

# TBOTE news

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*Board Meeting Dates  
September 7, 2012  
November 2, 2012*

## OT Renewal Change June 10, 2012

- i The most secure way to verify a license is on the web. The data is updated every business day. Licensees and their employers can see the status of the licensee and print a statement of licensure. No renewal card is required, but a licensee can download proof of license from the verification page of the website. Enter the last 4 digits of the SSN and birth date and there will be a pdf to print out. The agency will no longer mail out renewal cards.
- i The receipt page will serve as a payment receipt, which is still helpful, but it no longer gives licensees the ability to continue to work on the receipt
- i You and your employer can verify your license online.
- i Those who wait until the last minute to renew perhaps have to wait until the verification page reflects the update. Therefore it is recommended that licensees renew earlier. If the last day falls on a holiday or weekend, the renewal will not be process until the next business day.

Renewal Process: Those who use Microsoft's Internet Explorer should read the directions on the website to deal with compatibility issues. Without doing the compatibility fix, licensees will have trouble with seeing their JP Key Code. Read here:

<http://www.ptot.texas.gov/occupational-therapy/ot-renewal/renew>

## Changes to the Online CE Submission Form Good News!

The new website was unveiled March 1, 2012. One of the benefits of the new CE Submission Form is some new features:

- i The CE Submission Form on the new website allows you to enter Type 1 and Type 2 on the same line.
- i The new Form allows you to keep adding classes until you say you are ready to take the JP Exam. This means if you have more than 30 hours, you can continue to add them to the list.
- i You can enter your courses starting approximately 90 days before you are due to renew and continue to return to the CE Submission page and add courses until you click to take the JP exam. The courses will be saved on the form.
- i The new form allows you to enter courses that are 3.75 hours, and not just one decimal point, such as 5.5.
- i The new form keeps a running total as you add courses, so you can see the Type 1 and Type 2 courses adding up.
- i You can print out the new form for your records with your courses listed before you leave the page for your JP exam.

The Last Issue of the Newsletter, the October, 2011 issue has an article on **Abandonment**, another on **Changes at ECI**, and the **Criminal History Evaluation Letter** Click here to read the that issue: <http://www.ecptote.state.tx.us/ot/newsletter.html>

### Adopted Rule Amendments

The Board voted to propose amendments to rules which require the Board to print out and mail the renewal cards/certificates. Instead the certificates will be available online at the Board's website, under Verifications. You will have to use the look-up your own proof of licensure. Look at the search which requires that you enter the

last 4 digits of your Social Security Number and your date of birth. When you do, a link will appear that shows a pdf of your own licensure.

#### [There are 3 ways to look-up licensees online:](#)

1. By name, even by first initials
2. By License Number
3. By the last 4 digits of the SSN and date of birth.

#### [The adopted Rules are:](#)

- §369.1 Display of License
- §370.1 License Renewal
- §371.1 Inactive Status
- §371.2 Retired Status
- §376.6 Renewal of Facility Registration
- §376.8 Restoration of a Facility Registration

§376.10 has been proposed for an amendment dealing with ownership change. Read the rules.

<http://www.ptot.texas.gov/occupational-therapy/ot-board/ot-act-rules>

In accordance with State Government Code §2001.039, The Board reviewed and voted to adopted all OT Rules for the next four years until reviewed again.

Check out the new website:

<http://www.ptot.texas.gov/>

Sign up for Board e-news:

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Read Practice Questions and Answers:

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

Verify a License:

<http://www.ptot.texas.gov/license-verification>

Useful Contact:

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



## OT BOARD FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TAKEN MAY 18, 2012 BOARD MEETING

- (1) **Jessica Whisenant, COTA #210557 (Richmond)** – practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order required thirty (30) hours of community service.**
- (2) **Juanita Kimberly, COTA #209821 (El Paso)** – practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order required thirty (30) hours of community service.**
- (3) **Amanda Scorcio, OTR #105399 (Rockwall)** – practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order required thirty (30) hours of community service.**
- (4) **Janine McClain, COTA #209956 (Montgomery)** – practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order required forty-five (45) hours of community service.**
- (5) **Rose Shukla, OTR #113101 (Plano)** – failed the CE audit; lacked sufficient Type 2 hours. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 367 of the board rules. **Board Order required thirty (30) hours of community service.**
- (6) **Linda Schooley, COTA #2052085 (Conroe)** – failed the CE audit; lacked sufficient Type 2 hours. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 367 of the board rules. **Board Order required thirty (30) hours of community service.**
- (7) **Chika Ihegworu, OTR #108661 (Houston)** – failed the CE audit; lacked sufficient Type 2 hours. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 367 of the board rules. **Board Order suspended his license for fifteen (15) days.**
- (8) **David Kleinhans, COTA, #206956 (Nocona)** – practiced in a detrimental manner by inaccurately documenting treatments that were not rendered. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order suspended his license for twenty-one (21) days.**
- (9) **Christopher Johnson, OTR #109107 (El Paso)** – practiced in a detrimental manner by resigning his position without sufficient prior notice. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order suspended his license for thirty (30) days.**
- (10) **Shannon Brown, COTA #211353 (Alamo)** – practiced in a detrimental manner by resigning his position without sufficient prior notice. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order suspended his license for thirty (30) days.**
- (11) **Christopher Turner, COTA #211437 (Hobbs, NM)** – failed to acknowledge an ongoing investigation in another state when applying for Texas licensure; thereby obtaining his Texas license through fraud or deception. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order suspended his license indefinitely.**



## Frequently Requested Numbers Also...

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

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512/454-8682 telephone

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[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

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

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Division of Early Childhood Intervention (ECI)

512/424-6790 telephone

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

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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)

Medicare fraud, or abuse of a Medicare: 800-447-8477.

**Medicaid:** 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)

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

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License applications, renewals, profile

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

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