



# Mississippi Autism Board

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT RBTs

It is important that Licensed Behavior Analysts (LBAs/LaBAs) in Mississippi understand the RBT certification process as it pertains to Mississippi Autism Board (MAB) Rules and Regulations as written in statute. The bullet points below are a summary, but all LBAs/LaBAs in the state are required to be knowledgeable of the comprehensive Rules and Regulations related to this topic. Pertinent Rules and Regulations are attached for review.

### THE REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF THE MAB

The Mississippi Autism Board (MAB) has NO regulatory authority over RBTs. The only regulatory power given to the MAB is oversight of LBA/LaBA.

### LICENSURE VS. REGISTRATION

The LBA/LaBA is licensed in Mississippi; the RBT is registered. The RBT certificate in the State of Mississippi is NOT a freestanding certificate or license.

### RBTS ARE AN EXTENSION OF THE LBA/LABA LICENSE

Once registered to an LBA/LaBA, the behavior and actions of an RBT are directly tied to that LBA's/LaBA's license (i.e., the RBT certificate is a direct extension of the BCBA's license).

### ALL RBTS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE MAB

RBTs must be registered with the MAB under that LBA/LaBA's license immediately upon starting to receive supervision from an LBA. All RBTs providing behavior analytic services must be receiving supervision under an LBA/LaBA and must be registered with the MAB under that LBA/LaBA's license. This includes RBTs who are providing contractual services in education and school settings but are not employees of a school district.

### FAILURE TO REMEDIATE RBT BEHAVIOR

If an RBT engages in behavior deemed unethical and/or potentially harmful to clients, it is the LBAs/LaBAs responsibility to remediate the expectations and training of the RBT or terminate the RBTs services (for egregious offenses). Failure of an LBA/LaBA to take action with an RBT in this situation is the equivalent of the LBA/LaBA continuing to engage in those behaviors.

### THE MAB MUST BE INFORMED OF CHANGES IN RBT SUPERVISION

When an RBT is no longer employed with or receiving supervision from an LBA/LaBA, it is that LBA/LaBA responsibility to notify the MAB (By logging into the licensee portal on the MAB website and removing them under the 'Organization' tab) within SEVEN (7) days. Failure of a supervising licensee to comply with the provisions of this section may result in disciplinary action.

- Notification and removal of the RBT from the licensee portal should occur as soon as possible if an egregious violation of the ethical code has occurred.
- Notification and removal should occur any time an RBT leaves the supervision and/or employ of an LBA/LaBA and should occur if an RBT transfers between LBA/LaBA supervisors within an organization (and that RBT should be re-registered under the new LBA/LaBA supervisor).

### BEST PRACTICES IN THE SUPERVISION OF RBTS

RBTs are required to receive an amount of supervision equal to or greater than 5% of the service hours they provide clients.

- At least half of supervision hours must be direct observation of the client session. You, your supervisor, and your client should all be present and attentive for this supervision.
- The other half of supervision may be indirect supervision. This can include discussing client progress and protocols, providing post-observation feedback, or supervisor lead training.
- Supervision of RBTs should promote growth in their role as direct service providers. Supervision sessions should be designed to build confidence, fluency, and relevant skills in the RBT's delivery of ABA services.

If there are any questions or clarification needed regarding the above information or attached Rules and Regulations, please feel free to contact Garrett Yeager, BCBA at [markgyeager@gmail.com](mailto:markgyeager@gmail.com) or Stacie Sharp, the MAB Board Administrator, at 601.576.2577 or [admin@msbop.ms.gov](mailto:admin@msbop.ms.gov).