

OREGON Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

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NEWSLETTER

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Please update your contact information.

**We send updates and let you know of important changes by email and on the web site.
The private email is kept confidential, and you can also provide a public e-mail.**

**Mission Statement: To protect the public by supervising occupational therapy practice.
The Board is charged with assuring safe & ethical delivery of occupational therapy services**

The next Board meeting will be held on Friday **July 17, 2015** at the Providence Sports Center
909 SW 18th Ave. Portland, Oregon. Contact the Director for the Agenda.

Work of the Board

WORKGROUP for OTs in Education: The Board's workgroup is looking at issues affecting OT and OT Assistants working in schools. Data on caseloads and workloads were collected. The group met with Dr. Nancy Golden, Chief Education Officer, and then with Sarah Drinkwater, Assistant Superintendent and others from the Department of Education. The group will work to adopt state standards and provide Best Practices for OTs working with children.

Workgroup on Use of Aides: There are three OTs on this group and we are looking for two OT Assistants to be added. If you are interested please contact Nancy Schuberg.

OTA conference will be October 9-10 in Bend. The Licensing Board will make a presentation during Saturday lunch. Information follows on Page 3 or go to www.otao.com/conference .

Current NBCOT Certification counts for your CE Requirement for renewals:

339-020-0010 CE Requirements for Current Licensees

(1) All current licensees shall obtain a minimum of 30 points of CE from Board approved categories during the two years immediately preceding the date of the license renewal; **or**
(2) **The Board recognizes the maintenance of current NBCOT Certification (National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy) as fulfilling the requirements for CE under (1).**

(3) Exceptions: (a) Current licensees who have **their first NBCOT certification do not need CE for their first year.**

(b) **Current licensee who have their second year of NBCOT certification** shall obtain a minimum of 15 points of CE from Board approved categories **for their** license renewal.

Pain Management: This is a **one-time** legislative requirement. For those of you who were licensed more than two years you will need to show you have fulfilled the requirement when you renew in 2016. Send an email to Nancy.Schuberg@state.or.us if you are not sure or want us to add the completion to your data base. That way when you renew starting in March 2016 it will show this requirement as completed. The email should include the name of the class, how many hours and date completed. For the one hour free online class just send the date it was completed. Go to: http://www.oregon.gov/otlb/Pages/CE.aspx#PAIN_MANAGEMENT_CE



2015 Legislative session: The session was been busy. The OTLB Agency 2015-2017 budget is almost done. ~~Bills that did not are crossed through.~~

Loan Repayment: ~~HB 2048 allow OTs to participate in primary care provider loan repayment~~

Budget: **HB 5023:** This is the budget bill which passed out of Ways and Means and is almost done. **HB 2106** reduce allotments based on percentage governor's allotment in Ways and Means

Tax compliance as condition to licensing: ~~HB 2164 pilot expanded to other boards~~

Fingerprinting: **HB 2228; HB 2229; HB 2250** and **SB 387** progressing

Administrative: **HB 2438** transfer Hearings from Employment to DAS; ~~SB 104 E Verify employment; HB 2238 Transparency website adding requirements~~

Rules: **HB 2476** DAS to adopt uniform rules; ~~HB 2724 Waiver of fee; SB 191 writing rules; SB 358~~ rules submit to Leg counsel;

Behavior Analysts: ~~HB 2563~~ **SB 696** (Autism Spectrum Disorder): expands board, coursework, confirms OT do not need to be certified because it is within their scope to provide these services.

Health care workers: Caregivers skills **HB 2756**; ~~assault health care provider SB 132;~~ workforce data; **SB 230**; DHS facilities request ADLs by sex **SB 307**; ~~discrimination SB 309;~~ Health quality outcomes **SB 440**

False swearing when testifying before legislature ~~HB 2790~~

Music therapy licensing board in HLO **HB 2796**

Oversight of Boards: ~~SB 101 fee data; SB 105 Sunset of boards SB 289 periodic Board review; HB 2975 Fees approved by legislature; SB 541 Sunset review~~

Telemed services: **SB-151, SB 144**

Semi Independence: **SB 279** for Medical board only

Final Discipline Orders sent to OSB **SB-372**; ~~Dentistry discipline removed from website~~ **HB 2683**; **HB-3174** Pharmacy discipline

Legislative amendments identify who proposes changes **SB 435**

Mental health programs **SB 465**; Children **HB 2297**

Credentialing **SB 594** amends when a new credentialing system will be required

Introducing the NBCOT OT Gaming Platform™

- Overview & Detailed Tour (*combined version*): <https://vimeo.com/120630402>
- Overview Animation Only: <https://vimeo.com/120586947>
- Tour Animation Only: <https://vimeo.com/120586948>

SAVE THE DATE - 2015 OTAO Annual Conference is happening in Bend !

Network, learn, and meet our lobbyists/legislative group in Bend, **Friday & Saturday, October 9th & 10th** at St. Charles Medical Center. The conference committee is busy planning our best conference ever. We've had a great response for our Calls for Presentation, so look for an amazing program. Posters, roundtables, keynotes, meet the OTAO board/hear what's happening with OTAO, come to the OTLB meeting, and donate/bid on our silent auction (All proceeds go to our scholarship fund). And, if this is not enough, plan on coming to our Friday evening events. We are in Bend! Know that there's a pub night being planned, with more activities in the works. Continue to check out our website at www.otao.com for further information.

Our first of three keynotes will be Vail Horton from Incight, a 501(c) 3 non-profit that supports and empowers key life aspects of education, employment, and independence (<http://incight.org/about>). Their mission statement is "so OT":

UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

The mission of OTAO is to support our members and strengthen the occupational therapy profession through advocacy, education, and networking.

CHECK THE WEB SITE www.oregon.gov/otlb FIRST FOR INFORMATION

For changes to your contact information go to www.oregon.gov/otlb for the change form. You can fax to 971-673-0226. We need a copy of the legal document showing a name change. You can scan and e-mail to Nancy.Schuberg@state.or.us. Make sure it shows exactly how the name reads and changes to address, e-mail, and telephone.

If you need license verification sent to another state, e-mail to Nancy.Schuberg@state.or.us and give the exact address where it needs to be sent. There is No charge. We do not need their form. We will e-mail you back when it is done.

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