

Proposed Administrative Rule Changes

Currently Seeking Public Comment until 8:30am August 3rd

The Board is currently seeking public input on proposed changes to OAR 848. The proposed changes are a compilation resulting from prior board direction, as well as ones resulting from a statutorily required 5-year review of all administrative rules for continuing relevancy and accuracy.

The proposed changes include:

- Updates to Exam eligibility requirements.
- Housekeeping changes to align with recent changes in Oregon Statute, repeal obsolete references, amend terminology, and clarify language.

The full text of the proposed changes and the formal rulemaking notice are available on the Board's website at <https://www.oregon.gov/PTbrd/docs/OPTLB-ProposedRules-082018.pdf>

Written comments can be sent to the Board at any time between now and 8:30am August 3rd, 2018 via email, fax or mail. If you would like to present verbal comments, you may do so at the upcoming public hearing being held at the Board offices in room 445 at 8am, August 3rd. Attendance at the public hearing is not required; all comments written and oral will be considered equally.

Summary of Recent Rule Changes in Effect

Make sure you are up to date on the most recent version of OAR 848

The Board made recent changes to OAR 848 via the public rulemaking process. The following changes are already in effect, as noted below. Please be sure to review the changes and regularly visit our website for the most current information and links to the full OAR.

Relating to the PT Compact (effective July 1st, 2018)

- The Board adopted new language in Rule relating to the PT Compact to formally adopt the PT Compact Commission Rules, as required by Oregon Statute, and to establish a Compact Privilege Fee for licensees from other Compact states applying for a Privilege in Oregon.
- These changes are in OAR 848, adding Division 55 ([OAR 848-55-001](#)) and adding the Privilege Fee in Division 5 ([OAR 848-05-0020](#)).

Links: <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/viewSingleRule.action?ruleVrsnRsn=247319>
<https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/viewSingleRule.action?ruleVrsnRsn=245180>

Relating to OAR 848 Division 40

The Board previously made several changes in the fall of 2017, which went into effect January 1st, 2018 to clarify and update language in existing rules, as well as add a rule, in Division 40, as noted below:

- Relating to Standards for Initiation of Physical Therapy ([OAR 848-040-0125](#))
- Relating to Standards for the Documentation of an Initial Evaluation ([OAR 848-040-0130](#))
- Relating to Standards for Performing a Reassessment ([OAR 848-040-0155](#))
- Relating to Standards for the Documentation of a Reassessment ([OAR 848-040-0160](#))
- Relating to Standards for Discharging a Patient from Therapy ([OAR 848-040-0165](#))
- Relating to Standards for Discharging Records ([OAR 848-040-0170](#))
- Relating to Standards for Community Education, Prevention, Health Promotion, and Wellness Services ([OAR 848-040-0190](#))

All these changes, shown as changes to the prior version, can be viewed in a single document available on the Board's website at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/PTbrd/docs/2017-Div40RuleChanges.pdf>

Or review the new complete OAR Division 40 at:

<https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayDivisionRules.action?selectedDivision=3908>

Board Mission

The Board's statutory mission is to protect public health, safety and welfare through the regulation of the practice of Physical Therapy in the state of Oregon.

This mission is accomplished via the establishment of professional standards of practice which assure that physical therapists and physical therapist assistants are properly educated, hold valid/current licenses, practice within their scope of practice and continue to receive ongoing training throughout their careers.

The Board issues licenses, promulgates rules, monitors continuing education, investigates complaints, issues civil penalties for violations and may revoke, suspend or impose probation on a licensee or limit his/her practice.

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Accepting the Excellence in Regulation Award on behalf of Oregon from left to right: Rick Sullivan, PTA, Jim Heider, Aubree Benson, PT, Richard Rutt, PT, PhD, Ruggie Canizares, PT, Nancy Kirsh (FSBPT), Troy Costales and Sherri Paru, PT.

Oregon wins FSBPT Excellence in Regulation Award

In fall of 2017 Oregon was selected to receive the FSBPT's "**Excellence in Regulation Award**". This award is presented for achievements in regulatory excellence by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT), on behalf of the 52 member boards and territories. The award was presented to the Board Chair, Board members and staff present at the 2017 FSBPT Annual Conference in November. We are honored to be the recipient of this award, and will continue to strive for excellence in public protection and service to our licensees and stakeholders.

Seeking Input on Division 35: Continuing Competence

Help guide future rulemaking activities

The Board anticipates establishing a stakeholder advisory team this Fall to review Division 35 of the Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 848, and make recommendations for any changes or clarifications needed to the Rules. [Division 35](#) relates to Continuing Competency, and covers definitions, required hours and period for completion, requirements and restrictions on content, and documentation requirements. If you have any preliminary comments on this topic, or would like to be considered for the advisory team, please email us at physical.therapy@state.or.us

Please note the Board is not making any changes to these rules at this time, but rather is seeking input to determine if any updates to the rules should be considered. Depending on your input and the recommendation of the advisory team, the Board may engage in formal public rulemaking and would distribute notice of proposed changes with specific language edits for your consideration.

