information [via this link](#) and we'll add you to the *Boost 200* Supervisor Registry. Interested *Boost 200* applicants may request this list to help identify a Supervisor. Ultimately, the Supervisor and *Boost 200* applicant will decide if they are a good match.

**Note:** The registry indicates you are interested in participating in the program. However, to become a *Boost 200* supervisor, someone you supervise needs to apply to *Boost 200* and be accepted to the program.

**I would like to provide Supervision to a Boost 200 participant. Do I need to have a private practice or an LLC?**

No, a *Boost 200* Supervisor will be a contractor of the Foundation. All *Boost 200* Supervisors must:

- Possess an active, unrestricted license to practice as an LPC, LCSW or LMFT in Virginia;
- Be approved by the DHP as a Supervisor; and
- Commit to submitting monthly invoices, as required.

**I would love to provide Supervision, however, I am not a DHP-approved Supervisor. How can I become one?**

We are delighted to hear you would like to become a DHP-approved Supervisor! Please refer to the DHP website for more information about how to become one in your profession:

- LPC/LMFT: <https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/counseling/>
- LCSW: <https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/social/>

You may also want to check with your Virginia professional association to see when its next Supervision training will occur.

**Can Supervision be provided virtually?**

Yes, Supervision can be provided virtually, in accordance with DHP guidelines.