

## OT Qualifications and Licensure Requirements

State	Statute or Regulation <sup>1</sup>
<b>Alabama</b>	<p><b><u>Statute:</u> Code of Alabama §34-39-8, Application for license; requirements.</b>            An applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall be a citizen of the United States or, if not a citizen of the United States, a person who is legally present in the United States with appropriate documentation from the federal government, and shall file a written application on forms provided by the board, showing to the satisfaction of the board fulfillment of all of the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the board of having successfully completed all of the academic requirements for degree or certificate conferral from an educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the board. The program shall be accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association, Incorporated.</li> <li>(2) Applicant shall pass an examination as provided for in Section 34-39-9.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Regulation:</u> Alabama Administrative Code Chapter 625-X-1, LICENSE REQUIRED/APPLICATION.</b>            Except as provided in Code of Alabama 1975, §34-39-5, any individual desiring to practice as an Occupational Therapist or an Occupational Therapy Assistant in the State of Alabama shall, prior to practicing occupational therapy, apply to the Board for a license, pay the requisite fees, and pass a written examination as approved by the Board. Any person practicing occupational therapy or engaging in occupational therapy treatment without a valid active license in good standing, and who does not qualify for an exemption under Code of Alabama 1975, §34-39-5, shall be subject to the penalties prescribed at §34-39-15.</p> <p><b>625-X-1-.01 Forms.</b> All applicants for licensure shall submit to the Board the information requested on the official forms as approved by the Board, which at a minimum shall provide for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The name, permanent address and telephone number of the applicant;</li> <li>(b) The business name, business address, phone number, and name of supervisor. The supervisor for an Occupational Therapy Assistant must be a currently licensed Occupational Therapist in the State of Alabama;</li> <li>(c) A statement as to whether the applicant has been convicted of any felony offense denominated as such in any state or has been convicted of a misdemeanor or civil violation denominated as such involving an offense of moral turpitude in any state;</li> <li>(d) A statement as to whether the applicant has been adjudged in a civil suit in a court in competent jurisdiction of malpractice or negligence in the practice of occupational therapy;</li> <li>(e) A statement as to whether the applicant has previously been licensed as an Occupational Therapist or an Occupational Therapy Assistant, and whether said license as issued by another state has ever been revoked, suspended, probated, or otherwise voided.</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>625-X-1-.02 Completion Of Forms.</b> Applications for licensure shall be personally completed by the applicant and signed by the applicant under oath with an acknowledgment that the making of a material false statement is subject to denial (and/or revocation) of a license. The form and information must be submitted to the Board prior to the commencement of practice.</p> <p><b>625-X-1-.04 Letter Of Verification.</b> Each applicant must request that a letter of verification be issued by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, stating that the individual has met the requirements for certification as an Occupational Therapist or as an Occupational Therapy Assistant and that the applicant has not been censured, put on probation, suspended or revoked by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy. Said verification shall be sent directly to the Alabama State Board of Occupational Therapy.</p> <p><b>625-X-1-.05 Letter(s) of Good Standing.</b> Each applicant must request that a letter of good standing be issued by each state that has previously issued said applicant a license. Letter(s) must state that applicant's license has/has not been suspended, revoked, probated, or otherwise voided. Said letter of good standing shall be sent directly to the Alabama State Board of Occupational Therapy.</p>
<p><b>Alaska</b></p>	<p><b><u>Statute:</u> Alaska Statutes §08.84.030, Qualifications for licensing.</b></p> <p>(b) To be eligible for licensure by the board as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant, an applicant, unless a graduate of a foreign school of occupational therapy located outside the United States, shall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) have graduated from a professional occupational therapy education program that includes supervised field work and is accredited by a national accreditation agency approved by the Board;</li> <li>(2) pass, to the satisfaction of the board, an examination prepared by a national testing service approved by the board or an examination recognized by a national accreditation agency approved by the board to determine the applicant's fitness for practice as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant, or be entitled to licensure without examination under AS 08.84.060; and</li> <li>(3) meet qualifications for licensure established in regulations adopted by the board under AS 08.84.010(b).</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Regulation:</u> Alaska Administrative Code Title 12, Chapter 54, Article 5, Occupational Therapy Licensure.</b></p> <p><b>§12 AAC 54.600. Occupational therapy license requirements.</b></p> <p>An applicant for an occupational therapist license or occupational therapy assistant license, other than an applicant who is a graduate of a school of occupational therapy that is located outside the United States, shall submit</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a completed application on the form prescribed by the board;</li> <li>(2) the fees established in 12 AAC 02.320;</li> <li>(3) verification of the applicant's licensure status sent directly to the department from each jurisdiction where the applicant holds or has ever held a license to practice occupational therapy, one of which must indicate a current license in good standing; each verification from each jurisdiction where the applicant holds or has ever held a license must include an explanation of any disciplinary actions taken against the licensee;</li> <li>(4) a signed letter of professional reference sent directly to the department on a form provided by the department from a physician, instructor, supervisor, or official of the applicant's occupational therapy school;</li> <li>(5) proof of initial certification sent directly to the department from the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) as evidence of having met the requirements of AS 08.84.030(b);</li> <li>(6) verification that, during the 24 months immediately before the date the application is received by the department, the applicant</li> </ol>

	<p>(A) performed at least 60 hours of occupational therapy service; the verification of at least 60 hours of occupational therapy service must be sent directly to the department on a form provided by the department from the agency or source;</p> <p>(B) passed the NBCOT examination; or</p> <p>(C) satisfactorily completed an internship of 150 hours approved by the board; the verification must be sent directly to the department on a form provided by the department from the agency or source; and</p> <p>(7) the jurisprudence questionnaire prepared by the board covering the provisions of AS 08.84 and this chapter.</p> <p><b>§12 AAC 54.620. Supervised field work.</b> As used in AS 08.84.030(b)(1), 08.84.032(b)(2), and 08.84.150(b)(1), “supervised field work” means the portion of an ACOTE-accredited professional occupational therapy education program to be completed by an applicant under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist.</p>
<p><b>Arizona</b></p>	<p><b><u>Statute:</u> Arizona Revised Statutes §32-3423, Application for licensure; qualifications.</b></p> <p>A. An applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be of good moral character.</li> <li>2. Successfully complete the academic and fieldwork requirements of an educational program subject to board review and standards prescribed by the board. The board shall require: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) For an occupational therapist, a minimum of nine hundred twenty-eight hours of supervised fieldwork experience as determined by the supervising institution, organization or sponsor.</li> <li>(b) For an occupational therapy assistant, a minimum of six hundred eight hours of supervised fieldwork experience as determined by the supervising institution, organization or sponsor.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Pass an examination administered pursuant to section 32-3424.</li> <li>4. Complete the application process and pay all fees required pursuant to this chapter.</li> </ol> <p>B. The board may deny a license to an applicant who:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Commits a felony, whether or not involving moral turpitude, or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. In either case conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction is conclusive evidence of the commission.</li> <li>2. Engages in any conduct that violates section 32-3401.</li> </ol> <p>C. An applicant who is denied a license may request a hearing pursuant to title 41, chapter 6, article 10.</p> <p><b><u>Regulation:</u> Arizona Administrative Code R4-43-201, Initial Application.</b></p> <p>A. An applicant for an initial license to practice as an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant shall submit an application form provided by the Board to the Board’s office. The application and all supporting documentation shall be received by the Board at least 7 days before a Board meeting to be considered at that Board meeting.</p> <p>B. The initial application form shall be signed by an applicant and include the following information on the applicant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Applicant’s last name, 1st name, and middle name;</li> <li>2. How applicant’s name is to be shown on the licensure certificate;</li> <li>3. Other names used;</li> <li>4. Social security number;</li> <li>5. Residence address;</li> <li>6. Alternate mailing address if the residential address is to remain confidential;</li> <li>7. The type of license for which applying;</li> </ol>

	<p>8. The amount of the application and license fee to be submitted;</p> <p>9. Applicant's American Occupational Therapy Certification Board or National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. certification number, date of certification, and the number of times the applicant has taken the national examination;</p> <p>10. Education;</p> <p>11. Professional experience, field work, or both within the last 5 years;</p> <p>12. Employer's name, address, and telephone number;</p> <p>13. Current and previous occupational therapy or other professional license or certification numbers from other states and foreign countries and the status of the license or certification;</p> <p>14. Current and previous disciplinary actions;</p> <p>15. Affidavit of applicant.</p> <p>C. An applicant shall submit or cause to be submitted on the applicant's behalf the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Application fee;</li> <li>2. Written verification received from: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The National Board For Certification In Occupational Therapy, Incorporated or the American Occupational Therapy Certification Board of a passing score on the examination administered by these entities; or</li> <li>b. Certified letters of good standing issued by each state that has previously issued the applicant an occupational therapy license, provided at least 1 of the states requires standards for licensure equivalent to the requirements for licensure in this Chapter and A.R.S. §§ 32-3401 et seq.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Recommendation of good moral character from 2 health care professionals on a form that shall include the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Applicant's last name, 1st name, and middle initial, and other names used by applicant;</li> <li>b. Applicant's mailing address;</li> <li>c. Applicant's American Occupational Therapy Certification Board or the National Board For Certification In Occupational Therapy certification number;</li> <li>d. Period of time the health care professional has known the applicant;</li> <li>e. Period of time the health care professional has worked with the applicant;</li> <li>f. A statement that the health care professional considers the applicant to be of good moral character;</li> <li>g. Address, city, state, and zip code where the health care professional worked with the applicant;</li> <li>h. A description of the professional relationship or professional experience with the applicant and why the health care professional recommends the applicant for an occupational therapy license;</li> <li>i. Name, address, and telephone number of the health care professional;</li> <li>j. The professional license or certification number and issuing agency of the health care professional;</li> <li>k. The health care professional's signature and date.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p><b>Arkansas</b></p>	<p><b><u>Statute:</u> Arkansas Code §17-88-302, Qualifications of applicants.</b></p> <p>Each applicant must meet the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The applicant must be an individual at least eighteen (18) years of age;</li> <li>(2) The applicant must be of good moral character;</li> <li>(3) (A) The applicant must have successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy with concentration in biologic or physical science, psychology, and sociology, and with education in selected manual skills.</li> </ol>

	<p>(B) For an occupational therapist, the program shall be accredited by the American Medical Association in collaboration with the American Occupational Therapy Association and shall lead to the awarding of a bachelor's or master's level degree or advanced standing certificate in occupational therapy.</p> <p>(C) For an occupational therapy assistant, the program shall be approved by the American Occupational Therapy Association and shall lead to the awarding of an associate level degree in occupational therapy;</p> <p>(4) The applicant must have successfully completed a period of supervised field work experience at a recognized educational institution where he or she met the following academic requirements:</p> <p>(A) For an occupational therapist, a minimum of six (6) months of supervised field work experience is required;</p> <p>(B) For an occupational therapy assistant, a minimum of two (2) months of supervised field work experience at an approved facility other than the one at which the person was previously employed, if applicable, is required; and</p> <p>(5) The applicant must have passed an examination conducted by the Arkansas State Medical Board as provided in § 17-88-304.</p> <p><b>Regulations: Arkansas State Medical Board Regulation Number 6, REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE LICENSING AND PRACTICE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS.</b></p> <p>1. APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE. Any person who plans to practice as a licensed occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant in the state of Arkansas shall, in addition to demonstrating his or her eligibility in accordance with the requirements of Section 7 of Act 381 of 1977, apply for licensure to the Board, on forms and in such a manner as the Board shall prescribe.</p> <p>2. EXAMINATION. All occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants are required to pass an examination, approved by the Board, for licensure to practice the profession in Arkansas, except as otherwise provided in Arkansas Code 17-88-103. The Board has adopted for this purpose the examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy for the certification of occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants. For this purpose the Board shall follow the schedule, format and acceptable passing scores set by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy and its designated agent. Applicants may obtain their examination scores in accordance with such rules as the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy may establish.</p>
<p><b>California</b></p>	<p><b>Statute: California Business and Professions Code, Division 2, Chapter 5.6, §2570.6.</b></p> <p>An applicant applying for a license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall file with the board a written application provided by the board, showing to the satisfaction of the board that he or she meets all of the following requirements:</p> <p>(a) That the applicant is in good standing and has not committed acts or crimes constituting grounds for denial of a license under Section 480.</p> <p>(b) (1) That the applicant has successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program for occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants that is approved by the board and accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association's Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE), or accredited or approved by the American Occupational Therapy Association's (AOTA) predecessor organization, or approved by AOTA's Career Mobility Program.</p> <p>(2) The curriculum of an educational program for occupational therapists shall contain the content required by the ACOTE accreditation standards, or as approved by AOTA's predecessor organization, or as approved by AOTA's Career Mobility Program.</p> <p>(c) (1) For an applicant who is a graduate of an occupational therapy or occupational therapy assistant educational program who is unable to provide evidence of having met the requirements of paragraph (2) of subdivision (b), he or she may demonstrate passage of the examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy,</p>

	<p>the American Occupational Therapy Certification Board, or the American Occupational Therapy Association, as evidence of having successfully satisfied the requirements of paragraph (2) of subdivision (b).</p> <p>(2) For an applicant who completed AOTA's Career Mobility Program, he or she shall demonstrate participation in the program and passage of the examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, the American Occupational Therapy Certification Board, or the American Occupational Therapy Association, as evidence of having successfully satisfied the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (b).</p> <p>(d) That the applicant has successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience approved by the board and arranged by a recognized educational institution where he or she met the academic requirements of subdivision (b) or (c) or arranged by a nationally recognized professional association. The fieldwork requirements for applicants applying for licensure as an occupational therapist or certification as an occupational therapy assistant shall be consistent with the requirements of the ACOTE accreditation standards, or AOTA's predecessor organization, or AOTA's Career Mobility Program, that were in effect when the applicant completed his or her educational program.</p> <p>(e) That the applicant has passed an examination as provided in Section 2570.7.</p> <p>(f) That the applicant, at the time of application, is a person over 18 years of age, is not addicted to alcohol or any controlled substance, and has not committed acts or crimes constituting grounds for denial of licensure under Section 480.</p> <p><b>Regulation: California Code of Regulations Title 16, Division 39, Article 2, §4110, Application.</b></p> <p>(a) An application for a license or limited permit shall be submitted on the form entitled Initial Application for Licensure, Form ILA, (Rev. 7/2016), hereby incorporated by reference, or by providing the same information via on-line submission, if available, and shall contain the information required by sections 30, 144, 851, 2570.5, 2570.6, 2570.7, 2570.8, 2570.9, 2570.14, and 2570.16 of the Code and Family Code section 17520, accompanied by the appropriate fees.</p> <p>(b) For an applicant applying for licensure pursuant to section 2570.15 of the Code, "substantially equal" means that the applicant has successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program, including the educational program and supervised fieldwork requirements, for an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant that are approved by the board and approved by the foreign credentialing review process of the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), the American Occupational Therapy Certification Board, or the American Occupational Therapy Association.</p>
<p><b>Colorado</b></p>	<p><b>Statute: Colorado Revised Statutes §12-270-107, Licensure of occupational therapists - application - qualifications.</b></p> <p>(1) Educational and experiential requirements. Every applicant for a license as an occupational therapist must have:</p> <p>(a) Successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program for occupational therapists that is offered by an institution of higher education and accredited by a national, regional, or state agency recognized by the United States secretary of education, or another program accredited thereby and approved by the director;</p> <p>(b) Successfully completed a minimum period of supervised fieldwork experience required by the recognized educational institution where the applicant met the academic requirements described in subsection (1)(a) of this section. The minimum period of fieldwork experience for an occupational therapist is twenty-four weeks of supervised fieldwork experience or satisfaction of any generally recognized past standards that identified minimum fieldwork requirements at the time of graduation.</p> <p>(2) Application.</p> <p>(a) When an applicant has fulfilled the requirements of subsection (1) of this section, the applicant may apply for examination and licensure upon payment of a fee in an amount determined by the director. A person who fails an examination may apply for reexamination upon payment of a fee in an amount determined by the director.</p> <p>(b) The application shall be in the form and manner designated by the director.</p>

(3) Examination. Each applicant shall pass a nationally recognized examination approved by the director that measures the minimum level of competence necessary for public health, safety, and welfare.

(4) Licensure. When an applicant has fulfilled the requirements of subsections (1) to (3) of this section, the director shall issue a license to the applicant; except that the director may deny a license if the applicant has committed any act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under section 12-270-114.

**Regulation: Colorado Revised Code 3 CCR 715-1, Rule 1.4 Occupational Therapist Licensure by Examination.**

**A. Criteria for application.**

1. An applicant must submit to the Director a completed application for licensure, all fees, and all supporting documentation required by the Director in order for the Director to review the application for licensure.
2. An applicant for licensure must pass the required examination, meet the requirements and become licensed within one year of the application receipt date. If the applicant fails to become licensed within this time period, the applicant must submit a new application and fee and meet the requirements in effect at the time of the new application. Licensure applicants have a continuing obligation to update their own application with information of changes from the original application at any time prior to licensure.

