

WV Board of Occupational Therapy



Fall 2018 Newsletter

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ONLINE LICENSE RENEWAL NOW AVAILABLE!

If your current license expires 12/31/18, 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 October 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 12/31/19, 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, 2018 without the actual license cards in your possession.

To assure receiving your new license cards prior to January 1, 2019, the Board suggests you submit your properly completed application online or by mail no later than December 1, 2018. Renewal applications must be submitted online or postmarked by December 31, 2018 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 October 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 2016, you may list up to six of these hours on your renewal application. **If you obtained your initial WV license in 2017, 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

Need more CE hours?

If you are an active OTR or COTA certificant with NBCOT, you have access to the NBCOT Navigator® Competency Assessment Platform, which is a suite of online tools available at nbcot.org. Completion of these tools earn Competency Assessment Units toward renewal of your NBCOT certification and also qualify as continuing education hours to renew your WV license.

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.

Website Improvements

In addition to providing the online renewal application, the Board continues to make improvements to wvbot.org. You will soon be able to request a license verification online with a credit card, as an alternative to mailing the paper request form with a check or money order. If the receiving agency will accept the verification via email or fax, be sure to include the appropriate email address or fax number. Otherwise, the verification will be mailed.

We have also added a Specialty Certifications section under the Public Info. If you hold a specialty certification, such as Hand Therapy, Lymphedema, Vestibular Rehabilitation, Sensory Integration Disorder, etc., and would like to be listed on our website, please provide a copy of a current certification document to the Board with the contact information you would like to include.

Mark your calendar!



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2019 Continuing Education Conference

The 2019 Continuing Education conference sponsored by the Board will be held on April 12, 2019 at the Running Right Leadership Academy in Julian, WV.

More information regarding the agenda and registration will be available in early 2019.

Occupational Therapy's Role in Medication Management

The Board has received a number of inquiries from licensees recently as to what their role should be with regard to medication management. The Board has reviewed and concurs with AOTA's position paper on this subject which was published in the American Journal of Occupational Therapy, August 2017, Vol. 71, and is available to members at aota.org. An excerpt from the Summary of this paper is shown below:

Medication adherence depends on effective medication management, which is an essential daily activity for those for whom medication is prescribed, to preserve health and function. Occupational therapists analyze and formulate tailored solutions to problems associated with the performance of medication management activities. Occupational therapy practitioners implement interventions that reduce barriers and promote routine, effective medication management. Practitioners make a distinct contribution to interprofessional efforts to support medication management at the level of individual client performance and in setting- or facility-wide efforts to promote adherence.



WVOTA upcoming events...

2018 Annual Conference

is scheduled for October 12 & 13 in Morgantown.
See wvota.org for more information.

Legislative Day has been scheduled for February 12, 2019 at the Capitol.

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.