

# TBOTE *★news*

The Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners

December 2005

## ***What's New at TBOTE***

TBOTE printed and mailed the 2005 Rules and a newsletter to all licensees in the fall. The Board does NOT mail on a regular basis due to the cost. Please check on the website on a quarterly basis to read any Board information, including new rules, Frequently Asked Questions & Board Minutes. These and more are available on the website. [www.ecptote.state.tx.us](http://www.ecptote.state.tx.us)

Three rules have been recently adopted and went into affect on December 4, 2005. You might want to print these out to place with your TBOTE Rules.

**§370.1.** License Renewal

**§372.1.** Provision of Services and

**§373.1.** Supervision of Non-Licensed Personnel.

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

The TBOTE Board meets 3-4 times a year, so rules can and do change. Bookmark the Board website and sign up for the free service, *E-News*. This is a broadcast email to all who sign up, and is an announcement of any news from the Board.

The sign up for *E-News* is:

<http://www.ecptote.state.tx.us/lists/subscribe.php>

## **Agency Customer Survey Results**

Two changes have been recently made as a result of the agency's customer survey. The first change was in the Jurisprudence (JP) Exam. Licensees wanted to know which questions were missed and the correct answer. This change was made, however the program does not allow you to return to previous question while taking the JP exam. If you change your mind or feel unprepared, you can exit the exam and sign in again.

The second change was an adjustment to the phone system instructions at the agency. Callers will now be told at the beginning of the message that they may press "0" at any time to reach the front desk receptionist who can answers questions and can direct the call.

We appreciate your comments as they help us improve our service.



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**Important: GSC Courses Are Strictly Type 1**

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Read previous newsletters online at: <http://www.ecptote.state.tx.us/ot/newsletter.html>



**OT Board Formal Disciplinary Actions**

Taken November 11, 2005

- (1) **Ethel Puno, OTR #108237 (Houston)** – failed to properly renew her license (**CE audit**). Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 367 of the board rules. **Board Order required completion of the lacking continuing education .**
- (2) **Randy Rogers, COTA #209071 (Ft. Worth)** – failed to properly renew his license (**CE audit**). Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 367 of the board rules. **Board Order required thirty (30) hours of community service and completion of the lacking continuing education .**
- (3) **Doris Ramos, COTA #209068 (Houston)** – failed to properly renew her license (**CE audit**). Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 367 of the board rules. **Board Order required proof of the timely completion of the lacking CE hours by deadline; or suspension of her license for thirty (30) days or until lacking CE is completed – whichever is greater.**
- (4) **Mary Payne, OTR #102564 (Houston)** – failed to properly renew her license (**CE audit**). Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 367 of the board rules. **Board Order suspended her license for sixty (60) days or until lacking continuing education is completed –whichever is greater.**
- (5) **Ana Garcia, COTA #209131 (Pharr)** – practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order required sixty (60) hours of community service.**
- (6) **Maria Martinez, OTR #111250 (San Antonio)** – practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order required sixty (60) hours of community service.**
- (7) **Bradley Zirkel, OTR #111143 (Medina)** – practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order suspended his license for one week.**
- (8) **Pam Grissom, OTR #111643 (Southlake)** – practiced 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 and required thirty (30) hours of community service.**

(9) **Elizabeth McConnell, OTR #109121 (San Antonio)** – resigned her position without prior notice, thereby abandoning her patients. Violation of Section 454.301 of the Act and chapter 374 of the board rules. **Board Order suspended her license for thirty (30) days.**

Unethical or Unlicensed Practice Hotline: 800-821-3205 or 512/305-6900



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**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)

**Medicare and Medicaid**

Trailblazer Health Enterprises (Medicare Program Administrator) [www.the-medicare.com](http://www.the-medicare.com)

Medicare Part A

(Rehab departments, hospital) 888/7639836

Medicare Part B (independent practitioners)

903/463-0720

**Medicaid** 800/252-8263

**SHARS**

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

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

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

Long term care 800/458-9858

Nursing homes 800/252-8016

Licensing boards 512/719-3521

Home health agency 800/228-1570

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

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

Hospital licensing 512/834-6650

**Texas Online Services**

License applications, renewals, profile

[www.texasonline.com](http://www.texasonline.com)

Help desk: 877-452-9060