**B. Education requirements.**

1. An applicant for licensure must meet the educational requirements outlined in section 12-270-107(1), C.R.S.
2. An applicant for licensure must have successfully completed an educational program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE ®) [all references to ACOTE in these Rules include its predecessor] or education approved by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT), or other educational program as approved by the Director.
3. An applicant for licensure must have successfully completed supervised fieldwork required by the education program where the applicant met the educational requirements outlined in this Rule. The minimum period of supervised fieldwork that met generally recognized past accreditation standards in effect at the time of the applicant's graduation.
4. An applicant who has been certified as an Occupational Therapist by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) [all references to NBCOT in these Rules include its predecessors], shall be deemed to have met the educational and experiential requirements for licensure set forth in Rule 1.4(B)(2) and (3), above.

**C. Examination**

1. The examination developed by NBCOT is approved. An applicant must achieve at least the passing score as determined by NBCOT in order to be eligible for licensure.

**D. Licensure.**

1. An applicant who has complied with the requirements in this Rule and who achieved a passing score on the NBCOT examination within two years immediately preceding submission of an application for licensure is eligible licensure by examination.
2. An applicant who achieved a passing score on the NBCOT examination more than two years preceding submission of an application for licensure is not eligible for licensure by examination. Such applicant must apply for licensure by:
  - a. Endorsement of licensure or registration in another jurisdiction in accordance with Rule 1.5; or,
  - b. Retaking and achieving a passing score on the NBCOT examination within two years immediately preceding submission of an application for licensure. For purposes of this Rule, the applicant may take the examination as a Licensure Only candidate through NBCOT. The applicant must comply with Rule 1.4 and otherwise meet the requirements for licensure.
  - c. Upon a showing of good cause by the applicant, the Director may waive the time limitation in paragraph (D)(1) of this Rule. Any such waiver shall be based upon the circumstances relating to the particular individual's application. It is

	<p>anticipated that such waivers would be rare. The decision to grant or deny such a waiver shall be within the sole discretion of the Director and is not subject to appeal.</p>
<p><b>Connecticut</b></p>	<p><b>Statute: Connecticut General Statutes §20-74b, Licensing examination.</b>  Any person who  (1) if an applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist, has attained a bachelor's degree and has graduated from an educational program accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association, or has completed educational preparation deemed equivalent by the commissioner, or if an applicant for licensure as an occupational therapy assistant, has attained an associate's degree or its equivalent and has graduated from an educational program approved by the American Occupational Therapy Association, or has completed educational preparation deemed equivalent by the commissioner, and  (2) has successfully completed not less than twenty-four weeks of supervised field work experience in the case of an occupational therapy applicant or eight weeks of such field work in the case of an occupational therapy assistant applicant at a recognized educational institution or a training program approved by the educational institution where he met the academic requirements, and  (3) has successfully completed an examination prescribed by the commissioner shall be eligible for licensure as an occupational therapist or assistant.</p> <p>An applicant who has practiced as an occupational therapy assistant for four years with a minimum of twenty-four weeks of supervised field experience and has earned a bachelor's degree shall be eligible for licensure as an occupational therapist, provided such applicant has successfully completed the examination for licensure not later than January 1, 1988.</p> <p>The department shall prescribe examinations for licensure and their passing scores.</p>
<p><b>Delaware</b></p>	<p><b>Statute: Delaware Code §24-20-2008, Qualifications of applicant; report to Attorney General; judicial review.</b>  (a) An applicant who is applying for licensure as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant under this chapter shall submit evidence, verified by oath and satisfactory to the Board, that such person:  (1) Has successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the Board; and  a. The occupational therapy educational program shall be accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE);  b. The occupational therapy assistant educational program shall be accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE);  (2) Has successfully completed a period of supervised field work experience arranged by the recognized educational institution where the person has met the academic requirements, or by the nationally recognized professional association;  (3) Has achieved the passing score on the written standardized examination developed by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc., or its successor;  (4) Shall not have been the recipient of any administrative penalties regarding that person's practice of occupational therapy, including but not limited to fines, formal reprimands, license suspensions or revocation (except for license revocations for nonpayment of license renewal fees), probationary limitations and/or has not entered into any "consent agreements" which contain conditions placed by a Board on that person's professional conduct and practice, including any voluntary surrender of a license. The Board may determine, after a hearing, whether such administrative penalty is grounds to deny licensure;  (5) Shall not have any impairment related to drugs, alcohol or a finding of mental incompetence by a physician that would limit the applicant's ability to undertake the practice of occupational therapy in a manner consistent with the safety of the public;</p>



(6) Shall not have a criminal conviction record, nor pending criminal charge relating to an offense, the circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice of occupational therapy. Applicants who have criminal conviction records or pending criminal charges shall require appropriate authorities to provide information about the record or charge directly to the Board in sufficient specificity to enable the Board to make a determination whether the record or charge is substantially related to the practice of occupational therapy. However, after a hearing or review of documentation demonstrating that the applicant meets the specified criteria for a waiver, the Board, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum, may waive this paragraph (a)(6), if it finds all of the following:

- a. For waiver of a felony conviction, more than 5 years have elapsed since the date of the conviction. At the time of the application the applicant may not be incarcerated, on work release, on probation, on parole or serving any part of a suspended sentence and must be in substantial compliance with all court orders pertaining to fines, restitution and community service.
- b. For waiver of a misdemeanor conviction or violation, at the time of the application the applicant may not be incarcerated, on work release, on probation, on parole or serving any part of a suspended sentence and must be in substantial compliance with all court orders pertaining to fines, restitution and community service.
- c. The applicant is capable of practicing occupational therapy in a competent and professional manner.
- d. The granting of the waiver will not endanger the public health, safety or welfare;

(7) Shall not have been convicted of a felony sexual offense;

(8) Has submitted, at the applicant's expense, fingerprints and other necessary information in order to obtain the following:

- a. A report of the applicant's entire criminal history record from the State Bureau of Identification or a statement from the State Bureau of Identification that the State Central Repository contains no such information relating to that person;
- b. A report of the applicant's entire federal criminal history record pursuant to the Federal Bureau of Investigation appropriation of Title II of Public Law 92-544 (28 U.S.C. § 534). The State Bureau of Identification shall be the intermediary for purposes of this section and the Board of Occupational Therapy Practice shall be the screening point for the receipt of said federal criminal history records;
- c. An applicant may not be licensed to practice occupational therapy until the applicant's criminal history reports have been produced. An applicant whose record shows a prior criminal conviction may not be licensed by the Board unless a waiver is granted pursuant to paragraph (a)(6) of this section.

(b) Where the Board has found to its satisfaction that an application has been intentionally fraudulent, or that false information has been intentionally supplied, it shall report its findings to the Attorney General for further action.

(c) Where the application of a person has been refused or rejected and such applicant feels that the Board has acted without justification; has imposed higher or different standards for that applicant than for other applicants or licensees; or has in some other manner contributed to or caused the failure of such application, the applicant may appeal to the Superior Court.

(d) All individuals licensed to practice occupational therapy in this State shall be required to be fingerprinted by the State Bureau of Identification, at the licensee's expense, for the purposes of performing subsequent criminal background checks. Licensees shall submit by January 1, 2016, at the applicant's expense, fingerprints and other necessary information in order to obtain a criminal background check.

**Regulation: Delaware Administrative Code Title 24, Regulation 2000, Licensure Procedures.**

2.1 To apply for an initial license, including relicensure after expiration, an applicant shall submit to the Board:

2.1.1 A completed notarized application on the form approved by the Board;

2.1.2 Verification of a passing score on the NBCOT standardized exam submitted by the exam service or NBCOT;

	<p>2.1.2.1 If the date of application for licensure is more than three years following the successful completion of the NBCOT exam, the applicant shall submit proof of twenty (20) hours of continuing education in the two years preceding the application in accordance with Section 5.0 of these rules and regulations.</p> <p>2.1.3 Official transcript and proof of successful completion of field work submitted by the school directly to the Board office;</p> <p>2.1.4 Fee payable to the State of Delaware.</p>
<p><b>District of Columbia</b></p>	<p><b>Statute: DC Code §3-1205.03, General qualifications of applicants.</b></p> <p>(a) An individual applying for a license under this chapter shall establish to the satisfaction of the board regulating the health occupation that the individual:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Has not been convicted of an offense which bears directly on the fitness of the individual to be licensed;</li> <li>(2) Is at least 18 years of age;</li> <li>(3) Has successfully completed the additional requirements set forth in § 3-1205.04 and subchapters VI, VII, VIII and VIII-A of this chapter, as applicable;</li> <li>(4) Has passed an examination, administered by the board or recognized by the Mayor pursuant to § 3-1205.06, to practice the health occupation; and</li> <li>(5) Meets any other requirements established by the Mayor by rule to assure that the applicant has had the proper training, experience, and qualifications to practice the health occupation.</li> </ol> <p>(b) The board may grant a license to an applicant whose education and training in the health occupation has been successfully completed in a foreign school, college, university, or training program if the applicant otherwise qualifies for licensure and if the board determines, in accordance with rules issued by the Mayor, that the education and training are substantially equivalent to the requirements of this chapter in assuring that the applicant has the proper training, experience, and qualifications to practice the health occupation.</p> <p>(c) The board may deny a license to an applicant whose license to practice a health occupation was revoked or suspended in another state if the basis of the license revocation or suspension would have caused a similar result in the District, or if the applicant is the subject of pending disciplinary action regarding his or her right to practice in another state.</p> <p>(d) The references in § 3-1205.04 and subchapters VI, VII, VIII and VIII-A of this chapter to named professional organizations and governmental entities for purposes of accreditation or the administration of national examinations shall be considered to refer to successor organizations or entities upon a determination by the Mayor that the successor is substantially equivalent in standards and purposes as the organization or entity named in this chapter.</p> <p><b>Regulation: DC Municipal Regulations Title 17, Chapter 6302, EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.</b></p> <p>6302.1 Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, an applicant for a license to practice occupational therapy shall furnish proof satisfactory to the Board, in accordance with § 504(g)(1) of the Act, D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.04(g)(1), that the applicant has done the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Successfully completed an educational program for occupational therapists that is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE); and</li> <li>(b) Successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience required by the recognized educational institution where the applicant fulfilled his or her academic requirements.</li> </ol> <p><b>Regulation: DC Municipal Regulations Title 17, Chapter 6304, NATIONAL EXAMINATION.</b></p> <p>6304.1 To qualify for licensure as an occupational therapist or occupation therapy assistant, the applicant shall pass the certification examination as developed by the NBCOT.</p>

	<p>6304.2 The passing score on the national examinations shall be the passing score established by NBCOT.</p> <p>6304.3 An applicant shall submit a completed application to the Board and arrange for examination results to be sent by NBCOT, directly to the Board.</p> <p>6304.4 An applicant who is working under a supervised practice letter and who has failed the national examination shall immediately cease working as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant.</p>
<p><b>Florida</b></p>	<p><b>Statute: Florida Statutes §468.209, Requirements for licensure.</b></p> <p>(1) An applicant applying for a license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall file a written application, accompanied by the application for licensure fee prescribed in s. 468.221, on forms provided by the department, showing to the satisfaction of the board that she or he:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Is of good moral character.</li> <li>(b) Has successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the board, with concentration in biologic or physical science, psychology, and sociology, and with education in selected manual skills. Such a program shall be accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association's Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education, or its successor.</li> <li>(c) Has successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience at a recognized educational institution or a training program approved by the educational institution where she or he met the academic requirements. For an occupational therapist, a minimum of 6 months of supervised fieldwork experience is required. For an occupational therapy assistant, a minimum of 2 months of supervised fieldwork experience is required.</li> <li>(d) Has passed an examination conducted or adopted by the board as provided in s. 468.211.</li> </ul> <p>(2) An applicant who has practiced as a state-licensed or American Occupational Therapy Association-certified occupational therapy assistant for 4 years and who, before January 24, 1988, completed a minimum of 24 weeks of supervised occupational-therapist-level fieldwork experience may take the examination to be licensed as an occupational therapist without meeting the educational requirements for occupational therapists made otherwise applicable under paragraph (1)(b).</p> <p>(3) If the board determines that an applicant is qualified to be licensed by endorsement under s. 468.213, the board may issue the applicant a temporary permit to practice occupational therapy until the next board meeting at which license applications are to be considered, but not for a longer period of time. Only one temporary permit by endorsement shall be issued to an applicant, and it shall not be renewable.</p> <p>(4) If the board determines that the applicant has not passed an examination, which examination is recognized by the board, to determine competence to practice occupational therapy and is not qualified to be licensed by endorsement, but has otherwise met all the requirements of this section and has made application for the next scheduled examination, the board may issue the applicant a temporary permit allowing her or him to practice occupational therapy under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist until notification of the results of the examination. An individual who has passed the examination may continue to practice occupational therapy under her or his temporary permit until the next meeting of the board. An individual who has failed the examination shall not continue to practice occupational therapy under her or his temporary permit; and such permit shall be deemed revoked upon notification to the board of the examination results and the subsequent, immediate notification by the board to the applicant of the revocation. Only one temporary permit by examination shall be issued to an applicant, and it shall not be renewable. However, applicants enrolled in a full-time advanced master's occupational therapy education program who have completed all requirements for licensure except examination shall, upon written request, be granted a temporary permit valid for 6 months even if that period extends beyond the next examination, provided the applicant has not failed the examination. This permit shall remain valid only while the applicant remains a full-time student and, upon written request, shall be renewed once for an additional 6 months.</p>

	<p>(5) An applicant seeking reentry into the profession who has not been in active practice within the last 5 years must, prior to applying for licensure, submit to the board documentation of continuing education as prescribed by rule.</p> <p><b>Regulation: Florida Administrative Code 64B11-2, 2.006 Examination; Passing Grade.</b>  The examination to be used for licensure by examination shall be that examination developed by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy Practice (NBCOT). Every applicant for licensure by examination shall obtain at least the passing score as determined by NBCOT. Every applicant shall request the scores be sent to the Board by the professional examination service. Licensure shall not be granted without proof of passing score. Applicants approved for licensure contingent upon passage of the examination shall have twelve months from the date of approval by the Board to take the examination and submit proof of scores. Any requests for information concerning examination results (areas of weakness, if failed, etc.) should be sent directly to the professional examination service.</p>
<p><b>Georgia</b></p>	<p><b>Statute: Code of Georgia §43-28-9, Qualifications of license applicants; waiver.</b>  (a) An applicant applying for a license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall file an application, on forms provided by the board, showing to the satisfaction of the board that such applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Is of good moral character;</li> <li>(2) Has successfully completed the academic requirements of an accredited educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the board, with concentration in biological or physical science, psychology, and sociology and with education in selected manual skills. For an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant, such a program shall be accredited by a recognized accrediting agency acceptable to the board. Other comparable educational programs such as those approved by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists may be recognized by the board upon evaluation of detailed program and course content. An applicant who is foreign trained shall complete an academic program that is recognized or approved by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists or such other credentialing entity recognized by the board;</li> <li>(3) Has successfully completed a period of supervised field work experience approved by the board; and</li> <li>(4) Has passed an examination approved by the board as provided for in Code Section 43-28-10.</li> </ul> <p>(b) An applicant not meeting the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section must indicate to the board that he or she has obtained a waiver of such requirements pursuant to Code Section 43-28-11.</p> <p><b>Regulation: Georgia Regulations Chapter 671-3, LICENSE REQUIREMENTS.</b>  <b>Rule 671-3-.01 Application.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Any occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant who plans to practice as a licensed occupational therapist or licensed occupational therapy assistant in the State of Georgia shall apply for licensure to the Board, on forms provided by the Board.</li> <li>2. In order to meet the Georgia requirements for licensure, an applicant must submit an affidavit stating that the applicant is a U.S. citizen or an affidavit stating that the applicant is lawfully present in the U.S. under federal immigration law and O.C.G.A.</li> <li>3. Lawful presence in the U.S. must be documented by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) submitting an identification document listed as a secure and verifiable document on the list maintained by the Office of the Georgia Attorney General under O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1; and,</li> <li>b) an affidavit of citizenship that complies with the provisions of federal immigration law and O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(f)(1)(B).</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Both the secure and verifiable document and affidavit of citizenship must be submitted to the Board to complete the licensure application.</li> </ol>

	<p>5. Applicants for occupational therapy or occupational therapy assistant licensure in Georgia must meet all requirements for licensure as defined within the statute and Board Rules prior to issuance of a license.</p> <p><b>Rule 671-3-.02 References.</b> Three references will be required on forms provided by the Board from individuals who have knowledge of the applicant's professional training or experience within the last five years. At least one professional reference must be from certified or licensed occupational therapy practitioner. The second professional reference may be from another certified or licensed occupational therapy practitioner or any other licensed healthcare professional. The third and final reference must be a personal reference.</p> <p><b>Rule 671-3-.03 Examination.</b> All applicants for licensure as occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants are required to pass the nationally recognized examination administered by National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), except as otherwise provided in O.C.G.A. §43-28-11.</p> <p><b>Rule 671-3-.04 Passing Score.</b> Passing score of the examination will be determined by the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).</p>
<b>Guam</b>	<p><b>Statute: Guam Code Annotated Title 10, Chapter 12, Article 14, §121402. Qualifications for Licensure; Occupational Therapist.</b> (a) Educational Requirements. Applicants shall present satisfactory evidence to the Board of having successfully completed academic and fieldwork experience requirements in an occupational therapy educational program recognized by the Board. The occupational therapy educational program shall be accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association or the current governing board. The applicant must also:  (1) possess at least a bachelor's degree or certificate in occupational therapy from the U.S. or from a foreign program recognized by the NBCOT; and  (2) submit transcripts from an approved school of occupational therapy in the U.S., or from a foreign program recognized by the NBCOT, unless already submitted to a government of Guam health agency.  (b) Fieldwork Experience. Applicants shall submit to the Board evidence of having successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience arranged by the recognized educational institution or by the nationally recognized professional association where the applicant has met the academic requirements. Occupational therapists must have a minimum of six (6) months or nine hundred forty (940) hours of supervised fieldwork experience.</p>
<b>Hawaii</b>	<p><b>Statute: Hawaii Revised Statutes §457G-2, Qualifications of occupational therapists.</b> (a) To qualify for licensure in this state, occupational therapists shall have completed the educational requirements and supervised field work experience required for certification by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, and shall have passed a national certification examination administered by that association.  (b) In the case of foreign-trained persons, the applicant for an occupational therapy license shall have completed the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy eligibility determination process for occupational therapists and shall have passed a national certification examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy.</p>
<b>Idaho</b>	<p><b>Statute: Idaho Statutes §54-3706, REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE.</b> A person applying for a license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall file a written application provided by the board showing to the satisfaction of the board that such person meets the following requirements:</p>

