

Missouri Board of Occupational Therapy

MOTA CONFERENCE 2019

Outline of Presentation

Overview and History of the OT Board

Licensure Highlights

Continuing Competency

- Audits

Board Updates

Disciplinary Process

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Board Summary

The MO Board of OT was created by Senate Bill 141 in 1997

The mission of the Missouri Board of Occupational Therapy is to protect the citizens of the state through the licensing of occupational therapists and assistants, assessing their competence to practice.

It is also the Board's duty to investigate all complaints against its licensees in a fair and equitable manner.

Six members: 3 OTRs, with at least 5 years of experience; 1 OTA; 2 public members.

Members are appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the Senate.

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State Board Members



Heather Koch, MSOT, OTR/L (Columbia)

- Chairperson

Jeanenne Dallas, MA, OTR/L, FAOTA (St. Louis)

- Vice-Chairperson

Stephanie Allen, MSOT, OTR/L (Jefferson City)

- OT Member

Chris Sanford, COTA/L (Brighton)

- OTA Member

Vacant, Public Member

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Vanessa Beauchamp, Executive Director

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Duties of the Board

Developing, Implementing and Administering the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the OT Practice Act.

These regulations include:

- Establishing the requirements for licensure
- Continuing competency
- The ethical standards of conduct for occupational therapy practitioners

The Board will also be responsible for investigating complaints related to the practice of occupational therapy.

Protect the PUBLIC - Ensure that the citizens of MO receive the highest quality OT services possible and that the profession develops in a manner that is productive for its practitioners and the state of Missouri.

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How the board works

Quarterly meetings

- Need 4 members present to have a quorum

Meetings are OPEN and Closed

Open meetings are posted on the website and open to the public as are the records of those meetings.

Closed Meetings

- Board discussion of disciplinary complaints
- Disciplinary interviews / testimonies

Legal Counsel is present at ALL meetings...open and closed

The Board adheres to the Missouri Sunshine Law regarding minutes and communication

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What does the Board Do?

Staff/Board can't interpret state laws and regulations.

Actions by the Board:

- In the past year, the board amended the Continuing Competency rules
- Currently the Board is working on amending the OTA supervision rules

The Board DOES NOT advocate for the profession

- That is the role of MOTA, AOTA and educational programs

For any rule or regulation change, there will be a 30 day public comment period. Licensees are encouraged to submit written comments

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By the Numbers: OT Practitioners in Missouri

As of October 1, 2019:

5, 787 OT Practitioners

- OT – 3,818
- OT Limited Permit - 6
- OTA – 1,960
- OTA Limited Permit - 3

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Continuing Competence (CCC's)

24 hours due every 2 year cycle

Random Audits are conducted by the Board following renewal

- Board members are currently completing the 2019 audits

Chapter Five of the Rules and Regulations covers Continuing Competence information

- The Chart details all the information about Credits/ max credits / Audit Documentation

The rules explain how CCC's are prorated if you get a new license during a cycle.

- The CCC Activities were updated by the Board in 2018

Hours you get for this conference will go toward your 2021 CCC's!

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Complaints

Board reviews every complaint received.

- Complaints must be made in writing

Licensee is given ample time to respond, in writing, to the allegations.

Board reviews response and determines next step of action.

Licensee and complainant are notified of final disposition.

Complaints are not public record, however, disciplinary action is public.

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Disciplinary Actions

Licensee given opportunity to respond to allegations

Board reviews all documentation from both parties and makes a final decision

Censure, Probation, Suspension or Revocation (any combination)

All litigation is done by the Office of the Attorney General



Complaints

STATS from the website:

FY15 - 9 Suspensions
FY16 - 0
FY17 - 3 Probations
FY18 - 0 ...board was without a quorum
FY19 Thus Far - 1 Probation

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MO Board Website

<https://pr.mo.gov/octherapy.asp>

IMPORTANT LINKS:

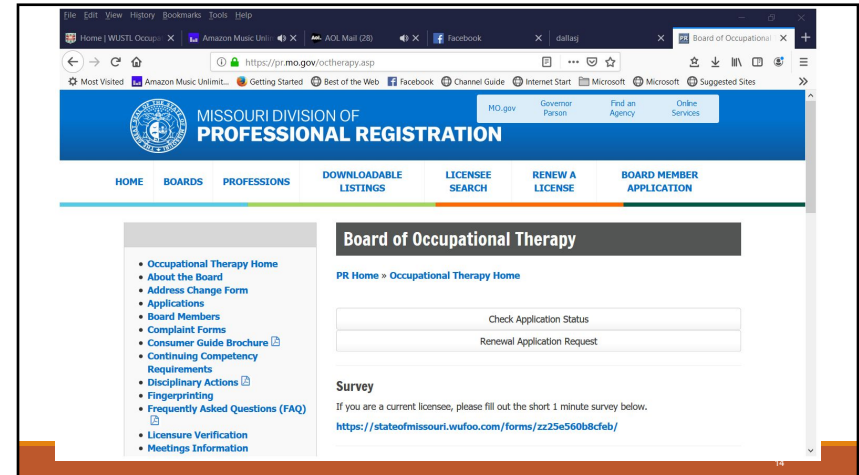
- **About the Board**
- **Address Change Form** – up to each licensee to keep their contact info up to date!
- **Applications**
- **Complaint Forms**
- **Disciplinary Actions**
- **Fingerprinting** – All applications received on or after June 30, 2012 require fingerprinting.
- **FAQ's**
- **Licensure Verification** – can check licensee's status and any actions against that person
 - Available to the public!
- **Meetings Information** – Board meeting agendas
- **Mission Statement**

