



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

PLEASE SHARE THIS NOTICE WITH COLLEAGUES, EMPLOYERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

***** New CE requirements- LGBTQ and Public Health CEs are now mandatory. *****

Read below for:

COVID-19 Update

Licensing and Renewal Information

CE Changes

Invitation for DC residents to join the board and help make a difference!

Licensees should monitor the Board's webpage for the most up to date information: [Board of Occupational Therapy](#). Those with additional questions should contact the Board, at dcboot@dc.gov

COVID-19

In response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, DC Health remains operational. We continue to provide essential services; however, there are changes to how some services are provided. For the latest information, please continue to review and monitor coronavirus.dc.gov or the Board's webpage: [Board of Occupational Therapy](#) .

The Health Regulation and Licensing Administration (HRLA) Processing Center will be open to the public by appointment only on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The online appointment scheduler is appts.dcvsim.com.

DC COVID Alert Notice (DC CAN) is an alert notification system that allows iPhone and Android mobile device users to receive an alert when they may have been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19. For more information about DC CAN, visit coronavirus.dc.gov/dccan.

For questions related to the District of Columbia's COVID-19 vaccination plan, please see coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine or send inquiries to covid-19.vaccine@dc.gov

LICENSURE/REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- The Board of Occupational Therapy regulates the following four (4) professional groups:
 - Occupational Therapists (OT)
 - Occupational Therapist Assistants (OTA)
 - Dance Therapists (DT)
 - Recreational Therapists (RT)
- An individual no longer in a student/intern/practicum status preparing to enter the workforce, must remember that **a license is required before an individual is authorized to practice.**
- **How to obtain Supervised Practice Approval:** A request for Supervised Practice Form must be submitted to the Board and approved before any provision of any services can begin. Supervised practice is a Board approved status which allows an individual with a complete* licensure application and negative criminal background check (CBC) results the opportunity to work, while the application is in the processing phase.
***A complete application means, all required forms and documents have been received, meet the requirements, and there is no positive criminal background result.**
- **A filed application is not a license and does not authorize the provision of services.**
- Verify a license by visiting doh.force.com/ver/s.

- Licensure Waiver Information for those in good standing in another jurisdiction: dchealth.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/page_content/attachments/Order%20-%20Licensure%20Waivers.20.03.13.pdf
- Recreational Therapy and Dance Therapy Renewals ended April 30, 2020. Recreational Therapists CE Audit would be conducted soon!!!!
- Occupational Therapy CE Audit review has been put on hold at this time.
- **Updating Your Contact Information:** If your information (name, mailing address, email address, phone number, etc.) has changed since your last renewal, please send your new contact information to dcboot@dc.gov. For **name changes**, please include copy of a govt. issued ID and one of the following name change documents (marriage certificate, divorce decree, etc.).

UPDATED CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION:

Occupational Therapy

- An occupational therapy application for renewal of a license expiring on September 30, 2021, and all subsequent licensure terms, shall complete, twenty-four (24) continuing education units (CEUs).
- Two (2) hours of CEUs of the twenty-four (24) for Occupational Therapy applications are required in cultural competence and appropriate clinical treatment specifically for individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender non-conforming, queer, or questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression.

Recreational Therapy

- A recreational therapy application for renewal of a registration expiring on April 30, 2022, and all subsequent licensure terms, shall complete, twenty (20) continuing education units (CEUs).
- Two (2) hours of CEUs of the twenty (20) for Recreational Therapist are required in cultural competence and appropriate clinical treatment specifically for individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender non-conforming, queer, or questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression.

All Licensees

- All licensed health care providers in the District of Columbia are now required to complete 10% of the required total of continuing education in the Public Health Priorities of the District as determined by the Director and published every five (5) years or less frequently as deemed appropriate. Please follow the link and refer to the

identified subjects areas for the public health considerations:

dchealth.dc.gov/page/policy-statement-identifying-public-health-issues-continuing-education

- Proof of successful completion shall be submitted within thirty (30) days after it is requested by the Board.
- The LGBTQ and the public health priorities CEUs are also required for a reactivation and reinstatement application.
- Licensees seeking renewal for the first time after the initial license/registration are exempt from providing continuing education units.

BOARD INFORMATION:

- If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact the Mayor's office of Talent and Appointments: motaboards.theresumator.com/apply. The Board has **two(2) vacancies** for a **District of Columbia resident** to serve as a board member.
- The public is invited to attend the Open Session portion of Board meetings, view the Board's webpage at [Board of Occupational Therapy](#) for meeting dates and times.

SPECIAL THANKS to the following Board Members who are no longer on the Board for their years of dedication to the Board and the residents and visitors of the District of Columbia:

- Roxanne Arneaud

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