



OREGON Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

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NEWSLETTER

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**Mission Statement: To protect the public by supervising occupational therapy practice.
The Board is charged with assuring safe and ethical delivery of occupational therapy services.**

The next OT Licensing Board meeting will be in Sisters, Oregon on Thursday Oct. 14, 2010
The Board will make a presentation at the state conference and be available to answer questions
Contact the Director for the Agenda

Renewals kept the Board very busy. Almost everyone renewed online and a majority paid by credit card. The new mandatory Pain Management requirement and the workforce data collection increased the work for the Board and all of you. Here is information on renewals.

2010 OT license renewals

Month	OT By Check	OT Credit Card	OTA By Check	OTA Credit Card	Total renewals	% of total renewals
<u>March</u>	54	252	9	38	353	<u>March</u> 22 %
<u>April</u>	55	720	38	139	956	<u>April</u> 62 %
<u>May</u> with late fee	83	100	24	20	226	<u>May</u> 15 %
	192	1072	71	263	1535	

- ◆ 15 % renewed in the last 3 days before renewals were due in April
- ◆ One person renewed at 11:58 p.m. on Saturday April 30
- ◆ 15% renewed after the due date and paid the \$50 late fee

Unfortunately there were **YES answers to the history questions**. The applications were considered at the May 7, 2010 regularly scheduled meeting. Several late renewals also had YES answers. The Board sent the mandatory public notice, and held a special meeting on May 27, 2010. The Board decided whether to issue the licenses before they **lapsed June 1**.

The dozen YES in History were to these questions (some answered yes to more than one question) “Since your last Oregon OT license renewal” :

- ◆ Have you been convicted of any violations of the law other than minor traffic violations
- ◆ Have you been arrested for any reason
- ◆ Have you been charged in court with any violation of the law other than minor traffic violations
- ◆ Have you been the subject of disciplinary investigation or action by any licensing agency *
- ◆ Have you abused or been treated for abuse of alcohol or controlled substance
- ◆ Have you suffered from and/or received treatment for a mental, physical or emotional condition which could impede your ability to practice safely

* One renewal applicant said No. The Board had information that this OT did have current disciplinary action in another state and the renewal was denied.

The Board did CE audits for 5% of licensees, reviewing the log form and certificates. There were also CE audits done for those with prior complaints. Several OTs sent a new license application form with the wrong fee instead of renewing online. Many of you lost your ID code and waited until the last 3 days of April to contact us.

With a Saturday deadline we got many questions after the office closed Friday night and Saturday. We tried to answer as many calls and e-mails as quickly as we could. At the same time we were also authorizing new licenses for applicants coming into Oregon, who also needed a license before they could start new jobs, and issuing Limited Permits to new graduates.

Changes for 2012 online renewals

Online renewals are the only way we can keep costs down. In 2012 **everyone** will have to renew online. If you do not have a computer, you will need to check with the library, family members or friends. We will try to find ways to help with the lost ID code problem for the 2012 renewals.

The Supervision Box will ask Assistants to list their supervisors, and Supervisors to list who they are supervising. We had many discrepancies between what Assistants said and what supervising OT’s said. The Board will provide additional education on supervision. Any Assistant with a new supervising OT must send in the Statement of Supervision form prior to starting work in Oregon.

Most of you told us you liked the online process, and found it quick and easy. Some of you had problems because of security settings on your computer – we asked you to try again or use another computer.

Keep CE information for 4 years. We plan to do CE audits the same way as in the past. If you are picked for audit, you must send in the log form and certificates. The Board gives very few waivers, expecting everyone to finish their CE.

In 2012 everyone will fill out a box showing the required 30 points needed. Example:

<u>CE name</u>	<u>Provider</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Month/year</u>
State conference	OTAO	12	Oct 15-16, 2010
Depression in seniors	Hospital inservice	2	Feb. 6, 2011
Graduate class Psychology for therapists	College 2 credit (4 pts per credit)	8	March 2011
Evidence Based practice	Pacific U, Practitioner's Day	4	May 2011
Hand Therapy workshop	AOTA certification	8	June 2011
Total required: <u>30</u>		32	

A new grad is exempt from CE. Those new grads licensed for only 1 year need 15 CE points. Everyone needs 30 points within the last two years. If you were licensed by Endorsement from another state during renewals you need to show you have 30 points in the last two years.

Proposed Rule changes before the Board

Comments will be considered at the next Board meeting on Thursday, October 14, 2010:

- ◆ Model Rules of Procedure: changes need to be made to follow current law
- ◆ Time for Requesting Contested Case Hearing: changes need to be made to follow current law
- ◆ Fingerprinting and Workforce survey Fees
- ◆ Rules for new Fingerprinting and investigation requirements, including LEDS for renewals
- ◆ Licensee required to keep the Board current on contact information
- ◆ Unprofessional conduct to report crimes and prohibited conduct ******.

****** This new law requires that crimes and prohibited conduct be reported within 10 days to the Board: convictions of misdemeanors and arrest or conviction of felonies. You cannot wait until your next renewal period to advise the Board. See [Proposed Rule Changes](#) The administrative rule notice will also be posted on the web site.

Changes in disciplinary procedures, civil penalties and subpoenas will be considered at the 2011 legislative session. See [2011 OTLB Legislative Concepts](#) and on the web site.

The new **Oregon OT Assistant School** starts this fall: <http://www.oregonhwi.org/careers/>

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.



Budget and reduced Renewal Fee

The OTLB is a state Agency and though the revenues are “other funds” from your license fees, the legislature might take some of this money to help balance the general fund. The Board budget is reviewed and approved by the Governor's office and state legislature.

Fingerprinting new and reinstated applicants

During the last session the Board received authorization to require fingerprinting of applicants. After the rules and procedures are adopted, the Board will start fingerprinting new applicants and those who are being reinstated after they let their license lapse. The applicant must pay for the cost of the card and the \$52 State Police processing fee. The Board may also start doing state Law Enforcement Data Search (LEDS) for renewals in 2012. Unfortunately one of the current costs of being a health care worker is closer scrutiny and public accountability.

*** Keep the Board current on all your contact information (including e-mail) ***

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