	<p>(1) Education: Applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the board of having successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy that is accredited by the American occupational therapy association's accreditation council for occupational therapy education (ACOTE) or predecessor or a successor organization as established in rule and approved by the licensure board.</p> <p>(2) Experience: Applicant shall submit to the licensure board evidence of having successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience acceptable to the board, which period of fieldwork experience shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) For an occupational therapist, a minimum of six (6) months of supervised fieldwork experience; or</li> <li>(b) For an occupational therapy assistant, a minimum of four (4) months of supervised fieldwork experience.</li> </ul> <p>(3) Examination: An applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall pass an examination as provided for in section 54-3708, Idaho Code.</p> <p>(4) Is in good standing.</p> <p><b><u>Regulations: Idaho Administrative Code 24.06.01.020, GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE.</u></b></p> <p>01. Applicant. The Board may refuse licensure if it finds the applicant has engaged in conduct prohibited by Section 54-3718, Idaho Code; provided, the Board shall take into consideration the rehabilitation of the applicant and other mitigating circumstances.</p> <p>02. Education. Each applicant shall provide evidence of successful completion of the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy that is accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association's Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE), or by a predecessor or successor organization recognized by the United States Secretary of Education, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, or both.</p> <p>03. Examination. Each applicant shall either pass an examination required by the Board or shall be entitled to apply for licensure by endorsement or limited permit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The written examination shall be the examination conducted by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT) and the passing score shall be the passing score established by the NBCOT.</li> <li>b. An applicant for licensure by examination who fails to pass the examination on two (2) attempts must submit a new application.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Illinois</b></p>	<p><b><u>Statute: Illinois Consolidated Statutes §225 ILCS 75/8.</u></b></p> <p>Sec. 8. A person shall be qualified for licensure as an occupational therapist if that person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) has applied in writing in form and substance to the Department;</li> <li>(2) (blank);</li> <li>(3) has completed an occupational therapy program leading to a masters or doctoral degree, or its equivalent, approved by the Department; and</li> <li>(4) has successfully completed the examination authorized by the Department within the past 5 years.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Regulation: Illinois Administrative Code, Section 1315.110, Application for Licensure.</u></b></p> <p>a) Any person seeking licensure as a registered occupational therapist shall file an application with the Division, on forms supplied by the Division, along with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Certification that the applicant has completed an approved program of occupational therapy as set forth in Section 1315.100;</li> <li>2) Verification of the successful completion of the Certification Examination for Occupational Therapist, which shall be received directly from the designated testing service;</li> <li>3) Verification of approval to sit for the examination if an applicant wishes to practice prior to passing the examination pursuant to Section 3(6) of the Illinois Occupational Therapy Act [225 ILCS 75] (Act);</li> </ul>

	<p>4) The required fee set forth in Section 1315.130(a) of this Part; and</p> <p>5) Certification, on forms provided by the Division, from the jurisdiction in which the applicant was originally licensed and is currently licensed, if applicable, stating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) The time during which the applicant was licensed in that jurisdiction, including the date of the original issuance of the license;</li> <li>B) A description of the examination in that jurisdiction; and</li> <li>C) Whether the file on the applicant contains any record of disciplinary actions taken or pending.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Indiana</b></p>	<p><b><u>Statute: Indiana Code §25-23.5-5, Certification; Examinations.</u></b></p> <p><b>Application; contents</b></p> <p>Sec. 1. (a) A person who applies for a license as an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant must present satisfactory evidence to the committee that the person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) does not have a conviction for a crime that has a direct bearing on the person's ability to practice competently;</li> <li>(2) has not been the subject of a disciplinary action by a licensing or certification agency of another state or jurisdiction on the grounds that the person was not able to practice as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant without endangering the public;</li> <li>(3) has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) before July 1, 2006, graduated from a school or program of occupational therapy or a program for occupational therapy assistants approved by the board; or</li> <li>(B) after June 30, 2006, graduated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) with a master's degree or its equivalent from a school or program of occupational therapy; or</li> <li>(ii) from a program for occupational therapy assistants; approved by the board;</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>(4) has passed an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant licensing examination approved by the board under section 4.5 of this chapter; and</li> <li>(5) has met the clinical experience requirements established by the board.</li> </ul> <p>(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), an occupational therapist who received an initial license in occupational therapy before July 1, 2006, is not required to meet the requirements under subsection (a)(3)(B) or (a)(5).</p> <p><b>Application; supervised fieldwork experience.</b></p> <p>Sec. 2. (a) The board may require a person who applies for a license as an occupational therapist to have successfully completed supervised fieldwork experience arranged and approved by the school or program from which the person graduated. (b) The board may require a person who applies for a license as an occupational therapy assistant to have successfully completed supervised fieldwork experience arranged and approved by the program from which the person graduated.</p> <p><b><u>Regulation: Indiana Administrative Code §884 IAC 10-3-2, Licensure by examination.</u></b></p> <p>Sec. 2. The committee shall issue a license by examination to an applicant who completes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Applies in the form and manner prescribed by the committee.</li> <li>(2) Submits the fees specified in 844 IAC 10-2-1.</li> <li>(3) Successfully completes the examination required by the committee for licensure as an occupational therapist.</li> <li>(4) Successfully completes the examination required by the committee for licensure as an occupational therapy assistant.</li> </ul>

	<p>(5) Submits two (2) recent passport-quality photographs of the applicant, approximately two (2) inches by two (2) inches in size, signed by the applicant, shall be submitted with each application.</p> <p>(6) Submits an official transcript of grades from which the applicant obtained the applicant's degree that shows that all requirements for graduation have been met.</p> <p>(7) Submits a certified copy of a diploma to the committee of the applicant's graduation from a school or program of occupational therapy or a program of occupational therapy assistants approved by the board that meets the standards set by the board under 844 IAC 10-1-2.</p> <p>(8) Otherwise meets the requirements of IC 25-23.5-5.</p>
<p><b>Iowa</b></p>	<p><b><u>Statute: Iowa Code §148B.5, Requirements for licensure.</u></b>  An applicant applying for a license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant must file a written application on forms provided by the board, showing to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant meets the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Successful completion of the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the board. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. For an occupational therapist, the program must be one accredited by the accreditation council for occupational therapy education of the American occupational therapy association.</li> <li>b. For an occupational therapy assistant, the program must be one approved by the American occupational therapy association.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Successful completion of a period of supervised field work experience at a recognized educational institution or a training program approved by the educational institution where the applicant met the academic requirements. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. For an occupational therapist, a minimum of six months of supervised field work experience is required.</li> <li>b. For an occupational therapy assistant, a minimum of two months of supervised field work experience is required.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Pass an examination, either in electronic or written form, satisfactory to the board and in accordance with rules.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Regulation: Iowa Administrative Code Division 645, Chapter 206 Licensure of Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants.</u></b>  <b>645–206.2. Initial Licensure.</b>  The following criteria shall apply to licensure. The applicant shall:</p> <p><b>206.2(1)</b> Submit a complete online application and pay the nonrefundable fee specified in rule 645—5.11(147,148B).</p> <p><b>206.2(2)</b> Submit an official copy of academic transcripts directly from the school to the board. No application will be considered by the board until official copies of academic transcripts have been received.</p> <p><b>206.2(3)</b> Direct the examination service to submit examination scores directly to the board.</p> <p><b>206.2(4)</b> Provide verification of license(s) from every jurisdiction in which the applicant has been licensed, sent directly from the jurisdiction(s) to the board office. Web-based verification may be substituted for verification direct from the jurisdiction’s board office if it provides:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Licensee’s name;</li> <li>b. Date of initial licensure;</li> <li>c. Current licensure status; and</li> <li>d. Any disciplinary action taken against the license.</li> </ol>



	<p><b>645–206.5. Examination requirements.</b> The following criteria shall apply to the written examination(s): <b>206.5(1)</b> The applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist shall have received a passing score on the licensure examination for occupational therapists. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make arrangements to take the examination and have the official results submitted directly from the examination service to the board of physical and occupational therapy.</p> <p><b>645–206.6. Educational qualifications.</b> <b>206.6(1)</b> The applicant must present proof of meeting the following requirements for licensure as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant: a. Occupational therapist. The applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist shall have completed the requirements for a degree in occupational therapy in an occupational therapy program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association. The transcript shall show completion of a supervised fieldwork experience. <b>206.6(2)</b> Foreign-trained occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants. To become eligible to take the licensure examination, internationally educated occupational therapists must meet NBCOT eligibility requirements and undergo prescreening based on the status of their occupational therapy educational programs.</p>
<p><b>Kansas</b></p>	<p><b>Statute: Kansas Statutes §65-5406, Application for licensure; requirements.</b> (a) An applicant applying for licensure as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall file a written application on forms provided by the board, showing to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant meets the following requirements: (1) Education: The applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the board of having successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the board. (2) Experience: The applicant shall submit to the board evidence of having successfully completed a period of supervised field work at a minimum recognized by the board. (3) Examination: The applicant shall pass an examination as provided for in K.S.A. 65-5407 and amendments thereto. (4) Fees: The applicants shall pay to the board all applicable fees established under K.S.A. 65-5409 and amendments thereto. (b) The board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing the criteria which an educational program in occupational therapy shall satisfy to be recognized by the board under paragraph (1) of subsection (a). The board may send a questionnaire developed by the board to any school or other entity conducting an educational program in occupational therapy for which the board does not have sufficient information to determine whether the program should be recognized by the board and whether the program meets the rules and regulations adopted under this section. The questionnaire providing the necessary information shall be completed and returned to the board in order for the program to be considered for recognition. The board may contract with investigative agencies, commissions or consultants to assist the board in obtaining information about an educational program in occupational therapy. In entering such contracts the authority to recognize an educational program in occupational therapy shall remain solely with the board.</p> <p><b>Regulation: Kansas Administrative Code Agency 100, Article 54 – Occupational Therapy.</b> <b>§100-54-2, Education requirements.</b> (a) An educational program for licensure as an occupational therapist shall be recognized by the board if the program meets the “standards for an accredited educational program for the occupational therapist,” adopted December 1998 by the accreditation council for occupational therapy education and hereby adopted by reference. (b) An educational program for licensure as an occupational therapy assistant shall be recognized by the board if the program meets the</p>

	<p>“standards for an accredited educational program for the occupational therapy assistant,” adopted December 1998 by the accreditation council for occupational therapy education and hereby adopted by reference.</p> <p><b>§100-54-3, Examinations.</b></p> <p>(a) Each applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant shall submit proof of having passed a nationally administered, standardized examination. This examination shall be one that is approved by the board and consists of written questions from the following content areas of occupational therapy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Human development and performance;</li> <li>(2) principles and strategies in the identification and evaluation of strengths and needs;</li> <li>(3) principles and strategies in intervention and treatment planning;</li> <li>(4) principles and strategies in intervention;</li> <li>(5) the nature of the occupation and occupational performance;</li> <li>(6) service management; and</li> <li>(7) the individual’s responsibilities as a professional.</li> </ol> <p>(b) In order to qualify as board-approved, the entry-level certification examination for an occupational therapist administered by the national board for certification in occupational therapy, inc. shall meet the standards for an examination established by the board in subsection (a).</p> <p>(c) In order to qualify as board-approved, the entry-level certification examination for an occupational therapy assistant administered by the national board for certification in occupational therapy, inc. shall meet the standards for an examination established by the board in subsection (a).</p> <p>(d) To qualify for a license, each applicant for a license as an occupational therapist and occupational therapy assistant shall obtain a minimum criterion-scaled score of 450 on the required examination.</p> <p><b>§100-54-13. Professional liability insurance.</b></p> <p>(a) Each individual licensed by the board as an occupational therapist shall, before rendering professional services within Kansas, submit to the board evidence that the individual has one of the following types of professional liability insurance coverage:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Individual coverage of not less than \$100,000 per claim, subject to an annual aggregate of not less than \$300,000 for all claims made during the period of coverage; or</li> <li>(2) coverage through the individual's employer under an additional insured policy for which the limit is not less than \$1,000,000 per claim, subject to an annual aggregate of not less than \$3,000,000.</li> </ol> <p>(b) Each individual licensed by the board as an occupational therapist and rendering professional services in Kansas shall submit, with the annual application for renewal of the license, evidence that the individual has the professional liability insurance coverage specified in subsection (a).</p>
<p><b>Kentucky</b></p>	<p><b><u>Statute:</u> Kentucky Revised Statutes §319A.110, Application for license.</b></p> <p>(1) An applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall file a written application on a form provided by the board, showing to the satisfaction of the board that the person:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Is of good moral character; and</li> <li>(b) Has successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy or for occupational therapy assistants accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association’s Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education or its equivalent.</li> </ol>

	<p>(2) An applicant shall submit to the board evidence of successful completion of a period of supervised fieldwork experience arranged by the recognized educational institution where the applicant met the academic requirements. To be considered for licensure, the following minimum amount of supervised fieldwork experience shall have been completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The equivalent of twenty-four (24) weeks for an occupational therapist; and</li> <li>(b) The equivalent of sixteen (16) weeks for an occupational therapy assistant.</li> </ul> <p>(3) An applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall pass an examination as provided for in KRS 319A.120.</p> <p><b><u>Regulation:</u> Kentucky Administrative Regulations 201 KAR 28:060, Requirements for licensure.</b></p> <p>Section 1. Initial Licensure. An applicant for licensure administered by the board who has not previously been licensed, certified, or registered in any state shall submit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) A completed Application Form, Form OTB-1;</li> <li>(2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) A certified copy of an official academic transcript from an occupational therapy or occupational therapy assistant program accredited by the ACOTE or its equivalent indicating that the applicant successfully completed educational and fieldwork requirements; or</li> <li>(b) For applicants trained at an educational facility outside the United States, evidence of legal permission, as furnished by the U.S. Department of Immigration and Naturalization, for employment in the United States;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(3) Electronic verification by the NBCOT that the applicant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Meets the requirements of certification as an OTR or COTA;</li> <li>(b) Is authorized to take the NBCOT or equivalent exam required by KRS 319A.120; or</li> <li>(c) Has requested an official NBCOT Score Transfer Report be sent to the board.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(4) The appropriate fee for licensure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Fifty (50) dollars for an OT/L; or</li> <li>(b) Thirty-five (35) dollars for an OTA/L; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>(5) Evidence of successful completion of the jurisprudence exam.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Louisiana</b></p>	<p><b><u>Statute:</u> Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 37, Chapter 39, §3006, Requirements for licensure.</b></p> <p>An applicant applying for a license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall file a written application on forms provided by the board, showing to the satisfaction of the board that he:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Is of good moral character.</li> <li>(2) Has successfully completed the academic and supervised field work experience requirements to sit for the "Certification Examination for Occupational Therapist, Registered or the Certification Examination for occupational therapy assistant" and is approved by the board.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Statute:</u> Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 37, Chapter 39, §3007, Examination for licensure.</b></p> <p>A. The board shall use the examination administered by an independent agency under contract with the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. (AOTA), to administer the examinations for licensure under this Chapter.</p> <p>B. Any person applying for licensure shall, in addition to demonstrating his eligibility in accordance with the requirements of R.S. 37:3006, make application to the board for review of proof of his current certification by the American Occupational Therapy Association Inc.</p>

