

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. 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, August 5, 2016** at the Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon Street, Room 612. Contact the Board office for the Agenda.

The **Board Strategic Planning** session will be held on **Monday, July 25th, 2016** at the Providence Sports Center. 909 SW 18th Ave, Portland, OR 97205
Please contact the Board office if you have any input.

Message to all Therapists from the Board:

An issue has been brought forth to the Licensing Board, and we would like to address it with all therapists in the state of Oregon. While this matter is directly related to Early Childhood and School Based OT services, this is a reminder for therapists in all practice settings. As a licensed occupational therapy practitioner in the state of Oregon, you are required to complete an evaluation prior to treating a patient, per [OAR 339-010-0050](#). The occupational therapy practitioner is the sole party responsible for completing an OT evaluation. Documentation is a crucial part of the evaluation process, and you are required to document the evaluation, goals, interventions, and outcomes. Please share this information as necessary with your treatment teams and continue to uphold the integrity of the occupational therapy profession. Thank you for your continued work in the profession and pledge to the [occupational therapy code of ethics](#).

2016 Renewals completed May 31st

The 2016 Renewal period went very smoothly and we hope you found the online process fast and easy. There were many, many questions about the new CE Rule, if you are NBCOT certified you have met the state CE requirement. The feedback was very positive as it makes it easier for the licensee. Currently 78% of all licensees in Oregon are NBCOT certified.

We heard a few issues, as some people had difficulty paying by credit cards on I pads and certain types of cell phones. In those cases, we asked you to try again or use a computer. For those that had to contact us with issues, we thank you for your patience. We were able to process and print the license for most within a day or so and the online process saved us a lot of time and staff work. This helps keep your fees low.

License Numbers continue to grow

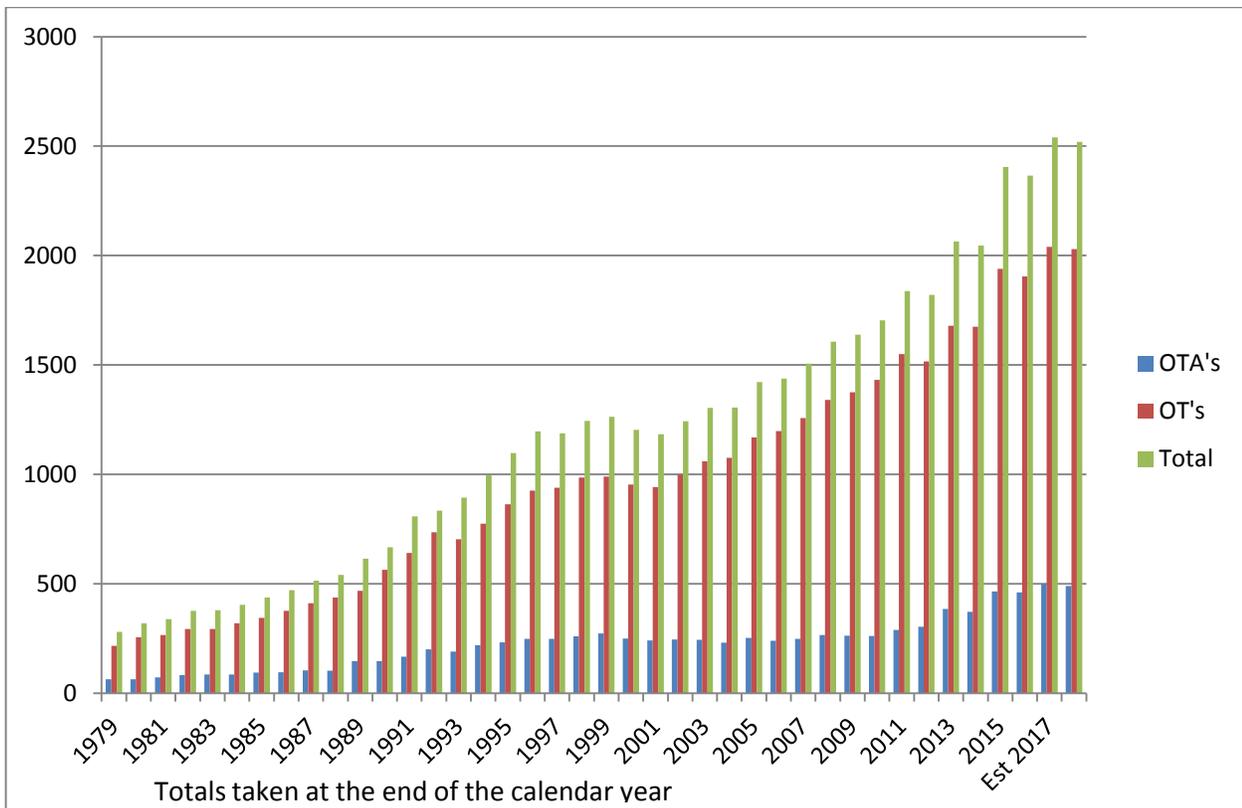
Typically we lose approx 12% of licensees at renewals. The numbers below reflect total count, including new licensees and those just renewed.

