



Oregon Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

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NEWSLETTER

Your Renewal Notice is coming March 2006

Make sure the Board has your **current address**. Your two-year renewal notice for 2006-2008 licenses will be sent out to the last known address given to the board as of March, 2006. Two-year OT fees are \$200; Two-year OT Assistant fees are \$140. For those with an e-mail we will send you notice of the renewal online and you mail it in. This is a savings in paper, time and money! **If your name has changed** send in a copy of official papers along with other address, phone or e-mail changes with your renewal form. Send changes **in writing**, fax or e-mail the Director: Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us



Congratulations to new OT Licensing Board Member Alan King

Alan King has been appointed by Governor Kulongoski as the new Occupational Therapy licensing Board member. Alan works for Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Corvallis. He grew up in Albany, went to Oregon State University and attended Pacific University, School of Occupational Therapy in Forest Grove. He has worked as a staff OT in Portland, Salem and Corvallis.

Alan has felt a commitment to the profession and has volunteered for extra activities from the time he was an occupational therapy student at Pacific. He has been involved with the state OT Association of Oregon, helped publish the OTA/O newsletter for four years and has been active in their conferences. He realizes the importance of having a holistic approach to his work, and the need to do more than treat clients during the work day. Working on the board and helping enforce the Code of ethics is one of the most important roles he sees as he starts his four year term on the Board.

His family life is very important to him. He is the father of an eight and five year old, and cannot believe how fast they grow. Between school, soccer, and various activities the week is very full. He enjoys biking, snow skiing and other outdoor activities with his children and wife. We welcome **Alan** as he will bring a unique perspective to the Board and look forward to all he will offer.

A Thank you to Greg Thielen for his 8 years on the Board

Greg received the following Certificate of Appreciation from fellow board members: "There's nothing we can do or say that will show Greg how much we appreciate his hard work on the Board over the last eight years and his tenure as Board Chair. He spent countless days taking on responsibilities that board membership requires - disciplinary cases, review of the laws and regulations, and all the other administrative and professional aspects of the position. Throughout that time he has provided us with his broad experience and leadership. People heading off toward retirement often say that now they can go fishing. We know that you're not really retiring -- only from the board -- but we'll give you a head start on that fishing with this certificate from the Great American Tackle Shop. And we can at least start to express our gratitude with this certificate of appreciation. Thanks for all you have done."



The next meeting of the Board will be held **Friday, Feb. 3 at the State Office Building in Portland**. Call for the agenda and details or check the web site at www.otlb.state.or.us

A **Questionnaire** will be included with your renewal form. We ask you to return it so we can gauge customer satisfaction and evaluate how the Board can improve services.

What has the OT Licensing Board been doing ?

At the OTA October conference, Board members gave a presentation on the work of the Board in the last year. The first change is the effort to change the old OT definition. The board also made some changes in the CE rules and points (on page 3 of this newsletter). There has been review of proper supervision of OT Assistants. The Board adopted the AOTA Guidelines on Supervision. For those out of the profession and unlicensed for more than three years, the board has worked with Pacific University to provide a Re-Entry program in order to obtain their Oregon license.

The Board continues its work on disciplinary and complaints and is happy to report that there have been no new complaints received since May, 2005. Also, the Board monitors how many OT and OT Assistants are being licensed in Oregon. As of November 1, 2005 there are 1454 total licensees; of which 254 are OT Assistants, 1197 are OTs and 3 are licensed under limited permits (awaiting their NBCOT exam results). This is up from a total of 1306, a year ago. Although the total number of Occupational Therapists continues to grow we are not certain how many will renew during their next two-year license renewal by May, 2006. Each meeting, the Board members review the budget after the budget revenues and expenditures are approved by the legislature in the last legislative session.



Definition of OT

The changes to the legal definition of “Occupational Therapy” under ORS 675.210(3) can be found on the web site at www.otlb.state.or.us for adopting the new AOTA definition of “Occupational Therapy”. The Board will submit this new definition as an Agency legislative concept in April, 2006 for a statutory change in the law to be considered in the 2007 legislative session.

Would you like to serve on a Board Committee?

The Board is looking for some volunteer Occupational Therapists who want to help on two committees. The first is to work on reviewing the rules dealing with **Use of Aides**. This group will probably meet three or four times, probably in Portland, to discuss how the rules should be changed and to come up with specific language to improve the rule. There will be at least two members of the board and we also would like to have an aide to serve on this committee. Dates and times will be set for January or Feb. 2006 after we determine the best time and place for members to meet.

