

CHAPTER 44K

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVISORY COUNCIL

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SUBCHAPTER 1. (RESERVED)

SUBCHAPTER 2. OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS: ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

13:44K-2.1 Eligibility requirements; occupational therapist; occupational therapy assistant

(a) To be eligible for licensure as an occupational therapist, an applicant shall fulfill the following requirements:

1. Be at least 18 years of age;

2. Be of good moral character;

3. Present evidence to the Director of having successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education, the World Federation of Occupational Therapy, or other nationally recognized programmatic agency;

4. Submit to the Director evidence of having successfully completed at least 24 weeks of supervised fieldwork experience approved by the educational institution at which the applicant completed the occupational therapy education program as evidenced in accordance with (a)3 above; and

5. Successfully complete the certification examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), or its predecessors, to determine the applicant's competence to practice occupational therapy.

(b) To be eligible for licensure as an occupational therapy assistant, an applicant shall fulfill the following requirements:

1. Be at least 18 years of age;
2. Be of good moral character;

3. Present evidence to the Director of having successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program for occupational therapy assistant accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education, the World Federation of Occupational Therapy, or other nationally recognized programmatic agency;

4. Submit to the Director evidence of having successfully completed at least 12 weeks of supervised fieldwork experience approved by the educational institution at which the applicant completed the occupational therapy education program as evidenced in accordance with (b)3 above; and

5. Successfully complete the certification examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), or its predecessors, to determine the applicant's competence to practice occupational therapy.

SUBCHAPTER 3. OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS: LICENSING PROCEDURE

13:44K-3.1 Licensing procedure: occupational therapist

(a) An applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist shall submit the following to the Council:

1. A completed application form which contains information concerning the applicant's educational and experiential background;

2. The application fee set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:44K-11.1; and

3. A "Letter of Verification" from the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) indicating that the candidate has successfully completed the certification examination for occupational therapists.

13:44K-3.2 Licensing procedure: occupational therapy assistant

(a) An applicant for licensure as an occupational therapy assistant shall submit the following to the Council:

1. A completed application form which contains information concerning the applicant's educational and experiential background;

2. The application fee set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:44K-11.1; and

3. A "Letter of Verification" from the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) indicating that the candidate has successfully completed the NBCOT certification examination for occupational therapy assistants.

SUBCHAPTER 4. TEMPORARY LICENSES

13:44K-4.1 Temporary license

(a) A temporary license shall be available to an applicant for examination as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant with his or her initial application for examination. The holder of a temporary license may practice only under the direct supervision of a licensed occupational therapist.

(b) An applicant for temporary licensure shall submit the following to the Council:

1. A completed application form which contains information concerning the applicant's educational and experiential background;

2. The application fee set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:44K-11.1;

3. A completed "Request for Confirmation of Examination Registration and Eligibility to Examine Notice," sent to the Council directly by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) indicating that the candidate is eligible to sit for his or her initial examination for licensure.

13:44K-4.2 Expiration of temporary license

(a) A temporary license issued to a candidate who does not take the first examination subsequent to the issuance of the temporary license shall expire on that examination date.

(b) A temporary license shall expire automatically upon the holder being notified of failure of the licensure examination.

(c) The temporary license may be renewed for an additional period to permit the candidate to take the next available examination.

SUBCHAPTERS 5 THROUGH 10. (RESERVED)

SUBCHAPTER 11. FEES

13:44K-11.1 Fee schedule

(a) The following fees shall be charged by the Occupational Therapy Advisory Council:

- 1. Application fee \$100.00
- 2. Initial license fee—occupational therapist:
 - i. If paid during the first year of the biennial renewal period 160.00
 - ii. If paid during the second year of the biennial renewal period 80.00
- 3. Initial fee—occupational therapy assistant:
 - i. If paid during the first year of the biennial renewal period 100.00
 - ii. If paid during the second year of the biennial renewal period 50.00
- 4. Biennial license renewal—occupational therapist 160.00
- 5. Biennial license renewal—occupational therapy assistant 100.00
- 6. Temporary license—occupational therapist 50.00
- 7. Temporary license—occupational therapy assistant 50.00
- 8. Late renewal (up to 60 days after renewal deadline) 40.00
- 9. Reinstatement fee (over 60 days from renewal deadline) 80.00
- 10. Duplicate biennial registration fee 25.00
- 11. Duplicate wall certificate 40.00