
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the governing rules for Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants as it pertains to their licensure and fees.

Present law provides that applicants sit for the certification examination for occupational therapists and register for the certification examination for occupational therapy assistant.

Proposed law provides that applicants sit for the certification examination and pass the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy.

Present law provides that the board shall use the examination administered by an independent agency under contract with the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. (AOTA) to administer the examinations for licensure under this Chapter and that examination.

Proposed law changes the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. (AOTA) to the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).

Present law provides that the board shall waive the examination and grant a license to any person certified prior to the effective date of present law as an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR), or a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) by the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. (AOTA), and who otherwise meets the criteria of the provisions of present law.

Proposed law changes the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. (AOTA) to the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).

Present law provides that the board shall waive the educational and examination requirements and grant a license to any person who gives proof of current employment, either on a probational or a permanent basis, in the classified state service, and who is classified therein as an Occupational Therapy Aide I, Occupational Therapy Aide II, Occupational Therapist I, Occupational Therapist II, or Occupational Therapist III.

Proposed law deletes present law.

Present law provides that any person certified or registered by the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. may use the words "licensed occupational therapist, registered" or "occupational therapist, registered" or "LOTR" or "OTR".

Proposed law changes the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. (AOTA) to the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).

Present law provides that continuing requirements shall not apply to individuals working as occupational therapists in state facilities or employed by a state agency.

Proposed law changes "continuing requirements" to "continuing education requirements".

Present law provides that the licensure fees for occupational therapy assistants shall not be more than two-thirds of the fees for occupational therapists and the following fee schedule:

- (1) Application fee. \$50
- (2) Issuance of license fee. \$25
- (3) Temporary license fee. \$25
- (4) Renewal of license fee. \$25
- (5) Reinstatement of license fee. \$25
- (6) Late renewal fee. \$35
- (7) Reciprocity. \$75

Proposed law eliminates the two-thirds fee provisions and changes the fee schedule to the following:

- (1) Initial OT license application fee. \$150
- (2) Initial OTA license application fee. \$100
- (3) Temporary license fee OT/OTA \$50
- (4) Renewal of OT license fee. \$100
- (5) Renewal of OTA license fee. \$75
- (6) Reinstatement of OT license fee. \$150
- (7) Reinstatement of OTA license fee. \$100
- (8) Late renewal fee OT. \$100
- (9) Late renewal fee OTA. \$75
- (10) Reciprocity. \$75

(Amends R.S. 37:3006(intro. para.) and (2), 3007, 3008, 3009(B) and (D), 3012(B)(3), and 3013(A))