Link:

<https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayDivisionRules.action?selectedDivision=3907>

Board Member Openings & New Director

Several OPTLB Board members have terms that have or will expire this year, and the Governor's Office is currently recruiting candidates for consideration for a PT Member seat, the PTA Member seat and a Public Member.

For more information and to apply:

<https://www.oregon.gov/gov/adm/in/Pages/Boards-and-Commissions.aspx>

After 15 years as Executive Director, Jim Heider has retired, effective December 2017. We are so grateful to Jim for his leadership and service to the Board.

Please join us in welcoming Michelle Sigmund-Gaines to the role. Michelle brings a wealth of experience in government, information technology and education, and most recently served as the Executive Director of the Oregon Mortuary & Cemetery Board for nearly 10 years.

Keep Your Contact Info Current

It is essential that the Board is able to contact you when needed. Therefore, please remember to update your contact information with the Board whenever there is any change to any of the following:

- Your Name
- Home Residential Address
- Mailing Address
- Phone Number
- Private/Personal Email
- Public Email (if available)
- Name, Address & Phone Number of Current Employer

All changes to any of the above must be received in writing within **30 days** pursuant to [OAR 848-05-0030](#).

Changes can be submitted via the [online form on our website](#), or by fax, email or mail.

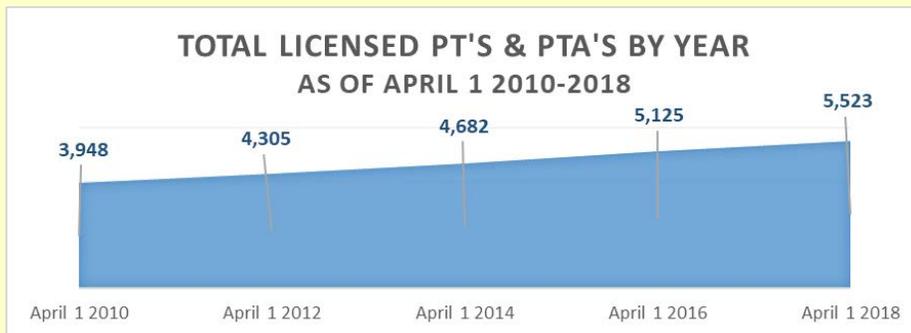
New Board Website Coming This Year

Making Changes to Better Serve You

The Board will be revamping our website as part of a larger State-wide effort to improve usability of online resources for our stakeholders. Several of you have participated in preliminary phases to help inform this process, and we appreciate your assistance. As we move forward, we welcome any feedback any of you may have on what isn't working well for you now, or what you would like to see moving forward.

We will do our best to keep disruptions to a minimum as we make improvements and as some resources are moved around. Our goal is to maximize the ease of finding and using forms, documents or online reference materials. If you have any suggestions, or need assistance locating any materials during our transition, please email or call our office.

By the Numbers...



Upcoming OPTLB Meetings

8am Friday, August 03, 2018
Public Hearing on
Proposed Administrative Rule Changes
Location: PSOB, Room 445

9am Friday, August 03, 2018
OPTLB Board Meeting
Location: PSOB, Room 445

9am Friday, October 12, 2018
OPTLB Board Meeting
Location: PSOB, Room 445

9am Friday, December 07, 2018
Strategic Planning Session
Location: PSOB, Room 445

PSOB= Portland State Office Building

Oregon Physical Therapist Licensing Board

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Did You Know: OREGON COMMON CREDENTIALING

The latest info from the Oregon Health Authority

What is it? The Oregon Common Credentialing Program, which is mandated by SB 604 (2013), establishes a program and database for credentialing organizations to access the information necessary to credential or re-credential all health care practitioners in the state. The OCCP is intended to simplify the administrative processes related to credentialing, reduce burden on practitioners, and eliminate duplication for credentialing organizations. The Oregon Health Authority administers the program, and is currently ramping up for implementation.

Does it Apply to Me? If you are employed at a facility that requires you to be credentialed; yes. Practitioners who work on patients in a health care facility and are reimbursed by health plans and are credentialed would be required to participate.

What's New? Mandatory participation was initially going to begin in November 2018; however, OHA is delaying the full launch of the program and will soon begin a voluntary early adoption phase to help inform and finalize the program.

Find out More: The OHA has put together an FAQ about this updated schedule and early adopter phase. They also maintain a robust [website](#) with detailed information about the program itself, the current status, and upcoming meetings. You can also sign up to receive program updates.

Looking for Disciplinary Actions?

The Board is no longer publishing a list of actions taken in the newsletter, and instead will begin including a section on recent types of violations, beginning in the next issue. Actions taken by case number are part of board meeting minutes, and we will also be adding a listing of actions by date and by name on the website in the near future, as part of our web redesign effort.

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Reading on paper? The full color version of this publication can be read or printed from our website.