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Future Board Meeting Dates

November 8, Sugar Land

February 21, Austin

June 13, Austin

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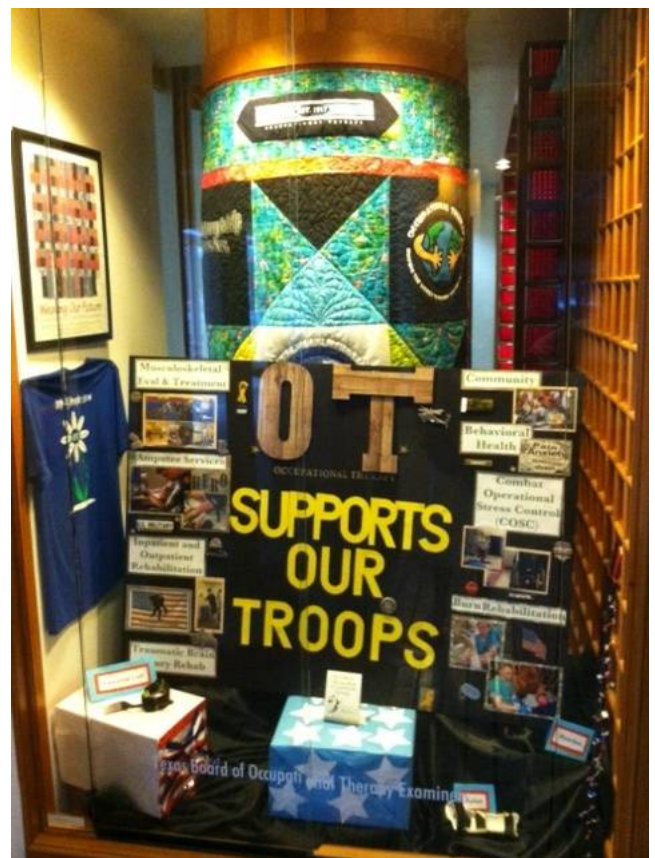
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**New Board Display in the
Hobby Building Lobby
333 Guadalupe St
Austin, TX**



Adopted Rules

The proposed Rules were adopted with no public comment. They were published for adoption in the October 4, 2013 *Texas Register* and became effective on October 6.

§362.1, Definitions & §369.3 to say that those who use OTR or COTA must be maintaining their certification with NBCOT.

§372.1, Provision of Services. This amendment makes clear that only the occupational therapist can dictate the Plan of Care, treatment frequency, discharge and this care cannot be dictated to the occupational therapist.

§373.3, Supervision of an Occupational Therapy Assistant changes the title and adds into this section that without an occupational therapist's name to write in the treatment notes, the occupational therapy assistant cannot provide OT services.

§376.4, Requirements for Registered Facilities, a change of address for a facility means a new wall license that reflects that change.

Read these adoptions at the TAC, the Texas Administrative Code, which always shows the latest and current OT Rules.

[http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=3&ti=40&pt=12](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=3&ti=40&pt=12)

The pdf of the OT Rules is a snapshot in time. Over the year the Rules may change as rules are adopted. At some point these changes are incorporated into a new edition of OT Rules. It is the responsibility of the licensee to look at the changes at least quarterly to stay current with the OT Rules. This is another good reason to add your email address to your information. You are responsible to keep up with the current Rules.

Proposed Rules

Published in the October 4, 2013 Texas Register

§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 home address or the mailing address, if different. Another change is that the agency will expedite a military application, and those of a military spouse.

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

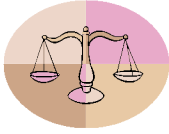
1. Meet the definition for Type 1 or Type 2;
2. Have specified learning objectives;
3. Give a post-test;
4. Give a certificate of completion; and
5. Reflect a pre-determined number of credit hours.

§370.1, License Renewal, to add an Address of Record.

§374.4, Code of Ethics. The Board is adopting the 2010 Edition of AOTA's Code of Ethics in its entirety to replace the 2005 Code of Ethics.