	<p>(AOTA), on a form and in such a manner as the board shall prescribe. The application shall be accompanied by the fee fixed in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 37:3013. The board shall determine the criteria for satisfactory performance on the examination, using the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc., criteria as a minimum score. A person who fails an examination may reapply.</p> <p>C. Applicants for licensure shall be examined at a time and place established by the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc., (AOTA). Examinations shall be given at least twice each year within the state.</p> <p><b><u>Regulation:</u> Louisiana Administrative Code Title 46, Part XLV, Subpart 2, Chapter 19, §1907, Qualifications for License.</b></p> <p>A. To be eligible for a license, an applicant shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. be of good moral character as defined by §1903;</li> <li>2. be a citizen of the United States or possess valid and current legal authority to reside and work in the United States duly issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) of the United States, Department of Homeland Security, under and pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act (66 stat. 163) and the commissioner's regulations thereunder (8 CFR);</li> <li>3. have successfully completed the academic and supervised field work experience requirements to sit for the "Certification Examination for Occupational Therapist, Registered" or the "Certification Examination for Occupational Therapy Assistant" as administered for or by the NBCOT or such other certifying entity as may be approved by the board;</li> <li>4. have taken and successfully passed the licensing examination required by the board in accordance with Subchapter D of this Chapter.</li> <li>5. file an application for licensure in a format prescribed by the board;</li> <li>6. present proof of current certification by the NBCOT in a manner as prescribed by the board.</li> </ol> <p>B. The burden of satisfying the board as to the qualifications and eligibility of the applicant for licensure shall be upon the applicant. An applicant shall not be deemed to possess such qualifications unless the applicant demonstrates and evidences such qualifications in the manner prescribed by, and to the satisfaction of, the board.</p> <p>C. In addition to the substantive qualifications specified in §1907.A, to be eligible for a license, an applicant shall satisfy the procedures and requirements for application provided by §§1911 to 1915 of this Chapter and the procedures and requirements for examination provided by §§1917 to 1935 of this Chapter.</p>
<p><b>Maine</b></p>	<p><b><u>Statute:</u> Maine Statutes §32-32-2279, Qualifications.</b></p> <p>An applicant applying for a license as an occupational therapy practitioner must file a written application showing that the applicant meets the following requirements.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Residence.</li> <li>2. Character. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-A. Character references.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Education. An applicant must present evidence satisfactory to the board of having successfully completed the academic and fieldwork requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy or occupational therapy assisting. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The occupational therapy or occupational therapy assisting educational program must be accredited by ACOTE.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Experience.</li> <li>5. Examination. An applicant for licensure as an occupational therapy practitioner must pass an examination as provided for in section 2280-A.</li> </ol>

	<p>6. Licensure. An applicant may be licensed as an occupational therapist if the applicant has practiced as an occupational therapy assistant for 4 years, has completed the level II fieldwork requirements for an occupational therapist before January 1, 1988, and has passed the examination for occupational therapists.</p> <p>7. Certification. An applicant must submit a verification of certification form from NBCOT. The form must be completed and signed by NBCOT. An applicant applying within 3 months of having taken the certification examination who has the examination scores sent directly to the board is exempt from this requirement.</p> <p>8. Fee. An applicant must pay an application fee and license fee as set under section 2285.</p> <p><b>Regulation: Maine Rules 02-477, Chapter 3-A, LICENSURE AS A TEMPORARY LICENSEE, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT.</b></p> <p><b>1. Qualifications for Licensure</b></p> <p>A person applying for licensure as a temporary licensee, occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant shall meet the qualifications for licensure set forth in 32 MRSA §2278, "Temporary License," 32 MRSA §2279, "Qualifications" or 32 MRSA §2284, "Foreign-Trained Applicants."</p> <p><b>2. Application for Licensure</b></p> <p>Application for licensure must be made on forms provided by the board and must be accompanied by the applicable fees prescribed by Chapter 10, Section 5(25) of the rules of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, entitled "Establishment of License Fees." For issuance of a temporary license, completion of the educational program required by 32 MRSA §2278, 2279(3) or §2284(1) must be demonstrated by completion of a Verification of Education form provided by the board, or an official academic transcript issued under the seal of the educational institution. The official academic transcript must be provided before a permanent license will be issued. The character references required by 32 MRSA §2279(2-A) may not be from a person related to the applicant by blood or by marriage. An applicant for a temporary license or licensure as an occupational therapy assistant shall submit documentation of supervision on a form provided by the board. Applicants for all levels of licensure shall also submit, in the form required by the board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Verification of licensure from any jurisdiction in which the applicant was at any time licensed as an occupational therapy practitioner;</li> <li>2. Information relating to any criminal or disciplinary history of the applicant; and</li> <li>3. Such other information as the board may require.</li> </ol>
<b>Maryland</b>	<p><b>Statute: Annotated Code of Maryland §10-302, Qualifications of applicants.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) To qualify for a license, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of this section.</li> <li>(b) The applicant shall be of good moral character.</li> <li>(c) The applicant shall be at least 18 years old.</li> <li>(d) An applicant for an occupational therapist license shall have successfully: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Graduated from an educational program in occupational therapy that is recognized by the Board and accredited by ACOTE or any other nationally recognized programmatic accrediting agency; and</li> <li>(2) Completed the equivalent of at least 6 months of supervised, full-time field work experience at a recognized educational institution or in a training program approved by the educational institution where the applicant met the academic requirements.</li> </ol> </li> <li>(e) An applicant for an occupational therapy assistant license shall have successfully: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Graduated from an educational program for occupational therapy assistants that is recognized by the Board and accredited by ACOTE or any other nationally recognized programmatic accrediting agency; and</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<p>(2) Completed the equivalent of at least 4 months of supervised, full-time field work experience at a recognized educational institution or in a training program approved by the educational institution where the applicant met the academic requirements.</p> <p>(f) The applicant shall pass the appropriate examination given by NBCOT or any other national credentialing organization approved by the Board.</p> <p>(g) The applicant shall submit to a criminal history records check in accordance with § 10-302.1 of this subtitle.</p> <p><b>Regulation: Code of Maryland Regulations 10.46.02, Licensure.</b></p> <p>D. Application Procedures for Licensure. To apply for a license, an applicant shall submit the following documentation to the Board within the time frame specified on the application:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) An application completed in accordance with the directions provided;</li> <li>2) Verification of:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Initial certification or examination from the NBCOT; or</li> <li>b) Examination score from the testing agency within 60 days of examination;</li> </ol> </li> <li>3) Two letters attesting to the applicant's moral character, compliant with forms provided by the Board;</li> <li>4) An approved form of payment in the amount of the application fee established by the Board in COMAR 10.46.05.01;</li> <li>5) If currently, or previously, authorized to practice in any other state or country, or both, documentation from the appropriate authority of that state or country verifying:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Licensure;</li> <li>b) Registration; or</li> <li>c) Certification;</li> </ol> </li> <li>6) Verification of successful completion of the Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Jurisprudence Examination; and</li> <li>7) Documentation certifying:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Maintenance of Current Certification with the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT); or</li> <li>b) Completion of continuing competency activities, as specified in COMAR 10.46.04.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p><b>Massachusetts</b></p>	<p><b>Statutes: Massachusetts General Laws Title XVI, Chapter 112, §23G, Occupational therapists; qualifications.</b></p> <p>An applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) successfully completed an accredited occupational therapist educational program approved by the board,</li> <li>(b) successfully completed the therapist level field work requirements as stipulated in the essentials of an accredited educational program for the occupational therapist or its equivalent,</li> <li>(c) successfully passed an examination approved by the board for licensure as an occupational therapist. Such examination shall be written and shall test the applicants' knowledge of the basic and clinical sciences related to the occupational therapy theory and practice, including the applicant's professional skills and judgements in the utilization of occupational therapy techniques and methods, and such other subjects as the board may deem useful to determine the applicant's fitness to act as an occupational therapist. The examination shall be conducted by the board at least twice each year and at times and places to be determined by the board; provided, however, that the board may utilize any existing national examination that meets the requirements in this section.</li> </ol> <p><b>Regulation: Code of Massachusetts Regulations 259 CMR 2.02, Licensing Process.</b></p> <p>(2) Applicants Seeking Licensure by Examination.</p>

	<p>(a) Applicants seeking licensure in Massachusetts in an allied health profession, who have not previously been issued a license by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in that same profession may apply for licensure by examination. An applicant shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Submit to the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. proof that he/she has satisfactorily completed an accredited/approved educational program for the applicant's specific discipline;</li> <li>b. a fully completed application with the required documentation;</li> <li>c. the required fee for application and licensure;</li> <li>d. an official transcript indicating successful completion of all academic and field work requirements, graduation date and degree conferred. Until the official transcript is available, an alternate form approved by the school registrar and carrying the official school seal will be accepted; and</li> <li>e. other materials as may be required by the Board.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Obtain from the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. M.G.L .c. 112 §§ 23A through 23Q;</li> <li>b. 259 CMR 1.00 through 5.00; and</li> <li>c. the current Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics for the applicant's specific discipline.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p><b>Michigan</b></p>	<p><b><u>Statute:</u> Michigan Public Health Code §333.18307, Licensure as occupational therapist; rules.</b>  The board, in consultation with the department, shall promulgate rules under section 16145 setting forth the minimum standards for licensure as an occupational therapist. For purposes of this section, the professional standards issued by the American occupational therapy association or any other recognized trade association may be adopted by the board. The board shall not promulgate rules under this section that diminish competition or exceed the minimum level of regulation necessary to protect the public.</p> <p><b><u>Regulation:</u> Michigan Administrative Code, Board of Occupational Therapy, Part 3. Occupational Therapists. R 338.1221. Educational program standards; occupational therapist; adoption by reference.</b>  (1) The board approves and adopts by reference the standards for accrediting occupational therapist educational programs in the documents entitled "2018 Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) Standards and Interpretive Guide," adopted by ACOTE, which were effective July 31, 2020. Copies of these standards are available at no cost from the ACOTE website at <a href="https://acoteonline.org/accreditation-explained/standards/">https://acoteonline.org/accreditation-explained/standards/</a>. Copies of the standards are also available for inspection and distribution at 10 cents per page from the Michigan Board of Occupational Therapists, Bureau of Professional Licensing, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, 611 West Ottawa, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, Michigan 48909.  (2) Any educational program for occupational therapists that is accredited by the ACOTE qualifies as an occupational therapist educational program approved by the board.  (3) The board approves and adopts by reference the standards in the document entitled "Minimum Standards for the Education of Occupational Therapists, Revised 2016" published by the WFOT. Copies of these standards are available at no cost on the WFOT website at <a href="http://www.wfot.org">http://www.wfot.org</a>. The standards are also available for inspection at 10 cents per page from the Michigan Board of Occupational Therapists, Bureau of Professional Licensing, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, 611 West Ottawa, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, Michigan 48909.  (4) Any educational program for occupational therapists that is approved by the WFOT qualifies as an occupational therapist educational program approved by the board.  (5) Any bachelor's level educational program for occupational therapists that was operating before December 31, 2006, and accredited by the ACOTE or approved by the WFOT qualifies as an occupational therapist educational program approved by the board.</p>

	<p><b>R 338.1223. Application for occupational therapist license; requirements.</b>  An applicant for an occupational therapist license shall submit the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department. In addition to meeting the requirements of the code, R 338.7001 to R 338.7005, any other rules promulgated under the code, and section 16174 of the code, MCL 333.16174, an applicant shall meet all of the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Graduate from an occupational therapist education program that is accredited by the ACOTE or approved by the WFOT, or their predecessor organizations, that meets the standards adopted by the board under R 338.1222 or meets the requirements of R 338.1225.</li> <li>(b) Within 3 years before the application for licensure and not more than 2 years after the application for licensure, the applicant shall pass the occupational therapist licensure examination adopted in R 338.1224.</li> <li>(c) Within 3 years before the application for licensure and not more than 2 years after the application for licensure, the applicant shall pass the examination on laws and rules related to the practice of occupational therapy in this state that is developed and administered by the department or an entity approved by the department.</li> <li>(d) Disclose on the application form each license, registration, or certification in a health profession or specialty issued by another state, the United States military, the federal government, or another country.</li> <li>(e) Satisfy the requirements of section 16174(2) of the code, MCL 333.16174, including verification from the issuing entity showing that disciplinary proceedings are not pending against the applicant and sanctions are not in force at the time of application.</li> </ul> <p><b>R 338.1224. Examinations; occupational therapist; adoption and approval; passing scores.</b>  (1) The board approves and adopts the certification examination for occupational therapists that was developed, administered, and scored by the NBCOT as the licensure examination for occupational therapists in this state. The board shall adopt the passing score recommended by the NBCOT for the certification examination.  (2) The board approves the examination on laws and rules related to the practice of occupational therapy in this state that is developed and administered by the department, or an entity approved by the department. The passing score on the laws and rules examination is a converted score of not less than 75.  (3) An applicant that fails to achieve a passing score on the examination required in subrule (2) of this rule may retake the examination without limitation.</p>
<p><b>Minnesota</b></p>	<p><b>Statute: Minnesota Statutes Chapter 148, Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants.</b>  <b>148.6402 DEFINITIONS.</b>  "Credentialing examination for occupational therapist" means the examination sponsored by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy for credentialing as an occupational therapist, registered.</p> <p><b>148.6405. LICENSURE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS; PROCEDURES AND QUALIFICATIONS.</b>  (a) An applicant for licensure must comply with the application requirements in section 148.6420. To qualify for licensure, an applicant must satisfy one of the requirements in paragraphs (b) to (f) and not be subject to denial of licensure under section 148.6448.  (b) A person who applies for licensure as an occupational therapist and who has not been credentialed by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy or another jurisdiction must meet the requirements in section 148.6408.  (c) A person who applies for licensure as an occupational therapy assistant and who has not been credentialed by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy or another jurisdiction must meet the requirements in section 148.6410.</p>



- (d) A person who is certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy may apply for licensure by equivalency and must meet the requirements in section 148.6412.
- (e) A person who is credentialed in another jurisdiction and who was previously certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy may apply for licensure by reciprocity and must meet the requirements in section 148.6415.
- (f) A person who applies for temporary licensure must meet the requirements in section 148.6418.
- (g) A person who applies for licensure under paragraph (b), (c), or (f) more than two and less than four years after meeting the examination requirements in section 148.6408, subdivision 2, or 148.6410, subdivision 2, must submit the following:
  - (1) a completed and signed application for licensure on forms provided by the board;
  - (2) the license application fee required under section 148.6445;
  - (3) if applying for occupational therapist licensure, proof of having met a minimum of 24 contact hours of continuing education in the two years preceding licensure application, or if applying for occupational therapy assistant licensure, proof of having met a minimum of 18 contact hours of continuing education in the two years preceding licensure application;
  - (4) verified documentation of successful completion of 160 hours of supervised practice approved by the board under a limited license specified in section 148.6425, subdivision 3, paragraph (c); and
  - (5) additional information as requested by the board to clarify information in the application, including information to determine whether the individual has engaged in conduct warranting disciplinary action under section 148.6448. The information must be submitted within 30 calendar days from the date of the board's request.
- (h) A person who applies for licensure under paragraph (b), (c), or (f) four years or more after meeting the examination requirements in section 148.6408, subdivision 2, or 148.6410, subdivision 2, must:
  - (1) meet all the requirements in paragraph (g) except clauses (3) and (4);
  - (2) submit documentation of having retaken and achieved a qualifying score on the credentialing examination for occupational therapist therapists or occupational therapy assistant assistants, or of having completed an occupational therapy refresher program that contains both a theoretical and clinical component approved by the board; and
  - (3) submit verified documentation of successful completion of 480 hours of supervised practice approved by the board under a limited license specified in section 148.6425, subdivision 3, paragraph (c). The 480 hours of supervised practice must be completed in six months and may be completed at the applicant's place of work. Only refresher courses completed within one year prior to the date of application qualify for approval.

**148.6408, QUALIFICATIONS FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST.**

Subdivision 1. Education required.

- (a) An applicant who has received professional education in the United States or its possessions or territories must successfully complete all academic and fieldwork requirements of an educational program for occupational therapists approved or accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education.
- (b) An applicant who has received professional education outside the United States or its possessions or territories must successfully complete all academic and fieldwork requirements of an educational program for occupational therapists approved by a member association of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists.

Subdivision 2. Qualifying examination score required.

