

Mission: To protect the public by supervising occupational therapy practice and assuring safe & ethical delivery of occupational therapy services.

OTLB News



Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

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September 2022

2022 OTAO Annual Conference

Courtesy of OTAO Conference Committee

The Occupational Therapy Association of Oregon annual conference will be held on **October 22, 2022**. The theme for this year's conference is promOTing greatness. Moving into 2023 and beyond, we can see that the world, healthcare, and occupational therapy will forever be changed from the pandemic and the conference presentations will reflect the current landscape and leading edge practices. The vision of conference 2022 is to identify and celebrate all the avenues for Occupational Therapy as a career.

The conference will be held virtually this year on October 22 from 8am-5pm. All the lectures will be recorded and made available for attendees to view on-demand on the WHOVA conference platform for 90 days following the event.

Please follow this link to register for the conference: <https://web.otao.com/2022-otao-annual-conference/>

We hope to see you there!

Join the OTLB at the OTAO Conference!

Board members and staff will present an update on the board and be available to answer questions. The presentation will include a review of the mission statement, strategic plan, work force data, compliance, key performance measures, etc.

The presentation will be held virtually on Oct. 22nd at 11:45am-12:45pm.

OTLB Strategic Planning Session Please complete the Survey!

The OTLB will hold its Strategic Planning Meeting on September 23, 2022. To better understand the environment in which the Oregon OTLB operates and to identify factors that could impact the future of OT, the Board is requesting that its stakeholders, and licensees complete a short survey. The feedback collected will help guide the board in developing initiatives, goals and its 5-year roadmap.

To complete the short survey, click [here](#).

Due date to complete the survey: **September 16, 2022.**

Proposed Rule Amendments

At the August 5, 2022 board meeting the Board voted to propose the following rule amendments. Comments are due by **Oct. 31, 2022 at Noon**. Here is a link to the [Notice](#).

Proposed Rule change #1: Remove the (2015) reference as the Code of Ethics was updated by the AOTA in 2020 and is on a 5-year review cycle. The 2020 version has more inclusive language, has been updated to an electronic format and added professional civility items, a new section to the code. The board amendment removes the date altogether and makes a general reference.

339-010-0020 Unprofessional Conduct

(1) Unprofessional conduct relating to patient/client safety, integrity and welfare includes:
 (h) Failing to follow principles and related standards of conduct as defined in the Occupational Therapy Code of Ethics (~~2015~~), by the American Occupational Therapy Association, to the extent they do not conflict with ORS 675.210 through 675.340.

Proposed Rule change #2: Licensees can update their contact information and submit a name change request through the online license portal.

339-010-0018 Name, Address and Telephone Number of Record

(3) Whenever an applicant, licensee or limited permit holder changes their home address, their employer or place of business, their contact telephone number, electronic mail address or their mailing address, they shall notify the Board in writing within 30 days. Written notification may be by regular mail, electronic mail, ~~or facsimile-~~ **or through online submission**.



Credentials: OTR and COTA

Although you do not need to have a current NBCOT certification to be licensed in Oregon, your employer may require the national certification. You can only use the "R" in OTR if your NBCOT certification is current. Otherwise you must use OT/L meaning you are licensed in Oregon. For an OT Assistant, you can only use the "C" in COTA if you are currently certified. If you are not, you must use OTA/L meaning you are licensed in Oregon.

Filing OTA Supervision with the Board

Any person who is licensed as an occupational therapy assistant may assist in the practice of occupational therapy only under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist. Before an OTA can start working they must file their OT Supervisor with the board.

OTA's can update their OT Supervisor electronically through the OTLB [License Portal](#). No longer do you have to send in a form. Log in and Click on Supervisor/Supervision Tab, add the name of the OT Supervisor, the Site of Supervision, the Start date and click SAVE. **The OT Supervisor must then log in and change the approval status to "approve"**. Once this is done, the OT Supervisor is on file with the board.

[Step-by-step instructions on how to file supervision in the License Portal](#)

[OAR 339-010-0035 Supervision of an Occupational Therapy Assistant](#)

[OAR 339-010-0005 Definitions \(1\)\(a\)\(b\)\(c\) Types of Supervision](#)

WHAT'S COMING UP

2022

Sept. 23 Strategic Planning

Oct. 22 OTAO Annual Conf.

Nov. 4 Board Meeting

2023

Feb. 24 Board Meeting

May 12 Board Meeting

Aug. 18 Board Meeting

Nov. 16 Board Meeting

State Holiday Closure Schedule

2022

Nov 11 Veterans Day

Nov 24 Thanksgiving

Nov 25 Day after TG

Dec 26 Christmas observed

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OT Board Vacancy: PUBLIC Member

The OT Licensing Board is currently seeking a new **PUBLIC** member to serve on its five member board. A PUBLIC member may not be a spouse, domestic partner, child parent or sibling of an individual who is a licensed occupational therapist or licensed occupational therapy assistant. All board members must be residents of Oregon. ORS 675.310

Board Member Responsibilities: Attend quarterly Board meetings customarily held in February, May, August and November. The meetings begin at 10:00am on the first Friday of the month and generally last until 2:00pm. Sometimes Special Meetings are called in addition to the quarterly meetings.

Review confidential complaints and complaint investigations, including confidential and protected health information regarding members of the public. The Board then determines whether a licensee has violated Oregon statute or rule in the course of their practice, and if so, imposes discipline.

Board members can serve up to 2 four year terms. The new public member will finish out the current term ending on March 31, 2025, under 3 years. Board members are entitled to a stipend of **\$151** per board meeting.

The Governor and the Board are committed to ensuring that the Board represents the growing age, racial and gender diversity in Oregon. All citizens are welcome and encouraged to serve.

If you know if anyone who might be interested, please email the [Board Director](#).

Self-reporting Requirements

If you are arrested you must notify the Board within **10 working days** of a conviction of a misdemeanor, or an arrest for or conviction of a felony. OAR 339-010-0020 (5)(d).



Did your legal name change?

To change your name: Go to www.oregon.gov/otlb for the name change form or send an email to [board staff](#). Email or fax us the legal document showing the name change. OAR 339-010-0018

Keep your Contact Info Current—It's the Law!

Change your contact information within 30 days: Go to www.oregon.gov/otlb and complete the address change form, send an email to [board staff](#) or to log into the License Portal—click [here](#). OAR 339-010-0018

To order a verification to be sent to another state: click [here](#). (We do not need their form). We will email you when it is done. Fee is \$25.