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*Board meetings scheduled
June 10, 2011
October 14, 2011*

2011 Rules Now Online §376.5, Exemptions to Registration Adopted at the February Meeting

The Board adopted an amendment to the Facility Registration Chapter in order to exempt ECI from facility registration when ECI services are provided in the community. The rule amendment became effective on March 10, 2011. All rules which were adopted between January 1, 2010 and the February board meeting were incorporated into the new edition of the TBOTE Rules.

<http://www.ecptote.state.tx.us/ot/rules.html>

SNOW DAY IN AUSTIN: Austin American Statesman Newspaper prints photo: "Worlds Smallest Snowman"



February 4th was a snow day in Austin; all schools, government agencies, etc. were closed. Feb 4th was also the day of a scheduled Investigation Committee meeting. Since no meeting could be held, no Agreed Orders could be issued.

Board Member prepared a Decision Tree for the Website

DeLana Honaker, OTR, PhD has prepared a decision tree for choosing Type 1 and Type 2 continuing education choices, which is on the website on the About CE webpage. View it here:

<http://www.ecptote.state.tx.us/ot/ce/>

Snapshot of Licensees on August 31, 2010; End of Fiscal Year

OT Facilities: 1,368

OT/OTA Applications: 877; 76% online

OT/OTA Renewals: 4,117, 93% online

TOTAL Licensees as of 8/31/2010, not including inactive licensees or temporary licensees: 10,024.

Current Restoration Changes

Since January 1, 2010, OTs and OTAs have had the opportunity to restore their expired Texas license by various means.

Here are the options:

1. The former Texas licensee who holds a current license in another state may restore the Texas license with a verification of the current state license.
2. The expired license may be restored if the license is expired more than 1 year and less than 2 by completing 45 hours of continuing education, with a minimum of 30 hours of Type 2.
3. The expired license may be restored by a former licensee by attending a refresher/re-entry course through an accredited college or university. Links to these programs are found on our "Got a Question" page of the website: www.ecptote.state.tx.us

4. Another way to restore an expired license is by obtaining an advanced degree in occupational therapy.
5. The last way to restore an expired license is the way that it has been done for years; that is, to re-take the NBCOT exam "for licensure purposes only," plus complete extra continuing education hours.

Current rules outline these methods and the list of licenses which are expired less than 2 years is updated monthly and posted on the website. If you are aware of old classmates or friends who have let their license expire and are interested in returning to their former profession, please forward this information to them. Have them phone the renewal department or personally check the rules online. The Forms page of the website has the Restoration Form, which is different than the application Form. Lastly, the fees to restore an expired license have been lowered. The amendment to license restoration was made possible by a change in the OT Practice Act supported by TOTA in the last legislative session.

School Visits in 2010

In the point of view that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," the Chief Investigator and OT Coordinator made presentation to students in the following OT and OTA programs: Texas Tech; TWU Dallas, Denton and Houston; UT Health Science Center, UT PanAm, UT El Paso and UTMB; Austin Community College; Del Mar College; Houston Community College; Laredo Community College; Lone Star Tomball; Navarro College; Panola College, South Texas Community College; and St Phillips College.



Frequently Requested Numbers

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Texas Occupational Therapy Association (TOTA)

512/454-8682 telephone

512/450-1777 fax

www.tota.org

American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)

Specialty certification, student fieldwork, national issues, etc.

301/652-2682 telephone

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

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/

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

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

School Health and Related Services (SHARS)

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

Texas Dept. of State Health Services (TDSH)

512/834-6650 Hospital licensing

www.tshs.state.tx.us

Texas Online Services

License applications, renewals, profile

www.texasonline.com

877-452-9060 Help desk