- (a) An applicant must achieve a qualifying score on the credentialing examination for occupational therapist.
- (b) The commissioner shall determine the qualifying score for the credentialing examination for occupational therapist. In determining the qualifying score, the commissioner shall consider the cut score recommended by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, or other national credentialing organization approved by the commissioner, using the

	<p>modified Angoff method for determining cut score or another method for determining cut score that is recognized as appropriate and acceptable by industry standards.</p> <p>(c) The applicant is responsible for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) making arrangements to take the credentialing examination for occupational therapist;</li> <li>(2) bearing all expenses associated with taking the examination; and</li> <li>(3) having the examination scores sent directly to the commissioner from the testing service that administers the examination</li> </ol>
<p><b>Mississippi</b></p>	<p><b><u>Statute:</u> Mississippi Code Annotated §73-24-19, Licensing requirements; examinations.</b></p> <p>(1) An applicant applying for a license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall file a written application on forms provided by the board, showing to the satisfaction of the board that he meets the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Is of good moral character;</li> <li>(b) Has been awarded a degree from an education program in occupational therapy recognized by the board, with a concentration of instruction in basic human sciences, the human development process, occupational tasks and activities, the health-illness-health continuum, and occupational therapy theory and practice: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) For an occupational therapist, such program shall be accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association or the board-recognized accrediting body;</li> <li>(ii) For an occupational therapy assistant, such a program shall be accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association or the board-recognized accrediting body;</li> </ol> </li> <li>(c) Has successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience at a recognized educational institution or a training program approved by the educational institution where he or she met the academic requirements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) For an occupational therapist, the required supervised fieldwork experience shall meet current national standards that are published annually by the board;</li> <li>(ii) For an occupational therapy assistant, the required supervised fieldwork experience shall meet national standards that are published annually by the board.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>(2) The board shall approve an examination for occupational therapists and an examination for occupational therapy assistants that will be used as the examination for licensure.</p> <p>(3) Any person applying for licensure shall, in addition to demonstrating his eligibility in accordance with the requirements of this section, make application to the board for review of proof of his eligibility for certification by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT), or its successor organization, on a form and in such a manner as the board shall prescribe. The application shall be accompanied by the fee fixed in accordance with the provisions of Section 73-24-29. The board shall establish standards for acceptable performance on the examination. A person who fails an examination may apply for reexamination upon payment of the prescribed fee.</p> <p>(4) Applicants for licensure shall be examined at a time and place and under such supervision as the board may require. The board shall give reasonable public notice of these examinations in accordance with its rules and regulations.</p> <p>(5) An applicant may be licensed as an occupational therapist if he or she: (a) has practiced as an occupational therapy assistant for four (4) years, (b) has completed the requirements of a period of six (6) months of supervised fieldwork experience at a recognized educational institution or a training program approved by a recognized accredited educational institution before January 1, 1988, and (c) has passed the examination for occupational therapists.</p> <p>(6) Each application or filing made under this section shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in accordance with</p>

	<p>Section 93-11-64, Mississippi Code of 1972.</p> <p><b>Regulation: Mississippi Regulations 15-19-60, Rule 8.4.1, Licensure Requirements.</b>  An applicant for a regular license as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant shall submit to the Department, verified by oath, written evidence in form and content satisfactory to the Department that the applicant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. is of good moral character;</li> <li>2. has been awarded a degree from an education program recognized by the Board;</li> <li>3. has successfully completed a supervised field experience; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. for an occupational therapist, as reflected in the current accrediting standards;</li> <li>b. for an occupational therapy assistant, as reflected in the current accrediting standards;</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. has passed an examination approved by the Department; and</li> <li>5. has paid the required fee(s).</li> <li>6. For an occupational therapist, the program shall be accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association or the board-recognized accrediting body.</li> <li>7. For an occupational therapy assistant, the program shall be approved by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association or the board-recognized accrediting body.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Missouri</b></p>	<p><b>Statute: Missouri Revised Statutes §324.071, Application for a license--certification, when.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The applicant applying for a license to practice occupational therapy shall provide evidence of being initially certified by a certifying entity and has completed an application for licensure and all applicable fees have been paid.</li> <li>2. The certification requirement shall be waived for those persons who hold a current registration by the board as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant on August 28, 1997, provided that this application is made on or before October 31, 1997, and all applicable fees have been paid. All other requirements of sections 324.050 to 324.089 must be satisfied.</li> <li>3. The person shall have no violations, suspensions, revocation or pending complaints for violation of regulations from a certifying entity or any governmental regulatory agency in the past five years.</li> <li>4. The board may negotiate reciprocal contracts with other states, the District of Columbia, or territories of the United States which require standards for licensure, registration or certification considered to be equivalent or more stringent than the requirements for licensure pursuant to sections 324.050 to 324.089.</li> </ol> <p><b>Regulation: Missouri Code of State Regulations, 20 CSR 2205-3.010, Application for Licensure as an Occupational Therapist.</b>  PURPOSE: This rule outlines the procedure for application for licensure as an occupational therapist.</p> <p>(1) Application for licensure shall be submitted on the forms provided by the board. A limited permit holder may submit an addendum to his/her original application on forms provided by the board. Forms may be obtained by contacting the Missouri Board of Occupational Therapy. All original applications shall include proof of submission of fingerprints to the Missouri State Highway Patrol's approved vendor for both a Missouri State Highway Patrol and Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint background check. Any fees due for fingerprint background checks shall be paid by the applicant directly to the Missouri State Highway Patrol or its approved vendor. If a background check for the purposes of obtaining a license through the board has been completed within the last six (6) months, then no additional background check needs to be completed.</p> <p>(2) An application is not considered officially filed with the board until it has been determined by the board or division staff to be complete. Application forms provided by the board must be completed, signed, notarized, and accompanied by the application fee. All information should be received by the board within ninety (90) days of the date of the application.</p>

	<p>(3) The applicant shall request that the certifying entity approved by the division send a letter directly to the board verifying the applicant's certification from the certifying entity. The applicant is responsible for the payment of any fees required by the certifying entity for the issuance of a verification letter.</p> <p>(4) The applicant shall request that each state, United States territory, province, or country regulatory entity in which a license, certificate, registration, or permit is held or has ever been held submit verification of licensure, certification, registration, or permit directly to the board.</p> <p>The verification shall include the license, registration, certification, or permit issued; the number; status; issue and expiration dates; information regarding any disciplinary action; method of licensure, registration, or certification; the name and title of person verifying information; the date; and the entity's seal.</p> <p>(5) Applicants who are approved for licensure will receive one (1) license. Duplicate licenses may be provided upon payment of the appropriate fee.</p>
<p><b>Montana</b></p>	<p><b><u>Statute: Montana Code Annotated §37-24-303, Requirements for Licensure.</u></b></p> <p>(1) To be eligible for licensure by the board as an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant, the applicant shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) present evidence of having successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program recognized by the board for the license sought;</li> <li>(b) submit evidence of having successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience arranged by the recognized educational institution where the person completed the academic requirements or by a nationally recognized professional association;</li> <li>(c) submit evidence of having been certified by the national board for certification in occupational therapy, inc. (NBCOT); and</li> <li>(d) pass an examination prescribed by the board.</li> </ul> <p>(2) The supervised fieldwork experience requirement for an occupational therapist is a minimum of 6 months. The supervised fieldwork experience requirement for an occupational therapy assistant is a minimum of 2 months.</p> <p><b><u>Regulation: Administrative Rules of Montana 24.165.404, APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE.</u></b></p> <p>(1) Applications for an original license or temporary practice permit must be made on forms provided by the department and completed and signed by the applicant.</p> <p>(2) The application must be typed or legibly written in ink, accompanied by the appropriate fee(s), and contain sufficient evidence that the applicant possesses the qualifications set forth in Title 37, chapter 24, MCA, and rules promulgated thereunder.</p> <p>(3) The board shall require the applicant to submit a photocopy of the applicant's driver license or other form of signed, photographic identification.</p> <p>(4) Fully-completed applications will be reviewed for compliance with board laws and rules. The board may request such additional information or clarification of information provided in the application as it deems reasonably necessary. Incomplete applications shall be returned to the applicant with a statement regarding incomplete portions.</p> <p>(5) The applicant shall correct any deficiencies and resubmit the application. Failure to resubmit the application within 60 days shall be treated as a voluntary withdrawal of the application. After voluntary withdrawal, an applicant will be required to submit an entirely new application to begin the process again.</p> <p>(6) The board shall notify the applicant, in writing, of the results of the evaluation of a completed application.</p> <p>(7) All requests for reasonable accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) must be made on forms provided by the board and submitted in advance of the requested accommodation.</p>

**Nebraska**

**Statute: Nebraska Code §38-2518, Occupational therapist; license; application; requirements.**

- (1) An applicant applying for a license as an occupational therapist shall show to the satisfaction of the department that he or she:
- (a) Has successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the department and accredited by a nationally recognized medical association or nationally recognized occupational therapy association;
  - (b) Has successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience at an educational institution approved by the department and where the applicant's academic work was completed or which is part of a training program approved by such educational institution. A minimum of six months of supervised fieldwork experience shall be required for an occupational therapist; and
  - (c) Has passed an examination as provided in section 38-2520.
- (2) Residency in this state shall not be a requirement of licensure. A corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or association shall not be licensed as an occupational therapist pursuant to the Occupational Therapy Practice Act.

**Regulation: Nebraska Administrative Code 172 NAC 114-003, Licensure Requirements.**

To obtain a license, an individual must submit a complete application provided by the Department and provide documentation demonstrating that the applicant meets the licensing requirements of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 38-2501, 38-2531, 172 NAC 10, and this chapter.

**003.01 DOCUMENTATION.** The following documentation must be provided to the Department.

003.01(A) EDUCATION. An official transcript, sent directly from the issuing institution, verifying successful completion of an educational program in occupational therapy for an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant.

003.01(B) EXAMINATION. Documentation of passing the licensure examination sent directly to the Department from the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy. An applicant who passed the examination more than 3 years prior to the date of application and who is not practicing at the time of application for licensure must provide documentation to the Department of obtaining 50 hours of continuing education within the 3 years immediately preceding the date of application. The 50 hours of continuing education must show 30 hours related to the clinical practice of occupational therapy and 20 hours related to the practice of occupational therapy.

003.01(C) FIELD EXPERIENCE. Provide documentation of successful completion of a supervised fieldwork experience for an occupational therapy or for an occupational therapy assistant.

003.01(D) OTHER PROOF OF COMPETENCY. An applicant who holds an occupational therapy license in another jurisdiction and who is not currently practicing must provide documentation to the Department of having obtained 50 hours of continuing education within the 3 years immediately preceding the date of application. The 50 hours of continuing education must show 30 hours related to the clinical practice of occupational therapy and 20 hours related to the practice of occupational therapy.

**Regulation: Nebraska Administrative Code 172 NAC 10, Credentials Issued Under the Uniform Credentialing Act.**

**002. DEFINITIONS.** The following definitions apply to all regulations governing professional credentials.

002.02 COMPLETE APPLICATION. An application that contains all of the information requested on the application, with attestation to its truth and completeness, and submitted with all required fees and documentation.

002.03 ANOTHER JURISDICTION. Any jurisdiction other than the State of Nebraska.

002.05 OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT. A transcript issued by an educational institution.

**003. INITIAL CREDENTIAL.** To obtain a credential, an individual must submit a complete application and provide documentation demonstrating that the applicant meets the credentialing requirements.

**003.01 REQUIREMENTS AND DOCUMENTATION.** All applicants must meet minimum requirements for credentialing and submit documentary proof of same.

**003.01(A) AGE AND GOOD CHARACTER.** An applicant must be at least 19 years old, except as otherwise provided by statute, and of good character.

**003.01(B) CITIZENSHIP OR LAWFUL PRESENCE.** Applicants must submit documentation that he or she meets the requirements set out in Neb. Rev. Stats. § 38-129 and §§ 4-108 through 4-111.

**003.01(C) EDUCATION.** Applicants for a credential must provide:

- (i) Documentation that the applicant has completed the required course of study for the credential, if applicable; or
- (ii) Satisfactory evidence that the education, training, or service completed by an applicant while a member of the armed forces of the United States, active or reserve, the National Guard of any state, the military reserves of any state, or the naval militia of any state is substantially similar to the education required for the credential.

**003.01(D) EXAMINATION.** The applicant must provide documentation that he or she has completed the required examination for the credential, if applicable.

**003.01(E) OTHER CREDENTIAL INFORMATION.** If the applicant holds a credential to provide health services, health-related services, or environmental services in another jurisdiction, the applicant must provide the name of the jurisdiction, credential number, type of credential, date issued, and expiration date for each credential the applicant holds or has held.

**003.01(F) DISCIPLINARY ACTION.** If the applicant's credential in another jurisdiction has been disciplined, the applicant must provide a list of any disciplinary actions taken against the applicant's credential and a copy of the disciplinary action(s), including charges and disposition.

**003.01(G) DENIAL.** If the applicant was denied a credential in another jurisdiction, the applicant must submit an explanation of the basis for the denial and a copy of the denial documentation.

**003.01(H) CONVICTION INFORMATION.** If the applicant has ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor in Nebraska or in another jurisdiction, the applicant must submit:

- (i) A copy of the court record related to all misdemeanor and felony convictions, that includes the statement of charges and final disposition, if the conviction(s) occurred in a state other than Nebraska;
- (ii) An explanation of the events leading to the conviction (what, when, where, why) and a summary of actions that the applicant has taken to address the behaviors or actions related to the conviction; and
- (iii) A letter from the applicant's probation officer addressing the terms and current status of the probation, if the applicant is currently on probation.

**003.01(I) DRUG OR ALCOHOL RELATED CONVICTIONS.** To aid in the evaluation of an applicant's drug or alcohol related conviction(s), an applicant may submit evaluation and discharge summaries where drug or alcohol treatment was obtained or required. Evaluations and discharge summaries may be submitted by the provider directly to the department.

**003.02 APPLICATION.** All applicants must submit a complete application.

**003.02(A) APPLICANT INFORMATION.** The applicant must provide the following:

- (i) Legal name and any other names by which the applicant is known;
- (ii) Complete mailing address;
- (iii) Social security number (SSN) or Alien Registration Number (A#). Some applicants may have both a social security number (SSN) and an Alien Registration Number (A#) and if so, the applicant must report both; and
- (iv) Telephone number and e-mail address.

	<p>003.02(B) PRACTICE STATEMENT. A statement that the applicant has not practiced the profession or represented himself or herself as holding a credential in Nebraska before submitting the application; or if the applicant has, a statement of the number of days practiced and the name and location of practice.</p>
<p><b>Nevada</b></p>	<p><b>Statute: Nevada Revised Statutes 640A.120, Qualifications for license.</b>          Except as otherwise provided in NRS 640A.165 and 640A.166, to be eligible for licensing by the Board as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant, an applicant must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be a natural person of good moral character.</li> <li>2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 640A.130, have satisfied the academic requirements of an educational program approved by the Board. The Board shall not approve an educational program designed to qualify a person to practice as an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant unless the program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc., or its successor organization.</li> <li>3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 640A.130, have successfully completed:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) If the application is for licensing as an occupational therapist, 24 weeks; or</li> <li>(b) If the application is for licensing as an occupational therapy assistant, 16 weeks, of supervised fieldwork experience approved by the Board. The Board shall not approve any supervised experience unless the experience was sponsored by the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc., or its successor organization, or the educational institution at which the applicant satisfied the requirements of subsection 2.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 640A.160 and 640A.170, pass an examination approved by the Board.</li> </ol> <p><b>Regulation: Nevada Administrative Code 640A, Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants. NAC 640A.030. Prerequisites to receipt, renewal, reinstatement or conversion of status of license; fee; nonacceptance of late application for renewal of standard license.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In order to receive, renew, reinstate or convert the status of, as applicable, any type of license issued by the Board, an applicant must complete an application to be provided by the Board.</li> <li>2. An application must be accompanied by payment of the appropriate fee or fees.</li> <li>3. An application submitted to the Board must include a statement signed by the applicant certifying that the information provided in the application is accurate.</li> <li>4. An application must be submitted to the Board by the applicable date, if any.</li> <li>5. If an applicant is required to provide proof of certification as an occupational therapist registered or a certified occupational therapy assistant, the applicant must ensure that proof of certification issued by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, or its successor organization, is submitted to the Board.</li> <li>6. If an applicant is required to provide proof of a license obtained in another state, territory or country, the applicant must ensure that proof of such a license issued by an official governmental entity is submitted to the Board for:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Any such license presently held; and</li> <li>(b) Any such license held within 5 years of the submission of the application.</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. If an applicant is required to provide proof of employment and supervision by an occupational therapist in this State, the applicant must ensure that proof of such employment and supervision is submitted to the Board, in a format approved by the Board, by the applicable date, if any.</li> <li>8. If an applicant is required to complete continuing education, the applicant must provide to the Board proof of completion of continuing education, when requested by the Board.</li> </ol>

	<p>9. The Board will not accept an application for the renewal of a standard license if the application is submitted more than 30 days after the date on which the license expired.</p> <p><b>NAC 640A.041. Eligibility to obtain active license.</b>  In addition to the requirements set forth in NAC 640A.030, to be eligible to obtain an active license, a person must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have achieved a passing score on the Nevada Occupational Therapy Jurisprudence Examination; and</li> <li>2. Have current certification as an occupational therapist registered or certified occupational therapy assistant.</li> </ol>
<p><b>New Hampshire</b></p>	<p><b><u>Statute:</u> New Hampshire Revised Statutes Title 30 §326-C:5, Eligibility for Licensure.</b></p> <p>I. An applicant shall possess the following qualifications to be licensed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Be at least 17 years of age.</li> <li>(b) Be of good moral character.</li> <li>(c) Successfully complete an academic program in occupational therapy accredited by the American Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) or its successor organization or be certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc., or its successor organization.</li> <li>(d) Successfully complete a period, as specified in paragraph II, of supervised field work experience approved by the educational institution where the applicant met his or her academic requirements, or be certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc., or its successor organization.</li> <li>(e) Successfully complete the entry level certification examination for occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants approved by the board, such as the examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. or by another nationally recognized credentialing body.</li> <li>(f) If passing the required examination more than one year before submitting the application for licensure, meet the continuing competency requirements established by the board in rules adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>II. A minimum of 6 months of supervised fieldwork experience is required for licensure as an occupational therapist, and a minimum of 2 months of supervised fieldwork experience is required for licensure as an occupational therapy assistant.</li> <li>III. The board may, upon notice and opportunity for a hearing, deny an application for initial licensure or issue a conditional license. The board may, upon notice and opportunity for a hearing, deny an application for reinstatement of a license or reinstate the license with conditions. Conditions imposed may include a requirement for continuing education, practice under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist, or any other condition set forth in the section addressing conditional licenses in RSA 328-F.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b><u>Regulation:</u> New Hampshire Administrative Rules Occ 300</b>  Occ 301.02 “Active in the profession” means having engaged in occupational therapy in another state:</p> <p>(a) As:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) A direct caregiver in occupational therapy;</li> <li>(2) An occupational therapy educator;</li> <li>(3) An occupational therapy administrator;</li> <li>(4) A member of an occupational therapy board or committee;</li> <li>(5) An occupational therapy consultant;</li> <li>(6) A student enrolled full time in an advanced occupational therapy degree program; or</li> <li>(7) A researcher; and</li> </ol>



