

DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES

Office of Occupational Therapy Licensure

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY RULES AND REGULATIONS

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1.5 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM

This Rule is promulgated pursuant to sections 12-20-202(3), 12-20-204, 12-270-107(5), and 12-270-116, C.R.S.

- A. An applicant who holds a current, valid license or registration as an occupational therapist in a jurisdiction whose qualifications are substantially equivalent to those set forth in section 12-270-107(1), C.R.S., through the federal government, or holds a military occupational specialty in occupational therapy, as defined in section 24-4-201, C.R.S., shall apply for licensure by endorsement. An applicant for licensure by endorsement must provide the application materials and fee set forth in Rule 1.4, above. For purposes of this Rule, a jurisdiction that requires or accepts passage of the NBCOT examination shall be deemed to have qualifications substantially equivalent to those required in Colorado.
- B. In addition to meeting the requirements set forth in Rule 1.4:
 - 1. An applicant shall submit, on forms provided by the Director, verification that the applicant has actively practiced occupational therapy for at least 400 hours over or in a twelve month period during the two years immediately preceding the application or has otherwise maintained competency as an occupational therapist, as determined by the Director.

Or
 - ~~2.~~ An applicant shall submit, on forms provided by the Director, verification that the applicant has held for at least one year a current and valid license to practice occupational therapy in another jurisdiction with a scope of practice that is substantially similar to the scope of practice for occupational therapy as specified in Article 270 of Title 12, C.R.S., and these Rules.
 - ~~2-3.~~ For purposes of this Rule, an applicant may demonstrate that the applicant has otherwise maintained competency as an occupational therapist by completing twenty-four hours of continuing education related to the practice of occupational therapy during the two years immediately preceding the application. The continuing education must meet the approval of and shall be attested to in a manner prescribed by the Director.

Or
 - ~~3-4.~~ For purposes of this Rule, an applicant who successfully completed an educational program and supervised fieldwork in accordance with Rule 1.4, above, within two years

prior to submitting an application for licensure by endorsement shall be deemed to have maintained competency as an occupational therapist.

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1.14 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT OCCUPATIONAL CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY PROGRAM

This Rule is promulgated pursuant to sections 12-20-202(3), 12-20-204, 12-270-108, and 12-270-116.

A. Criteria for application.

1. The applicant must submit to the Director a completed application for licensure by endorsement, all fees, and supporting documentation required by the Director in order for the Director to review the application for licensure.
2. The applicant for licensure must hold an active license or registration as an Occupational Therapy Assistant in a jurisdiction where the requirements are substantially equivalent to those outlined in section 12-270-108(1), C.R.S., through the federal government, or hold a military occupational specialty as an occupational therapy assistant, as defined in section 24-4-201, C.R.S.
3. The applicant must submit verification of licensure from each jurisdiction in which applicant has ever held a license as an occupational therapy assistant.

B. Education requirements.

1. The applicant for licensure must meet the educational requirements outlined in section 12-270-108(1), C.R.S., and Rule 1.13(B).

C. Examination.

1. The examination developed by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) is approved [all references to NBCOT in these rules includes its predecessor]. An applicant must achieve at least the passing score as determined by NBCOT in order to be eligible for licensure.

D. Licensure.

1. An applicant who holds a current, valid registration or license as an occupational therapy assistant in a jurisdiction whose qualifications or scope of practice are substantially equivalent to those set forth in section 12-270-108(1), Article 270 of Title 12, C.R.S., shall apply for licensure by endorsement. For purposes of this Rule, a jurisdiction that requires or accepts passage of the NBCOT examination shall be deemed to have qualifications substantially equivalent to those required in Colorado.
2. In addition to meeting the requirements set forth in in Rule 1.13:
 - a. An applicant shall submit verification that the applicant has actively practiced as an occupational therapy assistant for at least 400 hours over or in a twelve month period during the three years immediately preceding the application or has otherwise maintained competency as an occupational therapy assistant, as determined by the Director, or;

b. An applicant shall submit, on forms provided by the Director, verification that the applicant has held for at least one year a current and valid license to practice as occupational therapy assistant in another jurisdiction with a scope of practice that is substantially similar to the scope of practice for occupational therapy assistants as specified in Article 270 of Title 12, C.R.S., and these Rules.

b.c. For purposes of this Rule, an applicant may demonstrate that the applicant has otherwise maintained competency as an occupational therapy assistant by completing forty-eight hours of continuing education related to the practice of occupational therapy during the two years immediately preceding the application. The continuing education must meet the approval of and shall be attested to in a manner prescribed by the Director, or;

ed. For purposes of this Rule, an applicant who successfully completed an educational program and supervised fieldwork in accordance Rule 1.13(B)(3), above, within two years prior to submitting an application for licensure by endorsement shall be deemed to have maintained competency as an occupational therapy assistant.

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1.2148 EXPANDED SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER D 2022 010

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1.224 EXPANDED SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS IN ORDER TO ADMINISTER VACCINATIONS PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER D 2022 010

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1.234 REQUIRED DISCLOSURE TO PATIENTS – CONVICTION OF OR DISCIPLINE BASED ON SEXUAL MISCONDUCT (§12-30-115, C.R.S.)

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Editor's Notes

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