

# OREGON Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

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# NEWSLETTER

## OTLB BOARD MEMBERS:

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Please update your email address and other contact information.  
You need to see correspondence and newsletters for important news.  
Your e-mail is kept confidential. You can provide a public e-mail if you wish.

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

**The Licensing Board has a public member position open this summer.  
If you know someone who would be good please contact us.**

**Renewals started March 1<sup>st</sup> & are due May 1, 2012**

**You must renew online at [www.oregon.gov/otlb](http://www.oregon.gov/otlb)** - see the renewal link in the middle of the home page. The online renewal process is fast and easy. Fees stay low for a 2-year license: \$150 for an OT and \$100 for an OT Assistant. You will get a receipt with the license. If you pay by credit card, you do not need a printer. If you pay by check, you need to print out your confirmation page and send it signed and dated with a check.

Do not delay. It takes time to review and approve CE audits, review Yes to History questions and check that OT Assistant supervision is current. Who the OT Assistant lists as who supervises them for licensing purposes, should correspond with what the OT write about who they are supervising. **We are having a lot of discrepancies and it is taking a lot of our time.**

You can start your renewal and go back in; the system will take you to where you left off. Contact Felicia immediately by e-mail if there is a problem and explain it please.

We have issued 1/4 of the license renewals. That leaves about 1200 more licenses to process and issue. Please do not delay. If you do **not wish to renew** send an E-mail to [Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us](mailto:Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us) .

The Pain CE is a one-time requirement. We are being asked this a lot - **YOU DO NOT NEED** to do it again if you already completed and reported it to the Board. If you have not been licensed in Oregon for 2 years, it is not yet due and you can check the box and write in “not yet due” if the system does not let you proceed.

### Continuing Education and CE AUDITS

When you go online to renew you will see if you are being audited for CE. Get your log form and CE certificates to the Board in time to get them approved by the volunteer Board members before the May 1 deadline. The web site has information, forms and suggestions for filling out the CE log form. Please check there first.

**You can use CE that you obtained in March, April, and May of 2012, IF it is over the required 30 points needed for this renewal, for the next renewal in 2014.**

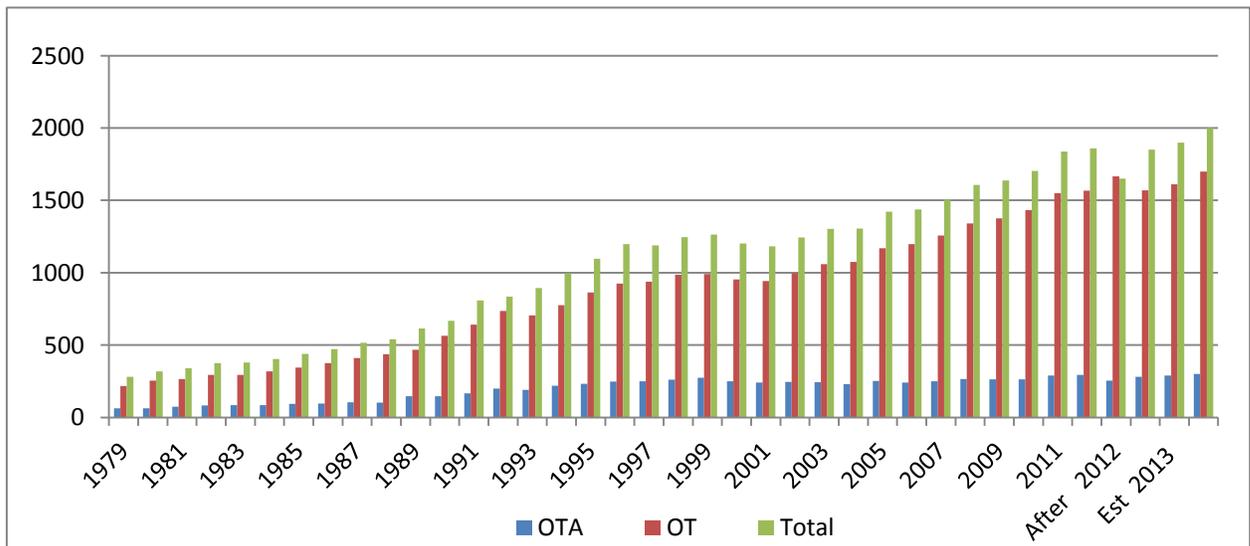


### SUPERVISION for Licensed OT Assistants

All OT Assistants who work in Oregon by law must have a current Statement of Supervisor form for LICENSING purposes filed with the Board. You only need one licensing OT supervisor, unless you work in different facilities. Fill in your supervision information in the Box online. We cross-check what the OT and OT Assistant list during renewals. It is the responsibility of the OT Assistant to send in a new Statement of Supervision form.

