

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 & ethical delivery of occupational therapy services**

The next board meeting will be held on **Friday, August 2**, in Roseburg.
If there is enough interest, the Board will provide free CE for local OTs on Friday afternoon.
Please contact the Director for a copy of the Agenda.

Work of the Board

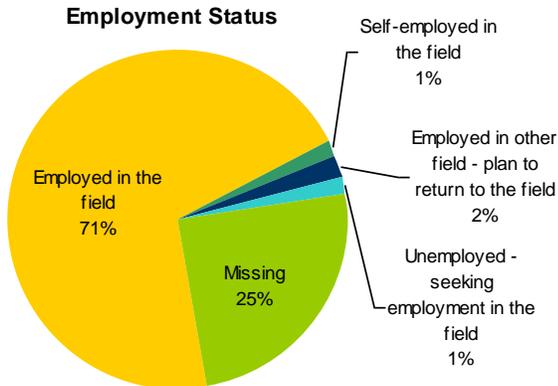
Workforce Data Collection: On the next 2 pages you will see the results of the workforce data that was collected in the 2012 license renewals. This is now a state requirement and when you renew online you fill out various questions about where you work and what your future plans are. This is to help make projection on need for Oregon health professions in the future.

[Click here for the charts about Oregon Occupational Therapists.](#)

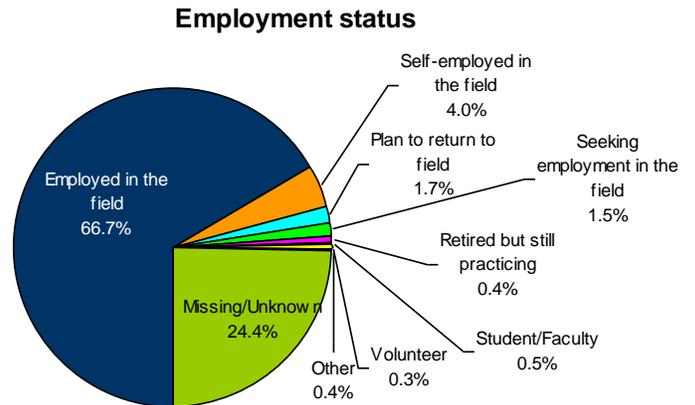
[Click here for the charts about Oregon Occupational Therapy Assistants.](#)

Sample information from the links on the front page includes:

For OT Assistants:



For OTs:



Telehealth: The Board has a workgroup to consider a proposed rule to allow Telehealth for OTs in Oregon. It will follow the new 2013 AOTA position paper on Telehealth.

Thank you to the following people who are helping:

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After the legislative session we will start to work on the rules. In order to finalize any **administrative rule changes**, the Board must follow strict procedures. After a study group looks at the issue, the proposed rule will be sent to all interested parties and licensees, and published by the Secretary of State's office. At a hearing the Board will consider all comments prior to adoption of the final rule by the OT Licensing Board.

OTs working in Mental Health: The Board will be working on new rules to clarify and confirm how OTs work in mental health. If you are interested in helping on a work group in this area, please contact Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us. Most of the work we hope will be done online and by phone conference.

AOTA has also been doing a lot of work in this area. With the changes in health care in Oregon and CCO (Coordinated Care Organizations) how OTs work in mental health is especially important to the profession.

Board will provide free CE Friday, August 2, in Roseburg

At the next Board meeting held on **Friday afternoon, August 2**, in Roseburg, the **Board will provide free CE** if there is enough interest. Please contact Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us by e-mail in order to receive more information. You will also have a time to meet with Board members during lunch. Please bring a sack lunch and hear what the Board is doing and meet with members.

The **Pain Commission** has updated the **one hour free online module**. The board will allow an additional one hour of free CE if you take the updated training: <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/OHPR/Pages/pmc/index.aspx>



Looking for free or inexpensive CE options: Do you know of quality but low or no cost CE? Send them to Felicia Holgate, Director, and we will publish it on the OT Licensing Board (OTLB) web site under Continuing Education on the left menu bar under www.oregon.gov/otlb.

Legislative Session

OT Licensing Board budget: The Board had its final 2013 – 2015 budget hearing in Salem approved by the Ways and Means committee on Friday, May 24, 2013.

The Director and Board members and your state Association track the many bills that might affect the board. In this session, some of those included helping veterans, spouses and partners obtain licenses and provide hearing notice in hearing; posting information on the Oregon Transparency web site; filing adverse health care incidents with the Oregon Patient Safety Commission; changes to public records; autism insurance and licensing new applied behavior analysts; rulemaking; cultural competency Continuing Education; and various hearing on merging boards, reducing government, board audits and sunset reviews.

The Oregon Health Licensing Board, along with all the other Oregon health boards, is currently having an **audit done by the Secretary of State's** office. We expect a final report in the fall. The legislature and the governor's office will continue to review how boards and commissions in Oregon will be organized.

The Legislature also approved a bill to have Licensing Boards write rules about Cultural Competency Continuing Education. The Board will be discussing this at their August meeting.

ALERT: One of the bills deals with health professionals paying their taxes. In 2009, there was a pilot project done with the Department of Revenue and we expect next session this may become mandatory. All applicants and those renewing their licenses will need to be tax compliant in Oregon or they will not be licensed by the state to work in Oregon as an OT. If you have any tax issues with the Dept of Revenue, work them out or have an agreement with the Revenue Department. This bill did not pass this session, but we expect it will be back, so we are advising you now.

Congratulations to the new grads from Pacific and Linn Benton CC.

The Oregon rules state: “Students who have successfully completed the educational and field work requirements and students who receive their eligibility to take the NBCOT certification examination, but do not yet have their test results, may apply for a **limited permit** to practice occupational therapy under at least routine supervision”.

"Routine supervision" is defined as: the supervisor to have direct contact in person at least every two weeks at the work site with interim supervision occurring by other methods, such as telephone or written communication”.

Many students are now obtaining Limited Permits, which will allow them to practice for 90 days from the date NBCOT authorized them to take their exam. A Limited Permit can be issued only once, so they must take and pass the exam and get their scores prior to when it expires.

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 address, e-mail and telephone changes.

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 use our own form that has what is needed, is signed and has a seal.

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**.

Do you wonder how many OTs and Assistants there are in other states? Here is the chart from AOTA showing the numbers in the other states: [Number of therapists in states](#). When Oregon submitted our numbers we had a total of 1826 licensees. We are currently at 1936 licensees (336 Assistant and 1600 OTs).

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