

# TBOTE news

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February 21, Austin

June 13, Austin

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**New Version of the OT Rules available to download from the website, Rules page.**

## Newly Adopted Rules

**Effective date: December 2, 2013.**

**§364.1, Requirements for Licensing.** The proposed rule amendment allows licensees to pick their home, mailing or business as their [Address of Record](#). Failure to choose one of these will default to the business address first, then the mailing address, and lastly to the home address. Home phone numbers will not be shared, but an email address will. Another change is that the agency will expedite a military application, and those of a military spouse.

**§367.2, Categories of Continuing Education,** had a small change to make clear that online courses, home study courses, & teleconferences must:

1. Meet the definition for Type 1 or Type 2;
2. Have specified learning objectives;
3. Give a post-test;
4. Give a certificate of completion that reflects a pre-determined number of credit hours.

**§370.1, License Renewal,** to add an Address of Record. (see §364.1 above).

**§374.4, Code of Ethics.** The Board has adopted the 2010 Edition of AOTA's Code of Ethics in its entirety to replace the 2005 Code of Ethics in OT Rules.



## OT BOARD FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TAKEN NOVEMBER 8, 2013

**Aleshia Hudgen, COTA #211318 (Beaumont)** – practiced occupational therapy in a manner detrimental to the public health and welfare by resigning her position without sufficient prior notice. Violation Of section 454.301 of the act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order suspended her license for thirty (30) days.**

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### **Is there a difference between speaker/course evaluation and a post-test?**

In the case of the OT Rules, the Board requires a post-test for home study courses, educational teleconferences, online courses and videotape instruction. The post-test is based on the content of the course and not rating the speaker or the course. The time it takes to take the post-test does not count toward the CE hour(s).

The Board does not define how many questions or the format of the questions that are used. The purpose is to ensure that knowledge is gained at the completion of the course. Although not a requirement by TBOTE, some courses available do a pre-test and a post test. The sponsor or presenter of the course should make clear that a post-test will be given and have a written policy about how certificates are granted, based on the post-test, so there is no misunderstanding by attendees.

### **ADDRESS OF RECORD**

For those who wish to keep their home information and home phones private, we now have a new option. **Keep your home address and phone number private, [read further...](#)**

**[Practice FAQs](#) on the website**





## Frequently Requested Numbers

<http://www.ptot.texas.gov/occupational-therapy/ot-resources/ot-links>

### **Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners (TBOTE)**

Act & Rules, complaints, and practice of OT in Texas

512/305-6900 telephone

512/305-6970 fax

Website: [www.ecptote.state.tx.us](http://www.ecptote.state.tx.us)

Email: [info@ecptote.state.tx.us](mailto:info@ecptote.state.tx.us)

### **Texas Occupational Therapy Association (TOTA)**

512/454-8682 telephone

512/450-1777 fax

[www.tota.org](http://www.tota.org)

### **American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)**

Specialty certification, student fieldwork, national issues, etc.

301/652-2682 telephone

[www.aota.org](http://www.aota.org)

### **National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)**

National certification exam, and score reports

301/990-7979 telephone

301/869-8492 fax

[www.nbcot.org](http://www.nbcot.org)

### **Dept. of Assistive and Rehab. Services (DARS)**

Division of Early Childhood Intervention (ECI)

512/424-6790 telephone

512/424-6799 fax

[www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/](http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/)

### **Early Childhood Education DARS, ECI**

4900 N Lamar

Austin, TX 78751-2399

<http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/index.shtml>

### **Medicare and Medicaid**

<http://www.cms.gov/>

[www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

#### **Medicare Part A**

888/763-9836 (Rehab Dept, Hospital)

#### **Medicare Part B**

903/463-0720 (independent practitioners)

To Report Medicare fraud or abuse

<http://www.medicarefraudcenter.org/>

**800/252-8263**

<http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/medicaid/>

Medicaid provider fraud, or abuse of a Medicaid recipient: 512/463-2011 or email [mfcu@aog.state.tx.us](mailto:mfcu@aog.state.tx.us)

### **School Health and Related Services (SHARS)**

[www.tea.state.tx/interagency/shars.html](http://www.tea.state.tx/interagency/shars.html)

### **Texas Dept. Aging and Disability Services (DADS)**

800/458-9858 Long term care & complaints about nursing home, home health agency, or assisted living facility.

800/252-8016 Nursing homes

512/719-3521 Licensing Boards

800/228-1570 Home health agency

Elderly or disabled abuse, neglect call

800/252-5400.

[www.dads.state.tx.us](http://www.dads.state.tx.us)

### **Texas Dept. of State Health Services (TDSH)**

512/834-6650 Hospital licensing

[www.tshs.state.tx.us](http://www.tshs.state.tx.us)

### **Texas Online Services**

License applications, renewals, profile

[TxServiceDesk@egov.com](mailto:TxServiceDesk@egov.com)

877-452-9060 Help desk