

WV Board of Occupational Therapy



Midyear 2019 Newsletter

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Legislative Rule Changes Comment Period

During the Board meeting held on January 18, 2019, the Board unanimously voted to file a Proposed Legislative Rule to be introduced during the 2020 Legislative Session that would modify 13CSR3 to reduce WV OT and OTA license renewal fees. The proposed rule would reduce the OT renewal fee from \$140 to \$120, and the OTA renewal fee from \$120 to \$100, effective with 2021 license renewals.

In addition, during the 2019 Legislative Session, Senate Bill (SB) 396 was passed, requiring the waiver of initial occupational licensing fees for low-income individuals and military families. As a result, the Board has filed a Proposed Legislative Rule, 13CSR7, to establish procedures to implement the provisions of SB396.

Copies of these Rules can be found at wvbot.org under Board News / Legislative News. The Comment Period for these proposed rules is open until July 1, 2019. If you would like to submit a comment, please "Contact Us" through the Board website, wvbot.org, or email help@wvbot.org.

License Renewal Date Board Survey

The Board would like your input on the possibility of changing the expiration / renewal date for OT and OTA licenses. Please go to wvbot.org under Current Licensees to participate in the survey.

2020 License Renewal

As the Board continues efforts to transition to online license renewals, paper renewal applications will ***not*** be mailed for 2020 renewals. Reminder postcards will be mailed to those licensees due to renew this year.

All OTA's working in WV are required to upload a new Supervisory Statement with the online renewal application. This form is available on our website under "Forms" and a link is also included in the Online Renewal instructions. If you are an OT who supervises OTA's, please be aware you will be required to sign a new Supervisory Statement.

Paper renewals will still be available to print from wvbot.org. You may also request a paper copy by contacting the office by phone or email.

Mark Your Calendar....

WVOTA Annual Conference

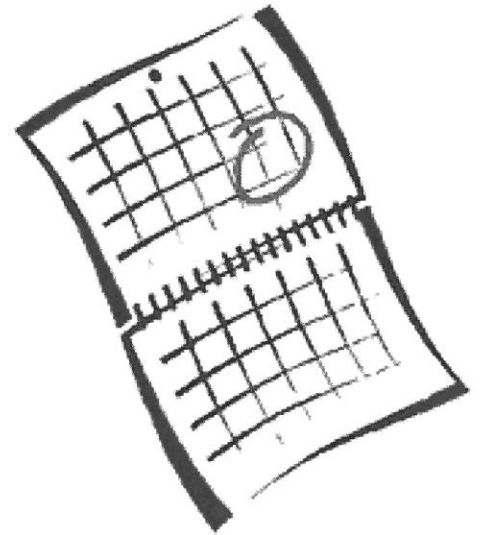
Summersville Arena and Conference Center

Friday, October 11, 2019

2020 WVBOT Continuing Education Conference

Bridgeport Conference Center

Friday, April 3, 2020



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.