### OT License History

License numbers continue to grow with over 1860 licensees (296 OTA and 1564 OTs). Historically 11 – 12 % of therapists do not renew their licenses. The dip in 2012 shows the historically projected drop in license numbers after renewals.



If you have a **name change**: FAX a copy of the legal document showing the change and exactly how you want your name to read to 971-673-0226.

We have issued several licenses and then had to reprint new ones because a therapist has neglected to send the name change prior to renewing. We also have sent out new licenses and had them returned because the address was not current.

If you need a **license verification sent** to another state: E-mail the exact address where it needs to go to [Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us](mailto:Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us). We copy the address directly into our data base form, reducing errors and saving us both time and cost. There is NO charge.

Please check the **web site** at [www.oregon.gov/otlb](http://www.oregon.gov/otlb) for answers to your questions. There is a section on **Information Requests and Issues, Questions and Topics**.

The Director is training in March on the new **state web site**. It should appear seamless for you - all the work will be on our end. Your comments are welcome. We always try to find ways to improve our services.

The Directors of the Health Boards are looking at what the State's plan is for changes to the structure of Oregon health licensing boards. There will be presentation to the Board about Semi Independence at the May meeting.

There were several legislative bills during the 2012 session which might affect the OT Licensing Board, and the Oregon Healthcare system. It is not clear how the health and education changes will affect OTs in Oregon.



The hope is that the Coordinated Care Organizations (CCO) bring better health, better care and lower costs to the more than 600,000 Oregonians served by the Oregon Health Plan with a focus on improved wellness, prevention, and integration of behavioral, physical and ultimately oral health care.

The Health Authority is preparing to take applications from interested CCOs for certification. CCOs will be responsible for providing Medicaid and Medicare services to dually eligible individual to provide comprehensive, coordinated care in a more cost-effective way. See [Oregon's Draft Medicare-Medicaid Alignment Proposal](#) to comment through April 4, 2012.

### **PACIFIC University May 2 Research Symposium**

The program "Person-Centered Practice Within Services for Older People" will be held at Tuality Health Education Center in Hillsboro on May 2, 2012 along with Innovative Practice Projects and Case Studies. It gives 5.5 CE points. To register please call 503-352-7345 or contact Kelly Hering at [khering@pacificu.edu](mailto:khering@pacificu.edu). The brochure is at: [http://www.pacificu.edu/ot/news/documents/2012-brochure-final\\_000.pdf](http://www.pacificu.edu/ot/news/documents/2012-brochure-final_000.pdf).

## **Changes to Workers Compensation rules and procedures**

The Worker's Comp Division asked the Board to tell OTs about proposed rule changes effective April 1, 2012 to Medical Fee, Payment Rule, and Managed Care Organizations. Find rules [online](#), or call the Workers' Compensation Division at 503-947-7606. See [wcd.medicalquestions@state.or.us](mailto:wcd.medicalquestions@state.or.us) & <http://www.cbs.state.or.us/wcd/policy/rules/rules.html> .

## **Proposed Rules on background checks & Ethics/law exam**



Final comments on rule changes to add a Law Ethics Exam for new applicants and amend the rule on Fingerprinting to include having the Board do other background checks such as the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) in lieu of fingerprinting are due before the May 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

You can see the changes in the last newsletter or go to the web site at [www.oregon.gov/otlb](http://www.oregon.gov/otlb) and see the proposed rules under Current Topics.

## **NBCOT Board Member position open**

The National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT®) is soliciting nominees for two OTRs for election to the NBCOT Board of Directors. The 3 year position begins October 2012, with the opportunity to be re-elected. Deadline is April 16, 2012. Nominees must hold current certification as an OTR.

[Board of Director Application Form](#) or [Board of Director Job Description](#)

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