	<p>(b) For 100 hours for the two years immediately preceding the completed application.</p> <p><b>Occ. 303.01. Eligibility Requirements.</b></p> <p>(a) Applicants for initial licensure as occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Be at least 17 years of age;</li> <li>(2) Be of good moral and professional character, as evidenced by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The answers to the questions from the application form specified in Ahp 601.01;</li> <li>b. Any reports submitted pursuant to Occ 302.02(b);</li> <li>c. Any verification information as described in Occ 302.02(c); and</li> <li>d. Any criminal offender record report(s) submitted in accordance with Occ 302.02(j);</li> </ol> </li> <li>(3) Be or have been NBCOT certified or have met the educational, supervised field work and examination requirements set forth in (b) below;</li> <li>(4) Have complied with the continuing competence requirements set forth in Occ 303.02, if they are applicable; and</li> <li>(5) If licensed in another state, be active in the profession as defined in Occ 301.02.</li> </ol> <p>(b) Applicants not previously NBCOT certified shall have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Successfully completed an ACOTE-accredited academic program in occupational therapy;</li> <li>(2) If applying for licensure as occupational therapists, successfully completed 6 months of supervised field work approved by the institutions providing their academic programs;</li> <li>(3) If applying for licensure as occupational therapy assistants, successfully completed 2 months of supervised field work approved by the institutions providing their academic programs; and</li> <li>(4) Passed the entry level examination for occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants, as applicable, developed by NBCOT.</li> </ol> <p>(c) Applicants for initial licensure as occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants who are licensed in another state but are not active in the profession shall be issued conditional licenses as further set forth in Occ 304.</p> <p>(d) "Based on the board's determination pursuant to RSA 332-G:7 no military experience is applicable to the education of occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants. Military experience shall not be considered when determining whether an applicant meets the educational requirements for licensure.</p>
<p><b>New Jersey</b></p>	<p><b>Statute: New Jersey Revised Statutes 45:9-37.61, Requirements for licensure as occupational therapist.</b></p> <p>11. To be eligible for licensure as an occupational therapist, an applicant shall fulfill the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Be at least 18 years of age;</li> <li>b. Be of good moral character;</li> <li>c. Present evidence to the director of having successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy approved by the director, in consultation with the council, and accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association, the World Federation of Occupational Therapy or other nationally recognized programmatic accrediting agency;</li> <li>d. Submit to the director evidence of having successfully completed at least 24 weeks of supervised fieldwork experience approved by the educational institution at which the applicant completed the occupational therapy educational program; and</li> <li>e. Successfully complete an examination administered or approved by the director, in consultation with the council, to determine the applicant's competence to practice occupational therapy.</li> </ol>

	<p><b>Regulation: New Jersey Administrative Code 13:44K-2.1, ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS; OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST; OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT.</b></p> <p>a) To be eligible for licensure as an occupational therapist, an applicant shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Be at least 18 years of age;</li> <li>2) Be of good moral character;</li> <li>3) Except as provided in (d) below, have successfully completed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) A master's degree or its equivalent in occupational therapy from an accredited college or university approved by the Commission on Higher Education or its successor; or</li> <li>ii) A master's degree or its equivalent in any field other than occupational therapy from an accredited college or university approved by the Commission on Higher Education or its successor and have fulfilled the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association, the World Federation of Occupational Therapy (WFOT) or other nationally recognized programmatic accrediting agency;</li> </ol> </li> <li>4) Have successfully completed at least 24 weeks of supervised fieldwork experience approved by the educational institution at which the applicant completed the occupational therapy education program in accordance with (a)3i and ii above, or, if applicable, (d) below; and</li> <li>5) Have successfully passed the certification examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), or its predecessors and/or its successors.</li> </ol>
<p><b>New Mexico</b></p>	<p><b>Statute: New Mexico Revised Statutes §61-12A-11, Requirements for licensure.</b></p> <p>A. An applicant applying for a license as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant shall file a written application provided by the board, accompanied by the required fees and documentation, and demonstrating to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant has:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy that is either: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) accredited by the American occupational therapy association's accreditation council for occupational therapy education; or</li> <li>(b) in the case of a foreign educational program, accepted by the national board for certification in occupational therapy when the therapist applies to take that board's examination;</li> </ol> </li> <li>(2) successfully completed a period of supervised field work experience at a recognized educational institution or a training program approved by the educational institution where the occupational therapist or the occupational therapy assistant has met the academic requirements of Paragraph (1) of this subsection; provided that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) an occupational therapist shall complete a minimum of twenty-four weeks of supervised fieldwork experience or satisfy any generally recognized past standards that identified minimum fieldwork requirements at the time of graduation; and</li> <li>(b) an occupational therapy assistant shall complete a minimum of sixteen weeks of supervised fieldwork experience or satisfy any generally recognized past standards that identified minimum fieldwork requirements at the time of graduation;</li> </ol> </li> <li>(3) has passed an examination prescribed by the national board for certification in occupational therapy or the board; and</li> <li>(4) has no record of unprofessional conduct or incompetence.</li> </ol> <p>B. In the case of an occupational therapy assistant or a person practicing on a provisional permit, the applicant shall file with the board a signed, current statement of supervision by the occupational therapist who will be the responsible supervisor.</p> <p>C. The board shall verify, as necessary, information contained on the completed application and any supporting documentation required to obtain a license.</p>

**Regulation: New Mexico Administrative Code 16.15.2 Licensing Requirements.**

**16.15.2.8 EXAMINATION**

- A. The examination prescribed by the board is the national board for certification in occupational therapy examination for an occupational therapist registered or certified occupational therapy assistant. All applicants for licensure, pursuant to the Occupational Therapy Act, must obtain a passing grade on the examination, as determined by the national board for certification in occupational therapy (NBCOT), in order to be eligible for licensure.
- B. The board requires each applicant to pass an examination on the state laws, rules and regulations that pertain to the practice of occupational therapy in New Mexico. All applicants for licensure must take the New Mexico jurisprudence exam and have a passing score of 80%, based on a total available score of 100%. Any applicant who fails to pass the jurisprudence examination may retake the exam upon receipt of the required fees.

**16.15.2.9 INITIAL APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE**

- A. An application packet may be obtained from the state licensure board office.
- B. The application must be submitted on completed forms as supplied by the board.
- C. A photograph of the applicant taken within six (6) months prior to filing application must be submitted with the application. (Passport size recommended; scanned or computer-generated photographs must be printed on photo quality paper).
- D. Application fees in the form of a check or money order must be submitted in full with the application. Personal checks may delay processing of your application for up to 10 days.
- E. Verification of registration or certification may be provided in any of the following ways.
  - (1) Written verification must be received by the board directly from the national board for certification in occupational therapy (NBCOT) certifying that the applicant's certification is active and in good standing.
  - (2) Written verification of initial certification must be received by the board directly from the national board for certification in occupational therapy (NBCOT) and verification of licensure from each state in which the applicant has been licensed. Such proof of licensure must be received by the board directly from the state boards where currently and previously licensed. For applicants who practiced in states that do not require licensure, written verification of employment shall be received by the board office directly from the applicant's previous employers on a verification of employment form to be provided by the board.
- F. An occupational therapy assistant (OTA), shall file with the board a signed, current statement of supervision by the occupational therapist (OT) who will be responsible for the supervision of the occupational therapy assistant (OTA) within 20 business days of starting employment as an OTA. Both the supervisor and supervisee carry responsibility for notifying the board within 10 work days when there is a change of supervisor.
- G. On-line applications will require a notarized signature card be filed with the board office.
- H. All licenses are the property of the board and shall forthwith be returned to the board, if requested.
- I. No license is valid without the official board seal.
- J. Convictions for any of the following offenses, or their equivalents in any other jurisdiction are disqualifying criminal convictions that may disqualify an applicant from receiving or retaining a license issued by the board:
  - (1) crimes involving homicide; murder, manslaughter, or resulting in death;
  - (2) crimes involving human trafficking, or trafficking in controlled substances;
  - (3) kidnapping, false imprisonment, assault, aggravated assault, battery or aggravated battery;
  - (4) rape, criminal sexual penetration, criminal sexual contact, incest, indecent exposure, prostitution, or other sexual crimes;

- (5) crimes involving great bodily harm, adult abuse, injury to pregnant woman, child abuse, neglect, abandonment, stalking, aggravated stalking, custodial interference, unlawful interference with custody, sabotage, financial exploitation, exploitation of a care facility resident's property, or criminal damage to property of a household member;
- (6) contributing to the delinquency of a minor, unlawful carrying of a deadly weapon on school premises, unlawful carrying of a firearm in an establishment licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages, or a felon in possession of a firearm;
- (7) crimes involving the unauthorized distribution of sensitive images;
- (8) crimes involving ransom, robbery, larceny, extortion, burglary, sabotage, fraud, forgery, embezzlement, identity theft, credit card fraud or unauthorized use of a credit card; receiving stolen property, stolen vehicles, money laundering, or burglary tools;
- (9) crimes involving unlawful taking, embezzlement or fraudulently obtaining a vehicle or motor vehicle;
- (10) crimes involving making a bomb scare, arson, explosives, incendiary devices, facsimile bombs, hoax explosives, deadly weapons, or firearms;
- (11) crimes involving seizing or exercising control of a bus by force or violence or by threat of force or violence;
- (12) Violation of Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act or the Endowed Care Cemetery Act;
- (13) crimes involving the unlawful disposal of, use or sale of an unclaimed body;
- (14) intentionally hampering, obstructing, tampering or destroying a monitoring device or a recording made by a monitoring device installed in a facility pursuant to the Patient Care Monitoring Act;
- (15) crimes involving the second or subsequent offense of certain prohibited acts of the owner of a dangerous or potentially dangerous dog in the Dangerous Dog Act;
- (16) crimes involving cruelty to animals, dog fighting, cockfighting, unlawful tripping of an equine causing the maiming, crippling or death of the equine, injury to police dog, police horse or fire dog;
- (17) crimes involving the use of telephone to terrify, intimidate, threaten, harass, annoy or offend;
- (18) crimes involving the use of any firearm, destructive device or technique capable of causing injury or death to any person with the intent that the knowledge or skill taught, demonstrated or gained be unlawfully used in furtherance of a civil disorder;
- (19) violations of the Model State Commodity Code, the New Mexico Uniform Securities Act, the Mortgage Loan Company Act, Uniform Money Services Act, or the New Mexico Mortgage Loan Originator Licensing Act;
- (20) crimes involving procuring or attempting to procure telecommunications service by theft or intentional damage of, communications or public utility equipment, whether customer or utility-owned, which created a public safety hazard or causes a disruption of communications services or public utility services to 10 or more households;
- (21) crimes involving violations of the Election Code;
- (22) crimes involving bribery, intimidating witnesses, retaliation against a witness, tampering with evidence, tampering with public records, performing an official act for personal gain, demanding or receiving a bonus, gratuity or bribe, unlawful interest in a contract involving an irrigation district, or receiving profits derived from an unlawful interest in a contract involving an irrigation district, or unlawful interest in a public contract;
- (23) crimes involving jury tampering, impersonating a peace officer, or disarming a peace officer;
- (24) crimes involving escape from custody, community custody release program, jail or penitentiary, or fleeing a law enforcement officer;
- (25) crimes involving unlawful rescue, procuring escape, or conniving at, aiding or assisting escape of a person confined or held in lawful custody or confinement, or harboring or aiding a felon;
- (26) crimes involving furnishing articles for a prisoner's escape, furnishing drugs or liquor to a prisoner, or bringing contraband into a prison or jail;
- (27) crimes involving tax evasion or tax fraud;

- (28) willful failure to collect and pay over taxes;
- (29) crimes involving attempts to evade or defeat any tax;
- (30) crimes involving paying or receiving public money for services not rendered;
- (31) crimes involving violations of the Cigarette Tax Act, including packaging cigarettes and counterfeit stamps;
- (32) crimes involving violations of the Cigarette Enforcement Act;
- (33) crimes involving the Savings and Loan or the Credit Union Act;
- (34) crimes involving perjury, false swearing of oath or affidavit, false voting, falsifying documents, filing false documents, making false statements, making an unauthorized withdrawals, obtaining information under false pretenses, or providing the credit bureau information of a consumer to an entity who is not authorized to receive that information;
- (35) crimes involving an act or omission, with intent to defraud, expressly declared to be unlawful by the Banking Act,
- (36) crimes involving altering or changing engine or other number of a vehicle or motor vehicle;
- (37) crimes involving any contractor or subcontractor justly indebted to a supplier of material or labor who accepts payment for construction and knowingly and intentionally applies the proceeds to a use other than paying those persons with whom he contracted;
- (38) crimes involving knowingly authorizing or assisting in the publication, advertising, distribution or circulation of any false statement or representation concerning any subdivided land offered for sale or lease, or with knowledge that any written statement relating to the subdivided land is false or fraudulent, issuing, circulating, publishing or distributing it;
- (39) crimes involving making or permitting a false public voucher;
- (40) crimes involving a false public voucher, false reports, uttering false statements, paying or receiving public money for services not rendered;
- (41) crimes involving violations of the New Mexico Uniform Securities Act;
- (42) crimes involving extortionate extensions of credit or racketeering;
- (43) crimes involving the Pyramid Promotional Scheme Act or Antitrust Act;
- (44) crimes involving the unlawful request, receipt, or offer to another that is exchanged for the promised performance of an official act, or illegal kickbacks;
- (45) failing to comply with the registration or verification requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act;
- (46) crimes involving the practice of medicine, dentistry, optometry or osteopathic medicine without a license or authorization of the appropriate regulating authority;
- (47) second or subsequent conviction of Chiropractic Physician Practice Act;
- (48) crimes involving certain violations of the Optometry Act;
- (49) crimes involving the Medicaid Fraud Act,
- (50) fourth or subsequent conviction for driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs;
- (51) crimes involving controlled substances, including violations of the Controlled Substances Act;
- (52) crimes involving violations of the Drug Precursor Act or the Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act;
- (53) crimes involving violations of the New Mexico Subdivision Act or the Mortgage Foreclosure Consultant Prevention Act;
- (54) misuse of funds;
- (55) intent to defraud uses on a public security or instrument of payment;
- (56) crimes involving a violation of the Governmental Conduct Act; or
- (57) an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy involving any of the felonies in this subsection.

K. the board shall not consider the fact of a criminal conviction as part of an application for licensure unless the conviction in question is one of the disqualifying criminal convictions listed in Subsection J of this rule.

