

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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July 2022

RENEWALS 2022—Done! Thank you!

2022

	2/28/22 Total Licensees Before renewals	Total Renewed	Difference
OT's	2,482	1,935	547
OTA's	568	390	178
TOTAL	3,050	2,325	725

24% did not renew. **(31% of OTAs did not renew).**

333 "Complied" (not NBCOT certified) - 14%

1,933 NBCOT certified - 86%

2020

	2/29/20 Total Licensees Before renewals	Total Renewed	Difference
OT's	2448	1932	516
OTA's	582	443	139
TOTAL	3,030	2,375	655

22% did not renew

489 "Complied" (not NBCOT certified) - 20.5%

1,886 NBCOT certified 79.5%

2018

	2/28/18 Total Licensees Before renewals	Total Renewed	Difference
OT's	2,277	1,863	414
OTA's	566	445	121
TOTAL	2,843	2,308	535

18.8% did not renew.

419 "Complied" (not NBCOT certified) - 18%

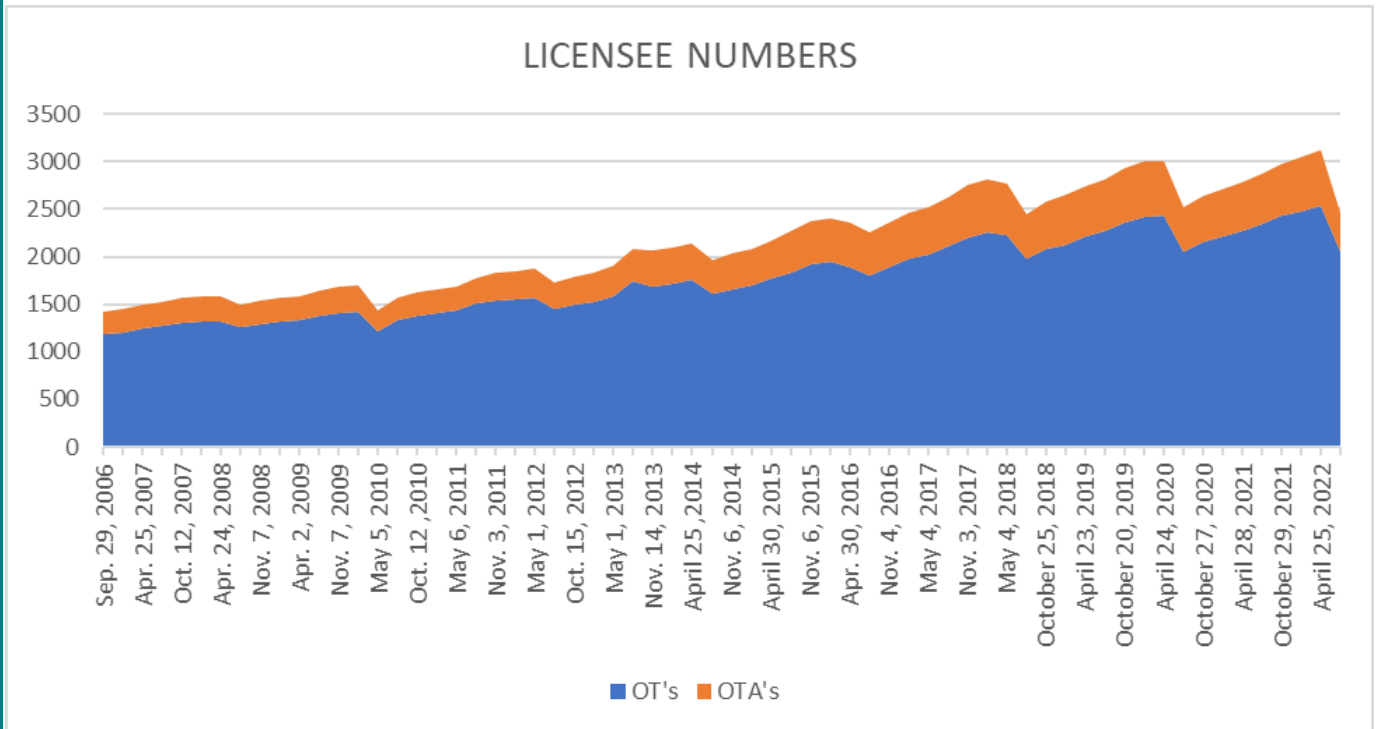
1,885 NBCOT Certified - 82%

Renewals 2022 continued—24% did not renew

Licensee Numbers : In past bienna, OTLB would lose between 12-14% of total licensees, but in the last 3 biennia the rate has been higher, 18.8, 22, and this year, 24%. For those licensees that told us why they were not renewing, we kept track:

Reasons Why Licensees Did Not Renew:

- Health issues: 3
- Pursuing a different career path: 4
- Retired: 53
- Left the state: 96
- No reason stated: 125



Licensee Count (as of July 1, 2022)

OT's: 2,048 OTA's: 418

Total: 2,466

SCAM ALERT!

One of your OT colleagues recently received multiple calls from a scammer who pretended to be from the Board and claimed she had a pending action against her license. The number that appeared on her caller ID was the actual Board number. Fortunately, she called the Board to verify.

The scammer was likely after personal information, or money. If this happens to you the DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) wants the information to be sent to them: https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/pressreleases/extortion_scam.htm.

Over the past 3 years, this is the 3rd time the Board has heard from an OT practitioner who was contacted by the scammer.



DEA Warns Public of Extortion Scam by DEA Special Agent Impersonators

The Drug Enforcement Administration is warning the public, including the DEA registrant community, about criminals posing as DEA Special Agents, DEA Investigators, or other law enforcement personnel as part of an international extortion scheme.

The criminals call the victims (who in most cases previously purchased drugs over the internet or by telephone) and identify themselves as DEA agents or law enforcement officials from other agencies. The impersonators inform their victims that purchasing drugs over the internet or by telephone is illegal and that enforcement action will be taken against them unless they pay a fine. In most cases, the impersonators instruct their victims to pay the "fine" via wire transfer to a designated location, usually overseas. If victims refuse to send money, the impersonators often threaten to arrest them or search their property. Some victims who purchased their drugs using a credit card also reported fraudulent use of their credit cards. **Another scheme involves criminals contacting doctors and pharmacists and stating that they are the subject of an investigation and demanding money to clear up the matter.**

The public should be aware that no DEA agent will ever contact members of the public by telephone to demand money or any other form of payment.

For more information, visit https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/pressreleases/extortion_scam.htm.

Lend your skills in an emergency...

State Emergency Registry of Volunteers in Oregon (Serv-OR)

SERV-OR is a statewide registry system to help health care professionals volunteer their services during emergencies with significant health impacts.

The registry is sponsored by the Oregon Public Health Division in partnership with the Medical Reserve Corps.

For more info, visit: <https://www.serv-or.org/>

WHAT'S COMING UP

2022

Aug 5 Board Meeting
Sept. 23 Strategic Planning

October: OTAO Annual Conf.

Nov. 4 Board Meeting

State Holiday Closure Schedule

2022

Sept 5 Labor Day
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, just 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 back when it is done. Fee is \$25.