

Comparison of the Rules Applicable to Probationary Period Applications Submitted Before and Since September 14, 2026

This table summarizes the main changes to the rules governing the probationary period for future representatives.
For complete information on the applicable requirements, refer to the official information on the AMF website.

	Probationary period applications submitted before September 14, 2026	Probationary period applications submitted on or after September 14, 2026
Purpose of the probationary period	To assess knowledge, competencies and behaviours in an actual work setting.	The purpose remains the same, but with a more flexible structure.
Duration and hours	Sector: 12 weeks, at a pace of at least 28 hours per week. Sector class: 6 weeks, at a pace of at least 28 hours per week.	Sector: At least 336 hours, within 24 weeks. Sector class: At least 168 hours, within 12 weeks. Maximum of 40 hours per week.
Interruption	Interruptions must be reported to the AMF and may not exceed 4 weeks.	No application for interruption is required. A probationary period is interrupted if the trainee is no longer being supervised or is unable to continue the probationary period due to a reason provided for in section 38. It may resume if the minimum number of hours can be completed within the maximum duration.
Extension	The period may be extended for its remaining duration.	The period may not exceed the maximum duration.
Vacations and temporary absences	Vacations and temporary absences must be reported to the AMF.	No notification is required. However, the trainee must complete the minimum number of hours within the maximum duration and may not pursue activities without supervision.
Change in supervisor	The AMF must be notified at least 10 days before the change.	The AMF must be notified before the change.
Family ties	No special requirement.	The supervisor must disclose any family ties with the trainee to the AMF.
Number of trainees per supervisor	Maximum of 5 trainees per supervisor.	Maximum of 5 trainees per supervisor, or up to 10 trainees when the supervisor is primarily engaged in supervision.
Supervisors and replacement supervisors	Maximum of 2 supervisors and 2 replacement supervisors.	Maximum of 4 supervisors. It is no longer possible to designate a replacement supervisor.
Supervisor primarily engaged in supervision	Not applicable.	A supervisor primarily engaged in supervision may supervise as many as 10 trainees at a time. The firm must disclose this to the AMF in advance.
Validity of the probationary certificate once the probationary period has ended	The certificate remains valid for 30 days. If the application for a certificate is received within this period, an additional 15-day period will apply.	The certificate remains valid for 30 days. If the application for a certificate is received within this period, it will remain in effect until the representative's certificate is issued or until the AMF issues a decision refusing the application.