	<p>L. the board shall not deny, suspend or revoke a license on the sole basis of a criminal conviction unless the conviction in question is one of the disqualifying convictions listed in Subsections J of this rule.</p> <p>M. nothing in this rule prevents the board from denying an application or disciplining a licensee on the basis of an individual's conduct to the extent that such conduct violated the Occupational Therapy Act, regardless of whether the individual was convicted of a crime for such conduct or whether the crime for which the individual was convicted is listed as one of the disqualifying criminal convictions listed in Subsection J of this rule.</p> <p>N. in connection with an application for licensure, the board shall not use, distribute, disseminate, or admit into evidence at an adjudicatory proceeding criminal records of any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) an arrest not followed by a valid conviction;</li> <li>(2) a conviction that has been sealed, dismissed, expunged or pardoned;</li> <li>(3) a juvenile adjudication; or</li> <li>(4) a conviction for any crime other than the disqualifying criminal convictions listed in Subsection J of this rule.</li> </ol>
<p><b>New York</b></p>	<p><b><u>Statute:</u> New York Education Law Title 8, Article 156, §7904, Requirements for a professional license.</b></p> <p>To qualify for a license as an occupational therapist, an applicant shall fulfill the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. File an application with the department.</li> <li>2. Have satisfactorily completed an approved occupational therapy curriculum in a baccalaureate or masters program, or a certificate program satisfactory to the department which is substantially equivalent to a baccalaureate degree program, in accordance with the commissioner's regulations.</li> <li>3. Have a minimum of six months of supervised occupational therapy experience which supervision and experience shall be satisfactory to the board of occupational therapy and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations.</li> <li>4. Pass an examination satisfactory to the board of occupational therapy and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations.</li> <li>5. Be at least twenty-one years of age.</li> <li>6. Meet no requirements as to United States citizenship.</li> <li>7. Be of good moral character as determined by the department.</li> <li>8. Pay a fee of one hundred forty dollars to the department for admission to a department conducted examination and for an initial license, a fee of seventy dollars for each re-examination, a fee of one hundred fifteen dollars for an initial license for persons not requiring admission to a department conducted examination, and a fee of one hundred fifty-five dollars for each triennial registration period.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Regulation:</u> 18 New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations, Part 76.</b></p> <p><b>§76.1 Professional study of occupational therapy.</b></p> <p>To meet the professional education requirement for licensure in this State, the applicant shall present evidence of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. a bachelor's or master's degree in occupational therapy from a program registered by the department or accredited by a national accreditation agency which is satisfactory to the department; or</li> <li>b. a certificate in occupational therapy from a program registered by the department or accredited by a national accreditation agency which is satisfactory to the department following the completion of a bachelor's degree from an institution acceptable to the department; or</li> <li>c. completion of a program satisfactory to the department of not less than four years of postsecondary study which includes the professional study of occupational therapy and which culminates in the degree or diploma accepted by the civil authorities of the country in which the studies were completed as preparation in occupational therapy in that country.</li> </ol>

	<p><b>§76.2 Supervised experience.</b></p> <p>a. The six months of full-time supervised experience in occupational therapy may be completed as part of the basic program described in section 76.1 of this Part. Full-time experience not completed as part of an approved program shall be under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist.</p> <p>b. For candidates who have accumulated other than full-time supervised experience, part-time experience may be counted if it is obtained at the rate of at least two full days per week (minimum of 15 hours) and for continuous periods of not less than two months for an accumulated total of six months. The department may excuse the requirement that such experience be continuous where such continuous experience cannot be completed due to the State of emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to an Executive Order for the COVID-19 crisis.</p> <p><b>§76.3 Licensing examinations.</b></p> <p>The department may accept grades satisfactory to the State Board for Occupational Therapy on the certificate examination of the American Occupational Therapy Association, which may be used in whole or in part.</p>
<p><b>North Carolina</b></p>	<p><b><u>Statute: North Carolina General Statutes §90-270.70, REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE.</u></b></p> <p>(a) Any individual who desires to be licensed as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant shall file a written application with the Board on forms provided by the Board, showing to the satisfaction of the Board that the applicant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Is of good moral character; and</li> <li>(2) Has passed an examination approved by the Board as provided in this Article; and</li> </ol> <p>Applicants for licensure as an occupational therapist must also have successfully completed an accredited occupational therapy educational curriculum and the required supervised fieldwork as determined by the Board. Applicants for licensure as an occupational therapy assistant must also have successfully completed an accredited occupational therapy assistant educational curriculum and the required supervised fieldwork as determined by the Board.</p> <p><b><u>Regulation: North Carolina Administrative Code 21 NCAC §38.0201, APPLICATION PROCESS.</u></b></p> <p>(a) Each applicant, including those trained outside the United States or its territories, for an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant license shall complete an application form provided by the Board. This form shall be submitted to the Board and shall be accompanied by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) one head and shoulders photograph (passport type), taken within the past six months, of the applicant of acceptable quality for identification, two inches by two inches in size;</li> <li>(2) the proper fees, as required by 21 NCAC 38 .0204;</li> <li>(3) evidence from the National Board for Certification of Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) of successful completion of the certification examination administered 18 by it. Evidence of successful completion of the NBCOT certification examination shall be accepted as proof of graduation from an accredited curriculum and successful completion of field work requirements;</li> <li>(4) two signed statements on forms provided by the Board attesting to the applicant's good moral character; and</li> <li>(5) successful completion of a jurisprudence exam administered by the Board.</li> </ol> <p>(b) An applicant previously licensed in any state re-entering the field of occupational therapy after not practicing occupational therapy for more than 24 months shall complete 90 days of general, supervised, re-entry fieldwork and shall provide to the Board;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a written plan for 90 days of general, supervised, re-entry fieldwork within 10 days of securing employment; and</li> <li>(2) monthly documentation confirming that the general, supervised, re-entry fieldwork is being provided.</li> </ol>

<p><b>North Dakota</b></p>	<p><b><u>Statute: North Dakota Century Code §43-40-08, Requirements for licensure.</u></b>  An applicant applying for a license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall file a written application provided by the board, demonstrating to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is competent.</li> <li>2. Will adhere to the code of ethics adopted by the board.</li> <li>3. Has successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the board. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The occupational therapy educational program must be accredited by a national occupational therapy accrediting agency approved by the board.</li> <li>b. The occupational therapy assistant educational program must be accredited by a national occupational therapy accrediting agency approved by the board.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Has successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience required by the accredited educational institution where the applicant met the academic requirements required by a national occupational therapy accrediting agency approved by the board.</li> <li>5. Has passed an examination approved by the board.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Regulation: North Dakota Administrative Code 55.5-02-01-01.1, Requirements for licensure.</u></b>  1. To be licensed as an occupational therapist an applicant must meet all of the following requirements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The applicant has a degree from an occupational therapy program accredited by the accreditation council for occupational therapy education or a degree from a foreign occupational therapy program which the national board for certification in occupational therapy deems comparable.</li> <li>b. The applicant has passed the occupational therapist registered certification examination administered by the national board for certification in occupational therapy.</li> <li>c. Grounds for denial of the application under North Dakota Century Code section 43-40-16 do not exist.</li> <li>d. The applicant has completed a jurisprudence examination of the applicant's knowledge of North Dakota laws and rules.</li> </ol> </p>
<p><b>Ohio</b></p>	<p><b><u>Statute: Ohio Revised Code 4755.07, License qualifications.</u></b>  No person shall qualify for licensure as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant unless the person has shown to the satisfaction of the occupational therapy section of the Ohio occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic trainers board that the person:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) Has successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program recognized by the section, including a concentration of instruction in basic human sciences, the human development process, occupational tasks and activities, the health-illness-health continuum, and occupational therapy theory and practice;</li> <li>(B) Has successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience at a recognized educational institution of a training program approved by the educational institution where the person met the academic requirements. For an occupational therapist, a minimum of six months of supervised fieldwork experience is required. For an occupational therapy assistant, a minimum of two months of supervised fieldwork experience is required.</li> <li>(C) Has successfully passed a written examination testing the person's knowledge of the basic and clinical sciences relating to occupational therapy, and occupational therapy theory and practice, including the applicant's professional skills and judgment in the utilization of occupational therapy techniques and methods, and such other subjects as the section may consider useful to</li> </ol>



determine the applicant's fitness to practice. The section may require separate examinations of applicants for licensure as occupational therapy assistants and applicants for licensure as occupational therapists.

Applicants for licensure shall be examined at a time and place and under such supervision as the section determines.

**Regulation: Ohio Administrative Code 4755:1-1-01. Applications for initial licensure.**

(A) To receive a license to practice as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant, an applicant shall be at least eighteen years of age.

(B) All applications for initial licensure as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant shall be submitted to the occupational therapy section on the forms provided by the section. All applications, statements, and other documents submitted are retained by the section.

(C) Applications are:

- (1) Submitted electronically via eLicense Ohio or its successor electronic licensing system;
- (2) Electronically signed via eLicense Ohio or its successor electronic licensing system;
- (3) Accompanied by the fee prescribed by Chapter 4755. of the Administrative Code; and
- (4) Accompanied by such evidence, statements, or documents as specified on the application including viewing a required presentation about the board's safe haven program.

(D) An applicant for initial licensure by examination shall:

- (1) Have completed an occupational therapy program accredited by the accreditation council for occupational therapy education (ACOTE) of the American occupational therapy association (AOTA) or submit evidence satisfactory to the section that the applicant completed an educational program substantially equivalent to the requirements established in Chapter 4755. of the Administrative Code;
- (2) Have passed the certification examination administered by the national board for certification in occupational therapy, inc. (NBCOT); and
- (3) Not be licensed or ever been licensed in any state or territory of the United States as an:
  - (a) Occupational therapist to apply for initial licensure by examination as an occupational therapist; or
  - (b) Occupational therapy assistant to apply for initial licensure by examination as an occupational therapy assistant.

(E) In addition to the requirements contained in paragraph (D) of this rule, applicants for an initial license by examination who graduated from their entry-level occupational therapy program five or more years prior to the date they apply to the section for licensure by examination may be subject to additional requirements including:

- (1) Submission of proof of completion of twenty hours of continuing education within the two year period immediately preceding the date the application is submitted;
- (2) Competency-based performance appraisals;
- (3) Mentorship;
- (4) Professional development plan;
- (5) Extended coursework; and
- (6) Retaking and passing the NBCOT certification examination...

(I) For the purposes of filing an electronic application via eLicense Ohio or its successor licensing system, the applicant will create log-in credentials. The use of these credentials is solely the responsibility of the person who created it. The credentials constitute the legally recognized signature for the purposes of this rule and may not be transferred, distributed, or shared with any other person.

	<p>(J) Any application received in accordance with this rule that remains incomplete one year after the initial application filing is considered to be abandoned and no further processing will be undertaken with respect to that application.</p> <p>(1) If the application process extends for a period longer than one year, the board may require updated information as it deems necessary.</p> <p>(2) No application for licensure may be withdrawn without approval of the board.</p> <p><b>4755:1-1-02. Educational requirements.</b></p> <p>(A) The education requirements described in divisions (A) and (B) of section 4755.07 of the Revised Code are satisfied by completion of an entry-level education program accredited by the accreditation council for occupational therapy education (ACOTE) of the American occupational therapy association. Occupational therapy programs which have not been accredited by ACOTE will be accepted provided program equivalency has been established by a recognized educational credentialing body approved by the section.</p> <p>(B) In accordance with the provision of the second paragraph of section 4755.09 of the Revised Code, the section may waive the educational requirements specified in paragraph (A) of this rule on the basis of job experience if all of the following conditions are met:</p> <p>(1) The applicant passed the NBCOT certification examination.</p> <p>(2) The applicant for licensure engaged in the active practice of occupational therapy as a licensed occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant in another state.</p> <p>(3) The applicant's licensure and/or certification are active and without restriction.</p> <p>(4) The applicant is foreign educated and meets the requirements of rule 4755:1-1-01 of the Administrative Code.</p> <p>(5) If the applicant has not engaged in the practice of occupational therapy for more than five years in accordance with rule 4755:1-1-04 of the Administrative Code, they may be subject to additional requirements outlined by the occupational therapy section.</p> <p><b>4755:1-1-03. Examination requirements.</b></p> <p>(A) An applicant has satisfied the examination requirements of the occupational therapy section if they passed the certification examination of the national board for certification in occupational therapy for occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants.</p> <p>(B) Examination may be waived for any person who was certified as an occupational therapy assistant by the American Occupational Therapy Association prior to August 27, 1976.</p>
<p><b>Oklahoma</b></p>	<p><b>Statute: Oklahoma Statutes, Title 59, Section 888.6.</b></p> <p>An applicant applying for a license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall file written application on forms provided by the Board, as recommended by the Committee, showing to the satisfaction of the Board that the applicant meets the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Residence: Applicants need not be a resident of this state;</li> <li>2. Character: Applicants shall meet the standards of the Code of Ethics and licensure rules adopted by the Board to safeguard the public;</li> <li>3. Education: Applicants shall present evidence satisfactory to the Board of having successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the Board, with concentration in biological or physical science, psychology and sociology, and with education in selected manual skills. For an occupational therapist the educational program shall be accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE). For an occupational therapy assistant, such a program shall be approved by ACOTE;</li> </ol>

	<p>4. Experience: Applicants shall submit to the Board evidence of having successfully completed a period of supervised field work experience at a recognized educational institution or a training program approved by the educational institution where he or she met the academic requirements. For an occupational therapist, a minimum of six (6) months of supervised field work experience is required. For an occupational therapy assistant, a minimum of two (2) months of supervised field work experience is required;</p> <p>5. Examination: Applicants shall submit to the Board evidence of having successfully completed an examination as provided for in Section 888.7 of this title.</p> <p><b><u>Regulation:</u> Oklahoma Administrative Code 435:30-1-3, Licensure by examination.</b></p> <p>Requirements for licensure by examination for Occupational Therapists or Occupational Therapy Assistants are as follows:</p> <p>(1) All applicants for licensure by examination must meet the statutory requirements set forth in the Oklahoma Occupational Therapy Practice Act, hereinafter referred to as Act.</p> <p>(2) The State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, hereinafter referred to as Board, recognizes and approves the Examination of the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) as an examination acceptable for licensure of an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant.</p> <p>(3) In the event the Board administers the examination set forth in (2) of this section or any other examination approved by them, the application for licensure by examination must be on file at the office of the Board at least 30 days prior to the examination. No person shall be admitted to the examination until satisfactory evidence is submitted to the Board of his/her qualifications to be admitted to such examination.</p> <p>(4) Submission of proof of scores of a passing grade, as determined by the NBCOT, shall constitute satisfactory evidence of applicant's qualifications for licensure. Applicants must have the scores submitted to this Board through a reporting service approved by this Board.</p> <p>(5) An applicant who meets academic, clinical and educational requirements for licensure as an Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapy Assistant may practice under the direct, on-sight supervision of a licensed Occupational Therapist in the status of a graduate Occupational Therapy student or a graduate Occupational Therapy Assistant.</p> <p>(A) Said status will be communicated to the applicant by informal letter from the Board staff. Such status is not tantamount to licensure and does not constitute licensure in any form. A person in this temporary status must identify himself/herself as such and may not hold himself or herself out as a licensed Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapy Assistant.</p> <p>(B) This temporary status may be valid for up to one year. After one year, the graduate Occupational Therapist student or graduate Occupational Therapy Assistant student may not practice in Oklahoma until a passing score on the exam is received.</p> <p>(6) Upon failure of examination by any applicant for Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapy Assistant licensure, said applicant may still function as a graduate Occupational Therapist student or a graduate Occupational Therapy Assistant student. The status of said applicant will be reviewed at each meeting of the Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee.</p> <p>(7) The Committee may in its discretion require any applicant to appear in person before the Committee in connection with consideration of said initial licensure.</p>
<p><b>Oregon</b></p>	<p><b><u>Oregon:</u> Oregon Revised Statutes 675.240, Qualifications for licensing as occupational therapist; rules.</b></p> <p>Except as provided in ORS 675.270, an applicant for licensure under ORS 675.210 to 675.340 as an occupational therapist must:</p> <p>(1) Have successfully completed an educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the Occupational Therapy Licensing Board, with concentration in biological or physical science, psychology and sociology, and with education in selected manual skills.</p>

	<p>(2) Pass to the satisfaction of the board an examination adopted by the board to determine the fitness of the applicant for practice as an occupational therapist or be entitled to be licensed as provided in ORS 675.270.</p> <p>(3) Have successfully completed at least six months of supervised field work that complies with rules adopted by the board.</p> <p>(4) Comply with continuing education requirements as adopted by the board by rule.</p> <p>(5) If an applicant has been unlicensed for more than three years, complete a board-approved reentry program or retake the board approved national examination to determine fitness for practice as an occupational therapist.</p> <p><b>Regulations: Oregon Administrative Rules 339-010-0015, License Examinations Approved by the Board.</b></p> <p>(1) Pursuant to ORS 675.240(1)(b) and (2), the Board adopts the current certification examination and passing score of the National Board For Certification in Occupational Therapy as the examination to determine the fitness of applicants for practice as an occupational therapist.</p> <p>(2) Pursuant to ORS 675.250(3), the Board approves the current certification examination and passing score of the National Board For Certification in Occupational Therapy as the examination to determine the fitness of applicants for practice as an occupational therapy assistant.</p>
<p><b>Pennsylvania</b></p>	<p><b>Statute: Pennsylvania Unconsolidated Statutes, 1982, P.L. 502, No. 140, Section 8. Requirements for licensure.</b></p> <p>An applicant applying for a license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall submit a written application on forms provided by the board evidencing and showing to the satisfaction of the board that he or she:</p> <p>(1) Is of good moral character.</p> <p>(2) Has completed the academic requirements of an approved educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the board with the advice and consultation of recognized national accrediting agencies and professional organizations including the American Occupational Therapy Association as follows:</p> <p>(i) For an occupational therapist, a four-year program, or its equivalent as established by the board.</p> <p>(ii) For an occupational therapy assistant, a two-year program, or its equivalent as established by the board.</p> <p>(3) Has successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience at a recognized educational institute or a training program approved by the educational institution where the academic requirements met were as follows:</p> <p>(i) For an occupational therapist a minimum of six months of supervised fieldwork experience.</p> <p>(ii) For an occupational therapy assistant, a minimum of two months of supervised fieldwork.</p> <p>(4) Has passed an examination approved by the board.</p> <p><b>Regulation: Pennsylvania Code §42.13, Application for licensure.</b></p> <p>(a) To apply for licensure, an applicant shall pay the required fee and submit or cause to be submitted evidence satisfactory to the Board on forms provided by the Board, that the applicant meets the following criteria:</p> <p>(1) Is of good moral character.</p> <p>(2) Has successfully completed an educational program for occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants that is either:</p> <p>(i) Accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) or predecessor organizations.</p> <p>(ii) Approved by the Board and accredited by a National programmatic accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education.</p> <p>(3) Has successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience as a part of an accredited educational program as required by paragraph (2) as follows:</p>

