

OREGON Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

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NEWSLETTER

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Please update your email, which is kept confidential, and contact information to keep current with important news. 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

There is a special teleconference meeting Monday November 25, 2013 at the Board office. The next board meeting will be held on Friday February 7, 2014 in Room 445 Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon Street. Contact the Director for the Agenda.

Sybil Hedrick was appointed by the Governor for a four year term and attended her first Board meeting in November. She has served the Occupational Therapy profession for over 17 years, was educated as both an Occupational Therapist and certified Hand Therapist. She provides both these services in the capacity of the Lead Therapist to the Providence Sports Care Center for clients that include the Portland Timbers and Portland Thorns. She also provides advanced evaluation and treatment for the general population and swim stroke analysis evaluation.

As a former OTAO president she gained knowledge of the state legislative process. She also educates future therapists as an adjunct professor for Pacific University Clinical Doctorate Program since 2011. Sybil is eager to advance her understanding of how our State runs and takes great interest in protecting the public. The Board is fortunate to have her as the latest addition to the Board.

What you need to know about Renewal in 2014

Your current license is valid until May 2014. All licensees will start renewing online in March 2014 and are due May 1st. A paper notice, to start renewals, will go out to the last known address we have for you, so be sure we have your current address. There will also be several email notices and the link will be on the main page of the web site at www.oregon.gov/otlb

When you renew you will need to show you have the required 30 points of CE in the last two years, unless you are a new graduate. If you graduated in 2012, you will only need 15 CE points. If you graduated this year you will not need any CE. The CE categories and credits are found on the web site as well as some additional advice.

If you are picked for CE Audit, you will need to send in a log form and your certificates. This will be clearly noted on your renewal. Be sure to have your CE materials in order to send this information because we do not issue the license unless it is submitted and approved by volunteer members of the Board.

All OT Assistants must have a supervising OT if they are working in Oregon. We cross check with the supervising OT who must list which OT Assistant(s) they are supervising.

The Pain Management is a one-time requirement. If you have not completed it you have 2 years from the time you got licensed to have it done. The mandatory 1 hour free module is at <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/OHPR/Pages/pmc/index.aspx> plus you need six additional hours. If you have completed it since 2012 send an e-mail giving the name of the class, who gave the class, date completed and the credits to Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us and we will add it to your data base so you will have it already noted as done when you renew.

The **Pain Commission** has updated the **one hour free online module**. The Board will allow one **free hour of CE** for retaking it. Go to: <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/OHPR/Pages/pmc/index.aspx> .

You can also get **one hour free CE** by taking a new **Oregon Ethics Law exam**. This is a new requirement for all applicants after January 2014. There is a [study guide \(click here\)](#) and the exam is at this link: <https://hrlb.oregon.gov/OTLB/Exam/> If you cannot get what you need, just send an e-mail to Felicia at Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us .

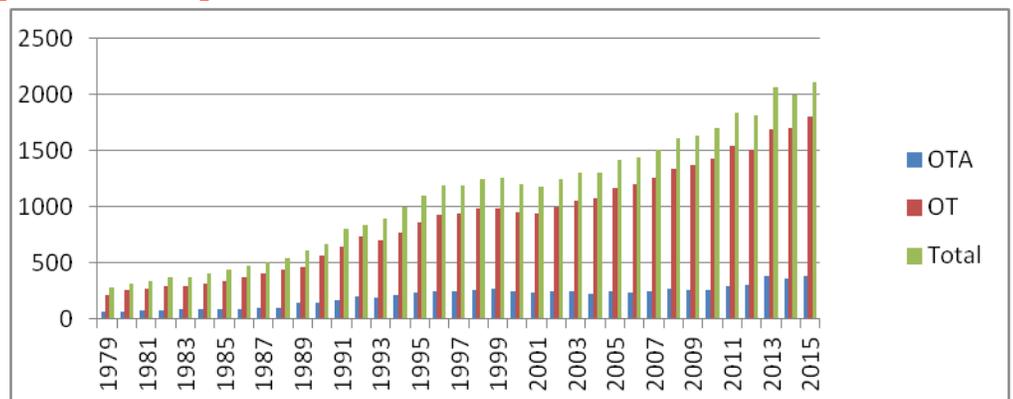
Number of Oregon Occupational Therapists: Total: 2064 licensees

1684 OTs.

381 OT Assistants

License numbers
continue to grow.

In even years during
renewals 12% do not
renew so numbers drop.



Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) check

The Board did a LEDS check for all licensees last summer. All Occupational Therapists (OT and OT Assistants) records were checked with the Oregon state police for arrests and convictions. The Board reviewed the 25 “hits” (1 %) it received out of the total of 1850 licensees checked.

Of these 25 there were **9** which were for incidents in the 1970 – 1980’s for DUI, controlled substance, theft, misdemeanor assault, and contempt. Some had already been reported to the Board or there were no convictions and at the time the Board only required convictions to be reported. No action was taken.

Another **12** were for incidents that should have been reported, but were either old arrests from the 1970- 1980’s or did not rise to the level where the Board would take action. These incidents included DUI, minor in possession, prostitution, drug possession, and forgery, harassment and reckless driving. The therapists were sent a letter advising them that the arrests came up on the LEDS. The Board took no further action.

In **2** cases the Board already has investigation pending.

In **2** cases, the Board has an open case file for investigation and action.

In conclusion, out of the total of 1850 licensees, the Board opened 2 new case files (.001 %) for disciplinary investigation.

It is important to know that even if a DUI diversion results in no conviction, the **arrest is still on the record and must be reported** on the application or renewal questions.

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

If you have a **name change**: Scan and e-mail to Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us or FAX a copy of the legal document to 971-673-0226. Make sure it shows the change, exactly how the name reads and changes to address, e-mail, and telephone.

If you need a **license verification** sent to another state please just e-mail giving the exact address where it needs to go to Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us. There is No charge. We do not need their form. We use our own form printed off your data base file. It confirms whether there has been discipline, is signed and has a seal. We will e-mail back when it is done.

For any other changes in contact information, send an e-mail to Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us Please check the **web site** at www.oregon.gov/otlb for answers to your questions. There is a section on **Information Requests and Issues, Questions and Topics.**

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