

WV Board of Occupational Therapy



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ONLINE LICENSE RENEWAL NOW AVAILABLE!

If your current license expires 12/31/17, it is now time to renew your license to continue practicing Occupational Therapy in WV. You now have two options for renewing your license. You may renew online with a credit card at wvbot.org after November 1st, or you may continue to use the enclosed paper renewal application and enclose a personal check or money order. The fee remains the same for either option, \$140 for an OT renewal and \$120 for an OTA renewal. *If your current license is valid through 12/31/18, you will not be able to access the online renewal application this year. Please confirm the expiration date on your license cards before calling the Board.*

Your renewal application and associated fee must be submitted online or returned to the Board office prior to the issuance of new license cards.

You may not practice Occupational Therapy in WV after December 31, 2017 without the actual license cards in your possession.

To assure receiving your new license cards prior to January 1, 2018, the Board suggests you submit your properly completed application online or by mail no later than December 1, 2017. Renewal applications must be submitted online or postmarked by December 31, 2017 to avoid a late fee.

Please do not mail your renewal application via an express or overnight service that requires a signature for delivery. This may delay delivery of your application.

To renew online after November 1st, go to wvbot.org and select "License Renewal" under the Current Licensees tab. Please read the instructions carefully before beginning the renewal process. The online application must be completed in one session, so be sure to have all the necessary renewal and credit card information available before beginning. You will log in to the renewal system using your license number, date of birth, and last 4 digits of your social security number. COTA's will be required to upload a new signed supervisory statement if employed in WV. You will also have the ability to upload name change documents if necessary and CE certificates in the event you were chosen for the random CE audit.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

License renewal requires **24** hours of continuing education and competency activities, as it has been two years since your last renewal. If you had excess CE hours from 2015, you may list up to six of these hours on your renewal application. If you obtained your initial WV license in 2016, you only need **12** hours of continuing education.

WVBOT does not require a licensee or provider to obtain pre-approval of courses by the Board. Acceptable courses must be related to the practice and theory of occupational therapy and be relevant to the licensees area of practice.

Courses that ***DO NOT*** meet the CE requirements include ethics courses, training in documentation, coding, billing, reimbursement, and payment systems, such as Medicare courses. Although these courses may be beneficial, and the Board does not discourage them, please do not submit them on your renewal application.

Below is a summary of common continuing competency activities:

Unlimited Hours:

Workshops, seminars, conferences

Formal Self-Study / Online courses

In-service training

Related University courses
(3 CE hrs / 1 educational credit hr)

Presentations of OT programs, workshops, seminars, etc.
(2 hrs CE for each 1 hr presented)

Limited Hours:

Clinical Student Instruction
2 hrs / level 1 student
(max 3 students)

6 hrs / level 2 student
(max 2 students)

Research projects 6 hrs/project

CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDIT

The Board is required to conduct a random audit of continuing education hours each year. If you have been randomly selected to participate in this audit, further instructions are enclosed. Copies of continuing education documents are only required with your renewal application if you have been selected for this audit. Audited licensees may use the online renewal by answering the audit question and uploading CE documents.

wvbot.org Has a New Look!

If you haven't been on the Board's website lately, be sure to check out our new look! In addition to a more contemporary design, we hope you'll find it easier to navigate and communicate with the Board. We plan to continue making improvements by offering more online services soon!

We also want our website to be a resource for members of the public interested in occupational therapy services in WV. One area we thought may be useful is a directory of WV therapists with specialty certifications., such as Hand Therapy, Lymphedema, Sensory Integration Disorder, Vestibular Rehabilitation, etc. If you hold one of these, or other certifications, and would like to be listed in a directory on wvbot.org, please provide a copy of a current certification document to the Board with the contact information you would like included.

WVBOT 2018 Continuing Education Conference

The 2018 Continuing Education conference sponsored by the Board will be held on April 6, 2018 at Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, WV. More information regarding the agenda and registration will be coming soon.

The Board will continue to offer this conference at no charge to licensees in 2018. However, with each of our past conferences, we have experienced a large number of licensees who pre-register, but fail to attend. This makes it difficult to plan the appropriate amount of food/printing/supplies, and we end up spending funds unnecessarily. In 2017, we spent over \$2,000 for those who registered, but didn't attend. We will re-evaluate after the 2018 conference if a fee will be charged for future conferences.

Disciplinary Actions

Investigations into complaints continue to be conducted as necessary to assure compliance to licensure laws and to protect the public.

There have been no new disciplinary actions taken for violations of the Practice Act and/or Legislative Rules governing the practice of occupational therapy in WV.