



Oregon Occupational Therapy Licensing Board NEWSLETTER

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OT WEB SITE: www.otlb.state.or.us

Your OT web site has information about Continuing Education and CE log forms, supervision guidelines and forms, verifications, the OT Licensing Board members and their duties, filing complaints and more.

Be sure to let us know of any name, address or e-mail changes. Send in a copy of official papers showing your name change. It is your responsibility to keep us informed.

By now you should all have received your two-year license, valid until May 31, 2006. If you have not, please contact the Board office.



How does the change to two-year license affect your CE? You now have more flexibility for obtaining your CE points. When you next renew in 2006, you will need a total of 30 points of CE anytime within

the previous two years.

In the next renewal period in April, 2006, there will be an increase in fees for OT licenses from \$170 to \$200 for two-year licenses. There is no increase for OTA renewals. There is however an increase for new OT and OT Assistant applications, and for those from out-of-state. These increases have already been budgeted for the 2003-05 biennium.

BOARD NEWS

The next meeting of the Board is Thursday, July 8, 2004. Board business includes ratifying licenses, fiscal issues, complaints and investigations, and questions from licensees.



NEW BOARD MEMBER

The new public member of the Board, **Tom Ruedy** was born in Portland, and grew up in Lake Oswego. He was an Eagle Scout at age 15 while at Lakeridge High School. He was active on student campus committees at Oregon State University and graduated with a business degree in 1979. From 1979 to 1984 he was a member of the Mount Hood Ski Patrol. In 1984 he fractured his neck in a diving accident on the Columbia River. Since that time he became active in issues affecting the disabled.

In 1987 and 1988 he served on the Clackamas County Agency on Aging Advisory Counsel working on nutrition evaluation. He was also on the Board of Directors of Shared Outdoor Adventure Recreation in the 1970's and early 80's promoting outdoor activity for the disabled. In 1985 he returned to school at Portland State University where he earned his Master's degree in Business in 1989. Since the 1980's he has lived in Milwaukie, Oregon.

Tom was involved with the Oregon Conference on Disability from 1986 to 1989 as an independent constituent. He helped introduce legislation to allow the same property tax benefits to the disabled as seniors had. It passed into law in 1996.

His interest in Occupational Therapy began after Tom became disabled and benefited from Occupational Therapy services. John White, currently the director of the OT school at Pacific University, was instrumental in introducing him to the Board. Recently Tom received a patent for a wheelchair for outdoor adventure for the disabled, and is involved with several business ventures in his home. We welcome **Tom Ruedy** to the Board.



Felicia Holgate has now been the **Director** of the Board for six months and has enjoyed talking and meeting many of you.

She notes “As I finish with the first **two-year license** renewals it is clear that most of you are happy with the change. During the renewal period the most common questions were about CE credits and audits, lost renewals due to old address information, and the need for signed and notarized Statements of Supervision for OT Assistants.”

Some of you wait until after the deadline to contact the office when you have problems and need help. The earlier you contact me, the earlier I can help you. Call or e-mail me at: Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us

OTAO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Members of the Board will be available at the October OTAO Annual Conference in Corvallis to answer your licensing questions.

What are the most common questions ?

1. Must an OT have a physician’s prescription to evaluate a patient? No, a physician’s prescription is not required to evaluate and treat patients in Oregon. However, reimbursement rules may require a prescription.

2. What are an OT’s supervisory responsibilities for an OT Assistant? You must have a current notarized and signed Statement of Supervision form for OT Assistants. Contact the office for Supervisory Guidelines or check the web site.

3. Must I keep NBCOT certification? Initial certification for passing the exam is necessary. Afterwards, NBCOT certification is not required



for the Oregon OT Licensing Board, but may be required by your employer. Keeping your NBCOT certification is your responsibility.

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