The second is to serve on an **advisory committee** that would review all rule changes to **determine what the fiscal impact of any proposed rule** would be on those affected by it. This committee could potentially do its work online; with members discussing the fiscal effect of rule changes online and providing the Board with its recommended language for the Fiscal Impact Statement.



Anyone interested in helping out on either of these committees should contact the Director at the Board office at 971-673-0198 or send an e-mail to Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us

OT Administrative Rule 339-020-0020 CE Categories and Points

These numbers refer to a two year total of 30 points. Credit for CE shall be calculated on a point basis in the following categories and must relate to occupational therapy services. It is the responsibility of the licensee to demonstrate how specific classes contribute to the development of the occupational therapy skills. "Application to OT Services" (CE Log) must be included for credit. Unless stated otherwise, one point equals one contact hour. Sixteen to 30 required CE points must come from categories 1-11. A limit of 14 of the required CE points may be accrued from categories 12-18.

- (1) Attendance at university, college or vocational technical adult education courses at or above practice level: Four points per credit hour. Documentation of successful completion required.
- (2) Attendance at seminars, workshops, or institutes: One point per direct hour of content.
- (3) Completion of educational telecommunication network or on-line courses: Points as awarded by certificate or per credit, see (1). Certificate of successful completion required.
- (4) Attendance at educational sessions relating to occupational therapy sponsored by OTAO, AOTA, AOTA approved providers, and NBCOT or professional academic institutions relating to occupational therapy: One point per hour of attendance. Certificate of attendance required.
- (5) Satisfactory completion of American Occupational Therapy Association approved courses/materials or courses/materials offered by AOTA approved providers: Points per certificate on completion. Documentation of satisfactory completion required.
- (6) Publication – Copy of publications required. **(a)** Publication of article in non-peer reviewed publication (e.g. OT Practice, SIS Quarterly, Advance, etc.): Five points per article. **(b)** Publication of article in peer-reviewed professional publication (e.g. journals, book chapter, research paper): Ten points per article. **(c)** Publication of chapter(s) in occupational therapy or related textbook: Ten points per chapter.
- (7) Professional presentation (person presenting): Presentation must be at practice level for credit, e.g. CNA training would not be acceptable: Two points per hour with no additional points for subsequent presentation of same content. Course outline must be provided.
- (8) Development of alternative media (computer software, video or audio tapes): Three points/hr of finished product. Outline required.
- (9) Completing requirements for occupational therapy specialty certification (initial or recertification one time only for each specialty): 12 points. Copy of certificate required.
- (10) Research, provided an abstract of the research is retained to prove participation: Principal – Eight points. Associate – Six points.
- (11) Development and implementation of a school approved Level II student program (one time only and completed within a year): Four points. Copy of program must be provided.
- (12) In-service training: One point per hour of attendance.
- (13) Attendance at videotaped presentations of educational courses, seminars, workshops or institutes (group viewing with discussion): One-half point per direct hour of viewing with additional points for discussion, not to exceed seven points.
- (14) Student supervision, Level I Fieldwork: One point for 8 hours of supervision.
- (15) Student supervision, Level II Fieldwork: One point for 8 hours of supervision.
- (16) Mentoring; as defined in OAR-339-010-0005(5): One point for every eight hours contract mentoring with documentation. Points may be obtained for both the mentor and the mentee.
- (17) Professional leadership on a Board or Commission relating to OT – Volunteer services to organizations, populations, and individuals that advance the reliance on and use of one's occupational therapy skills and experiences to the volunteer setting or experience: 10 hours equal two points. Up to four points a year with documentation.
- (18) Re-Entry Supervisors: Therapists providing supervision under OAR 339-010-0016: One point for 8 hours.

Keep working on your CEs !

When you renew in March or April 2006 you need to show you obtained the **mandatory 30 CE** points any time within the previous two years. For CE categories and points check the web site at www.otlb.state.or.us under CE or call the office at 971-673-0198. The Other Links menu bar has some links to CE online classes. Remember, education sessions sponsored by OTA/O, AOTA, NBCOT or their approved providers is automatic as long as it relates to OT. Keep track of all the certificates so you have them if you are audited. **Do not submit them unless you are audited.**

Will I be audited? A random sample of renewals will be audited to confirm compliance with the mandatory 30 points of CE. The Board will approve the CE prior to issuing your license. If you cannot complete your CE because of a hardship, you can request a waiver under OAR 339-020-0090.

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