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MO Board Website

- **Newsletters** – last one was in 2008.
 - The Board is trying to decide if this would be a worthwhile endeavor for us
 - Thoughts from Licensees?
- **Proposed Rules** – listing of all board Proposed rule changes
 - IF OT has any proposed rules, this is where you will be directed to look
- **Related Links** – OT sites, Professional Programs in the state
- **RULES AND STATUTES** – this is where the Licensure Bill Contents is found
 - All Licensees should be familiar with this section!
 - Rules and Regulations
 - Statutes
- **Show-Me-Response**
- **Staff**
- **Veterans Reimbursement** – info for vets for reimbursement for certification exams

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Rules and Regulations

Chapter 1 - General Rules

Chapter 2 - Certifying Entity

Chapter 3 - Licensure Requirements

Chapter 4 - Supervision

Chapter 5 - Continuing Competency Requirements

Chapter 6 - Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct

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Statutes

- 324.050 Occupational therapy practice act — definitions. (8/28/2008)
- 324.056 License to practice required, when — supervision of occupational therapy ... (8/28/1999)
- 324.059 Exceptions to licensing requirements. (8/28/1997)
- 324.063 Missouri board of occupational therapy, members, terms, removal. (8/28/1999)
- 324.065 Board duties, meetings, compensation — rules, procedure. (8/28/2009)
- 324.068 Division of professional registration duties. (8/28/2009)
- 324.071 Application for a license — certification, when. (8/28/2018)
- 324.074 Missouri board of occupational therapy fund created. (8/28/1997)
- 324.077 Limited permit issued, when. (8/28/2009)
- 324.080 Renewal notice sent, when — inactive status granted, when. (8/28/2009)
- 324.086 Refusal to issue license, when — notification of applicant — complaint ... (8/28/2009)
- 324.089 Violations of sections 324.050 to 324.089. (8/28/2009)

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Current Board Activities

Completing Audits

Reviewing Rules

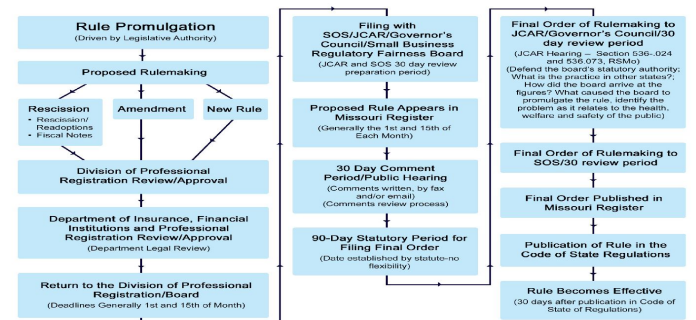
Recently looking at the OTA Supervision Rule. MOTA requested that we update this rule.

We discussed the matter at the October Meeting

***Please follow the website for details.*

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Rule Adoption Process



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National Licensure Initiatives

Licensure Compacts and Portability

- AOTA has signed a multi-year contract with the Council of State Governments (CSG) National Center for Interstate Compacts to create an interstate professional licensure compact for occupational therapy. This initiative is in response to licensure portability questions. The Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact legislation must be passed into law in each state where it will apply. The goal is to begin state participation by 2024.
- AOTA and NBCOT are also joining forces for this initiative

First Phase - August 2019–June 2020

Launch research project

Develop and convene advisory group

- Initial meeting is Oct. 29-30
 - One of our board members (J Dallas) has been asked to be on the advisory group
- Develop drafting team to develop compact language
Circulate compact draft for review

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An interstate licensing compact would:

- Allow licensed occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants to practice across state lines (e.g., telehealth)
- Improve consumer access to occupational therapy
- Enhance mobility of occupational therapy practitioners (e.g., spouses of relocating military families, staff of travel therapy companies)
- Improve continuity of care
- Preserve and strengthen the state licensure system
- Enhance the exchange of licensure, investigatory, and disciplinary information between member states.

An interstate licensing compact *would not* change state occupational therapy practice acts or the scope of practice.

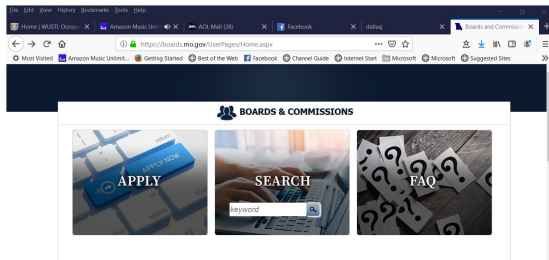
More details to come...follow this on AOTA's website!

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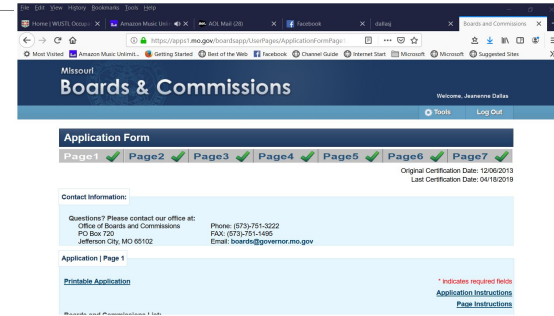
Want to join the Board???

Here's how to become a Board Member

<https://boards.mo.gov>

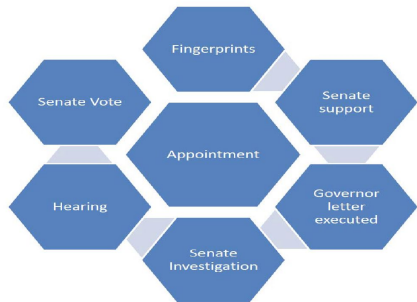


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Application Process



Division of Professional Registration

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Questions for the Board?



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