New Website Work Underway

Due to frequent attacks on the website and security issues, we are making changes to the ECPTOTE website. This will give us a chance to make other improvements such as: Edit button on CE entries, printable wallet card instead of the proof of licensure, easier experience for first time renewal, better user experience. We will send those with emails on record an announcement when the new website is up.



OT BOARD FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TAKEN AT SEPTEMBER 13, 2013 BOARD MEETING

- (1) **Husseina Sulemanji, OTR #113284 (Houston)** – practiced occupational therapy in a facility not properly registered with the board. 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.***
- (2) **Roxanne Sculley, COTA #210730 (Dyer, Indiana)** – failed the CE audit; lacked sufficient mandated hours timely taken. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 367 of the board rules. ***Board Order required thirty (30) hours of community service.***
- (3) **Brandy Tudor, COTA #210435 (Cleveland)** – practiced occupational therapy 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) **Andrea Noelle Miller, OTR #105132 (Rockwall)** – practiced occupational therapy with an expired license. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. ***Board Order suspended her license for forty-five (45) days.***
- (5) **Dawn Marie Riley, COTA #210221 (San Antonio)** – practiced occupational therapy in a manner detrimental to the public health and welfare by inaccurately documenting treatments rendered. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. ***Board Order suspended her license for ten (10) days.***
- (6) **Melissa Alaniz, COTA #209793 (McAllen)** – practiced occupational therapy in a manner detrimental to the public health and welfare by engaging in an inappropriate relationship with a patient under her care. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. ***Board Order suspended her license for thirty (30) days.***
- (7) **Clinton Hukill, OTR #109102 (Canyon)** – practiced occupational therapy in a manner detrimental to the public health and welfare by engaging in an inappropriate relationship with a patient under his care. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. ***Board Order suspended his license for thirty (30) days.***
- (8) **Persis Appiagyei, OTR #113780 (Lewisville)** – entered into a Consent Order with Maryland Board of OT Practice that suspended that license for aiding or abetting an unlicensed individual in the practice of occupational therapy; for fraudulent use of a license; and for willfully making a false report or record in the practice of occupational therapy. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act. ***Board Order suspended her Texas license indefinitely - until such time as the Maryland Board action is resolved/completed.***
- (9) **Matthew Paul Anderson, COTA #211269 (Austin)** – failed to report his criminal history while applying for licensure. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act. ***Board Order suspended his license indefinitely – until such time as the board receives clarification of this history and can review it and determine if any other action is warranted.***
- (10) **Christopher Turner, COTA #211437 (Hobbs, New Mexico)** – previously the Board suspended his Texas license pending the outcome of an investigation by the New Mexico OT Board. That investigation has now been completed and reviewed by this Board. ***Board Order rescinded the prior license suspension.***

ADDRESS OF RECORD

Keep your home address and phone number private

For those who wish to keep their home information and home phones private, we now have a new option.

Licensees may select an "Address of Record" which is your work, mailing or home address to be the one address you choose to make available to the public. You can do this option at the time of renewal, or send us this information through the website's change of address form, or fax or mail an "Address of Record" at any time.

How to change your Address of Record Online:

1. Go to the website and on each page is a column titled "Looking For?"
2. The first entry is "[Change Contact Info](#)"
3. Fill out the online form and send.

Any phone number entered as the home phone, whether land line or cell, will not be disclosed.

Giving us your email address is good information to give us to share, and not considered confidential, and will cut down on phone calls .

Until you select an Address of Record, the business address will be used

Those recruiters or continuing education providers who have purchased your information in the past still have it until they get new information. Remember that those of you who have only one address in the database, with no alternative, may continue to get unwanted calls and mailings.

The only way to change where you receive these calls and mailings in the future is to make sure you make a selection for your address of record. We are not adding a new addresses in our database, but asking you to pick your work address, or your mailing address, or your home address as your "Address of Record." We must still have your physical home address in our database in order to correctly reach you. This information will only be shared if you do not provide an alternate choice.



Frequently Requested Numbers

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

512/305-6900 telephone

512/305-6970 fax

Website: www.ecptote.state.tx.us

Email: info@ecptote.state.tx.us

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)

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

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

TxServiceDesk@egov.com

877-452-9060 Help desk