2016

Before renewals we had 469 OTAs and 1949 OTs for a total of 2418 licensees.
As of June 9 we have 424 OTAs and 1765 OTs for a total of 2189 licensees.

2014

Before renewals we had 397 OTAs and 1770 OTs for a total of 2167 licensees.
As of June 12 we have 350 OTAs and 1650 OTs for a total of 2000 licensees.



CE Audit

Unlike previous years when CE audits were run in conjunction with renewals, this year the Board will conduct the 2016 audit after renewals. The random audit will begin in Mid June and will run through July 1. If you receive notification you have been selected, please fill out the CE log form ([click here](#)) or found on the website and send it in along with the certificates. You can mail them in, fax at 971-673-0226 or scan and email to Nancy.Schuberg@state.or.us.

Board Performance Measures

The Board has four legislative measures which are reported to the Governor's office and the legislature. They are on: (1) Timely issuing of licenses (2) Timely consideration of complaint/investigations (3) Board Best Practices; and (4) **Customer Satisfaction survey**.

Customer Satisfaction Survey:

If you haven't had a chance this year, please fill out a short (8 multiple choice questions) confidential customer satisfaction survey: <http://otlb.oregonsurveys.com>.

The Board would especially like to hear your feedback on the new CE rule, recognizing current maintenance of NBCOT certification as fulfilling the CE requirement. Your feedback is shared with the Board and the state Legislature.

Two New Proposed Rules:

- 1) The Board voted to amend the current CE rule removing Exceptions (3) (a) and (b). All new graduates are automatically NBCOT certified for three years when they pass the national exam. CE Rule (2) states the Board recognizes NBCOT certification as fulfilling the CE requirements. Exceptions 3 (a) and (b) cause a great deal of confusion with new graduates as they are already providing 12 PDU's annually to the NBCOT.

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 maintenances of continuous professional development hours as evidenced by 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 licensees who have their second year of NBCOT certification shall obtain a minimum of 15 points of CE from Board approved categories.-~~

- 2) The board approved the language to recognize Doctorate supervision as CE.

DIV 20 Administrative Rules 339-020-0020 CE Categories and Points

(15) Doctorate student supervision, OT Experiential level work: One point for 8 hours supervision.

Anyone who has comments on the proposed rules should submit them by 7/22/2016 to Nancy.Schuberg@state.or.us so that the Board can consider them before filing the permanent rule.

Two New Policies Adopted by the Board:

New policies to clarify rule language and common questions that come up with the Board were drafted and adopted by the Board:

[OT Assistants: Role for Care Plans, Discharge Recommendations and Discharge Notes](#)

[Us of Aides by OT and OT Assistants](#)

ServOR: Volunteer During Floods, hurricanes, terrorist attacks

Oregon health professionals can volunteer for disaster preparedness and response. You can register in advance to be ready to lend a hand in the next public health emergency. After an application is approved, registered volunteers have access to free online and face-to-face training. Courses cover Basic and Advanced Disaster Life Support, disaster burn training, triage, personal and family preparedness, and the Incident Command System. There is no cost for registered volunteers and they receive an identification badge to assist with recognition during emergency response operations. See more information at: <https://serv-or.org/> or email SERV.OR@state.or.us or call 1 – 877-343-5767. <http://public.health.oregon.gov/Preparedness/Prepare/HealthAlertNetwork/Documents/esarvhp/index.html>

Volunteers don't get paid not because they are worthless but because they are priceless.

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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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