	<p>(i) For an occupational therapist, a minimum of 6 months of supervised fieldwork.</p> <p>(ii) For an occupational therapy assistant, a minimum of 2 months of supervised fieldwork.</p> <p>(4) Has passed the licensure examination or has qualified for a waiver of the licensure examination under § 42.12 (relating to waiver of licensure examination).</p> <p>(5) Has completed 3 hours of approved training in child abuse recognition and reporting in accordance with § 42.48 (relating to child abuse recognition and reporting—mandatory training requirement).</p> <p>(b) In addition to the requirements in subsection (a), an applicant for an occupational therapist license shall submit one of the following:</p> <p>(1) Proof that the applicant has professional liability insurance as set forth in § 42.61 (relating to professional liability insurance requirement).</p> <p>(2) A letter from the applicant’s insurance carrier indicating that the applicant will be covered against professional liability in the amount specified in § 42.61(a) upon the issuance of the applicant’s license to practice occupational therapy in this Commonwealth.</p> <p>(3) A certification from the applicant indicating that the applicant will be covered by an employer against professional liability in the amount specified in § 42.61(a) effective upon the beginning of employment as an occupational therapist, provided that the applicant does not practice occupational therapy prior to the beginning of employment.</p>
<p><b>Puerto Rico</b></p>	<p><b><u>Statute: Puerto Rico Laws Annotated §20 L.P.R.A. sec. 1035, License application (English Translation).</u></b></p> <p>Every occupational therapist or assistant in occupational therapy interested in obtaining a license as such to practice his profession in Puerto Rico shall fill in the form provided for such purposes by the Board.</p> <p>Any applicant for an occupational therapist or assistant in occupational therapy license shall meet the following requirements:</p> <p>(1) Be of legal age if applying for an occupational therapist license, or be eighteen (18) years of age or older in the case of an assistant in occupational therapy.</p> <p>(2) Have resided in Puerto Rico for the six (6) months prior to the examination application, except for sporadic trips out of the country.</p> <p>(3) All occupational therapists shall present before the Board a diploma or graduation certificate, as well as an official academic record transcription, attesting that the applicant has passed or satisfactorily completed a program of studies in an educational institution recognized by the Council on Higher Education of Puerto Rico, or in an educational institution of the United States or abroad that is recognized or accredited by the corresponding authority and that meets, to the satisfaction of the Council on Higher Education, the minimum requirements of an occupational therapy study program.</p> <p>(4) All assistants in occupational therapy shall present before the Board a diploma or graduation certificate, as well as an official academic record transcription, attesting that the applicant has passed or satisfactorily completed an assistant in occupational therapy study program in an educational institution recognized by the Council on Higher Education of Puerto Rico, or in an educational institution of the United States or abroad recognized or accredited by the corresponding authority and that meets, to the satisfaction of the Council on Higher Education, the minimum requirements of an assistant in occupational therapy study program.</p>
<p><b>Rhode Island</b></p>	<p><b><u>Statute: Rhode Island General Laws §§ 5-40.1-8, Requirements for licensure.</u></b></p> <p>(a) Any applicant seeking licensure as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant in this state must:</p> <p>(1) be at least eighteen (18) years of age;</p> <p>(2) be of good moral character;</p>

	<p>(3) have successfully completed the academic requirements of an education program in occupational therapy accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association's Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education or such other accrediting agency as may be approved by the Board;</p> <p>(4) have successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience arranged by the recognized educational institution where he or she met the academic requirements;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. for an occupational therapist, a minimum of twenty-four (24) weeks of supervised fieldwork experience is required;</li> <li>ii. for an occupational therapy assistant, a minimum of twelve (12) weeks is required;</li> </ul> <p>(5) have successfully passed the National Certification Examination for Occupational Therapists, Registered or National Certification Examination for Occupational Therapy Assistants of the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) or other occupational therapy certification examination as approved by the Board.</p> <p><b><u>Regulation:</u> Rhode Island Rules and Regulations R5-40.1-OCC Section 3.0, Qualifications for Licensure.</b></p> <p>3.1 Any applicant seeking licensure as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant in this state must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) be at least eighteen (18) years of age;</li> <li>b) be of good moral character;</li> <li>c) have successfully completed the academic requirements of an education program in occupational therapy accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association's Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education or such other accrediting agency as may be approved by the Board;</li> <li>d) have successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience arranged by the recognized educational institution where he or she met the academic requirements;</li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. for an occupational therapist, a minimum of twenty-four (24) weeks of supervised fieldwork experience is required;</li> <li>ii. for an occupational therapy assistant, a minimum of twelve (12) weeks is required;</li> </ul> <li>e) have successfully passed the National Certification Examination for Occupational Therapists, Registered or National Certification Examination for Occupational Therapy Assistants of the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) or other occupational therapy certification examination as approved by the Board.</li> </ul>
<p><b>South Carolina</b></p>	<p><b><u>Statute:</u> South Carolina Code §40-36-230, Applications for licensure as occupational therapist or assistant; license requirements.</b></p> <p>(A) An applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist shall file a written application on forms provided by the board showing to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) has graduated from an occupational therapy educational program approved by ACOTE or other AOTA endorsed accrediting body for occupational therapy or other educational program which the board considers to be substantially equivalent;</li> <li>(2) has completed successfully a minimum of six months of supervised field work experience at an educational institution approved by the educational institution where the applicant met the academic requirements;</li> <li>(3) has passed a board-approved certification exam for the occupational therapist; and</li> <li>(4) is in good standing with NBCOT or other board-approved certification program.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Regulation:</u> South Carolina Regulations §94-04, General Licensing Provisions for Occupational Therapists.</b></p> <p>An applicant for initial licensure as an occupational therapist must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) be a graduate of an occupational therapy educational program approved by the Board; and</li> <li>(2) submit an application on a form approved by the Board, along with the required fee; and</li> </ul>

	<p>(3) pass an examination approved by the Board; and  (4) submit proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant is in good standing with the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) or other Board-approved certification program.</p>
<p><b>South Dakota</b></p>	<p><b>Statute: South Dakota Codified Laws §36-31-6, Application for licensure--Requirements.</b>  Any applicant applying for a license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall file a written application provided by the board, showing to the satisfaction of the board that he meets the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Residence: Applicant need not be a resident of this state;</li> <li>(2) Character: Applicant shall be of good moral character;</li> <li>(3) Education: Applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the board of having successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The occupational therapy educational program shall be accredited by the committee on allied health education and accreditation/American Medical Association in collaboration with the American Occupational Therapy Association;</li> <li>(b) The occupational therapy assistant educational program shall be approved by the American Occupational Therapy Association.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(4) Experience: Applicant shall submit to the board evidence of having successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience arranged by the recognized educational institution where he met the academic requirements or by the nationally recognized professional association: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) For an occupational therapist, a minimum of six months of supervised fieldwork experience is required;</li> <li>(b) For an occupational therapy assistant, a minimum of two months of supervised fieldwork experience is required.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(5) Examination: An applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall pass an examination approved by the board upon recommendation by the occupational therapy committee.</li> </ul> <p><b>Regulation: South Dakota Administrative Rules 20:64:02:01, Examination.</b>  The examination approved by the board is the certification examination of the National Board for Certification of Occupational Therapy.</p>
<p><b>Tennessee</b></p>	<p><b>Statute: Tennessee Code 63-13-202, Applicants for licensure -- Qualifications -- Examinations.</b>  An applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall file an application showing, to the satisfaction of the board of occupational therapy, that the applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Is of good moral character;</li> <li>(2) Has successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program accredited by ACOTE or its predecessor organization. The accredited program shall be a program for occupational therapists or a program for occupational therapy assistants, depending upon the category of licensure for which the applicant is applying;</li> <li>(3) Has successfully completed the period of supervised fieldwork experience required by ACOTE; and</li> <li>(4) Has made an acceptable score on a written or computerized examination designed to test the applicant's knowledge of the basic and clinical services related to occupational therapy, occupational therapy techniques and methods and other subjects that may help to determine an applicant's fitness to practice. The board of occupational therapy shall approve an examination for occupational therapists and an examination for occupational therapy assistants and shall establish standards for acceptable performance on each examination. The board is authorized to use the entry level national examinations prepared and administered by NBCOT as the examinations used to test applicants for licensure as occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants and is authorized to use the standards of NBCOT in determining an acceptable score on each examination.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Regulation: Tennessee Rules §1150-02-.04, QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE.</b></p> <p>(1) To qualify for licensure as an occupational therapist, an applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Be of good moral character;</li> <li>(b) Have successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program for occupational therapists accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) or its predecessor organization;</li> <li>(c) Have successfully completed the supervised fieldwork experience required by ACOTE; and</li> <li>(d) Pass the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy Examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy; or be eligible for licensure as provided in T.C.A. § 63-13-213.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Texas</b></p>	<p><b>Statute: Texas Occupations Code Chapter 454 Subchapter E, License Requirements</b></p> <p><b>§454.203, QUALIFICATIONS FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT LICENSE.</b></p> <p>(a) An applicant for an occupational therapist license or an occupational therapy assistant license must present evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the board, as provided by §454.204;</li> <li>(2) successfully completed a period of supervised field work experience arranged by the recognized educational institution at which the applicant met the academic requirements; and</li> <li>(3) passed an examination as provided by §454.207.</li> </ul> <p>(b) To satisfy the supervised field work experience required by Subsection (a)(2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) an occupational therapist must have completed a period of at least six months; and</li> <li>(2) an occupational therapy assistant must have completed a period of at least two months.</li> </ul> <p><b>§454.204, EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.</b></p> <p>To satisfy §454.203(a)(1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) an applicant applying for an occupational therapist license must have, from a program approved by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education, its predecessor organization, or another national credentialing agency approved by the board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) a baccalaureate degree in occupational therapy, if the applicant graduated before January 1, 2007;</li> <li>(B) a certificate evidencing successful completion of required undergraduate occupational therapy course work awarded to persons with a baccalaureate degree that is not in occupational therapy, if the applicant graduated before January 1, 2007; or</li> <li>(C) a postbaccalaureate degree in occupational therapy; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>(2) an applicant applying for an occupational therapy assistant license must have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) an associate degree in occupational therapy; or</li> <li>(B) an occupational therapy assistant certificate.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Regulation: Texas Administrative Code §364.1, Requirements for Licensure.</b></p> <p>(a) All applicants for initial Texas licensure shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) submit a complete application form and non-refundable application fee as set by the Executive Council;</li> <li>(2) submit in paper or electronic form a current color photograph that meets the requirements for a U.S. passport. A photograph</li> </ul>



	<p>in electronic form must be of a high-quality resolution comparable to that of a passport photograph in paper form;</p> <p>(3) submit a successfully completed Board jurisprudence examination on the Act and Rules;</p> <p>(4) have completed academic and supervised field work requirements of an accredited educational program in occupational therapy as per §454.203 of the Act (relating to Qualifications for Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapy Assistant License) or if foreign-trained, have met substantially equivalent academic and supervised field work requirements as per §454.205 of the Act (relating to Foreign-Trained Applicants);</p> <p>(5) submit a complete and legible set of fingerprints in the manner prescribed by the Board for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information from the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and</p> <p>(6) either meet the requirements in §364.2 of this title (relating to Initial License by Examination) and apply by examination or meet the requirements in §364.4 of this title (relating to Licensure by Endorsement) and apply by endorsement.</p> <p>(b) The applicant must also meet the requirements in §364.2 of this title and apply by examination if the applicant:</p> <p>(1) has not passed the NBCOT certification examination; or</p> <p>(2) has passed the NBCOT certification examination and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(A) is not currently licensed as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant in another state or territory of the U.S.; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(B) if not currently licensed in another state or territory of the U.S., is applying from the U.S. military or a non-licensing state or territory of the U.S. and cannot substantiate occupational therapy employment for at least two years immediately preceding application for a Texas license.</p>
<p><b>Utah</b></p>	<p><b><u>Statute:</u> Utah Administrative Code, Title 58, Chapter 42a, Part 3, §58-42a-302, Qualifications for licensure.</b></p> <p>(1) An applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist shall:</p> <p>(a) submit an application in a form as prescribed by the division;</p> <p>(b) pay a fee as determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;</p> <p>(c) be of good moral character as it relates to the functions and responsibilities of the practice of occupational therapy;</p> <p>(d) graduate with a bachelor's or graduate degree for the practice of occupational therapy from an education program accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association's Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education, a predecessor organization, or an equivalent organization as determined by division rule;</p> <p>(e) if applying for licensure on or after July 1, 2015, complete a minimum of 24 weeks of supervised fieldwork experience; and</p> <p>(f) pass an examination approved by the division in consultation with the board and administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, or by another nationally recognized credentialing body as approved by division rule, to demonstrate knowledge of the practice, skills, theory, and professional ethics related to occupational therapy.</p> <p><b><u>Regulation:</u> Utah Administrative Code R156-42a-302, Qualifications for Licensure – Examination Requirements.</b></p> <p>The examination requirements for licensure, in accordance with Section 58-42a-302, are established as follows:</p> <p>(1) An applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist shall pass the Occupational Therapist Registered (OTR) certification examination from the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), or a predecessor organization.</p> <p>(2) An applicant for licensure as an occupational therapy assistant shall pass the Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) certification examination from the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), or a predecessor organization.</p>
<p><b>Vermont</b></p>	<p><b><u>Statute:</u> Vermont Statutes Title 26, Chap 71, §3355, Eligibility.</b></p> <p>(a) To be eligible for licensure as an occupational therapist, an applicant:</p>

	<p>(1) shall have successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program for occupational therapists accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association's Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) or its predecessor or successor organizations;</p> <p>(2) shall have successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience required by the recognized educational institution where the applicant met the requirements set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection; and</p> <p>(3) shall pass an examination as provided in section 3357 of this title.</p> <p><b>Regulation: Vermont Administrative Rules for OT 2.3, LICENSURE AS AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST (BY EXAMINATION).</b></p> <p>(1) Education: The applicant must have a bachelor's or higher degree from an educational program for occupational therapists that is accredited by ACOTE, including the required supervised fieldwork.</p> <p>(2) Examination: The applicant must submit proof of having passed the exam approved by the Director. Information on applying for and scheduling the exam is available from the Office or the national examining body. Candidates who fail the exam must retake the exam and are ineligible to practice until its successful completion.</p> <p>(3) Application procedure: The instructions for "examination" applicants found on the application form are followed.</p>
<p><b>Virginia</b></p>	<p><b>Regulation: Virginia Administrative Code §18VAC85-80-35, Application requirements.</b></p> <p>An applicant for licensure shall submit the following on forms provided by the board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A completed application and a fee as prescribed in 18VAC85-80-26.</li> <li>2. Verification of professional education in occupational therapy as required in 18VAC85-80-40.</li> <li>3. Verification of practice as required in 18VAC85-80-60 and as specified on the application form.</li> <li>4. Documentation of passage of the national examination as required in 18VAC85-80-50.</li> <li>5. If licensed or certified in any other jurisdiction, verification that there has been no disciplinary action taken or pending in that jurisdiction.</li> </ol> <p><b>Regulation: Virginia Administrative Code Title 18, Agency 85, Chapter 80.</b></p> <p><b>18VAC85-80-40 Educational requirements.</b></p> <p>A. An applicant who has received his professional education in the United States, its possessions or territories, shall successfully complete all academic and fieldwork requirements of an accredited educational program as verified by the ACOTE.</p> <p>B. An applicant who has received his professional education outside the United States, its possessions or territories, shall successfully complete all academic and clinical fieldwork requirements of a program approved by a member association of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists as verified by the candidate's occupational therapy program director and as required by the NBCOT and submit proof of proficiency in the English language by passing the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a score acceptable to the board. TOEFL may be waived upon evidence of English proficiency.</p> <p>C. An applicant who does not meet the educational requirements as prescribed in subsection A or B of this section but who has received certification by the NBCOT as an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant shall be eligible for licensure in Virginia and shall provide the board verification of his education, training and work experience acceptable to the board.</p> <p><b>18VAC85-80-50 Examination requirements.</b></p> <p>A. An applicant for licensure to practice as an occupational therapist shall submit evidence to the board that he has passed the certification examination for an occupational therapist and any other examination required for initial certification from the NBCOT.</p>

	<p>B. An applicant for licensure to practice as an occupational therapy assistant shall submit evidence to the board that he has passed the certification examination for an occupational therapy assistant and any other examination required for initial certification from the NBCOT.</p>
<p><b>Washington</b></p>	<p><b>Statute: Washington Revised Code §18.59.050, Licenses—Application—Requirements—Waiver.</b></p> <p>(1) An applicant applying for a license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall file a written application on forms provided by the department showing to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant meets the requirements specified in this subsection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The applicant shall be of good moral character.</li> <li>(b) The applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the board of having successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the board, with concentration in biological or physical science, psychology, sociology, and with education in selected manual skills. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) For an occupational therapist, such a program shall be nationally accredited and approved by rules of the board.</li> <li>(ii) For an occupational therapy assistant, such a program shall be nationally accredited and approved by rules of the board.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(c) The applicant shall submit to the board evidence of having successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience at a recognized educational institution or a training program approved by the educational institution at which the applicant met the academic requirements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) For an occupational therapist, a minimum of six months of supervised fieldwork experience is required.</li> <li>(ii) For an occupational therapy assistant, a minimum of two months of supervised fieldwork experience is required.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(d) An applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall pass an examination as provided in RCW 18.59.060.</li> </ul> <p>(2) The board may waive the educational requirements specified under subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section for an occupational therapy assistant who has met the experience and any other requirements established by the board. Upon successful completion of the examination required of the occupational therapist, the individual shall be granted a license.</p> <p><b>Regulation: Washington Administrative Code Title 246, Chapter 847.</b></p> <p><b>246-847-040 Recognized educational programs—Occupational therapists.</b></p> <p>The board recognizes and approves courses of instruction conducted by schools that have obtained accreditation of the program in occupational therapy from the American Occupational Therapy Association's Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education as recognized in the current Listing of Educational Programs in Occupational Therapy published by the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc.</p> <p><b>246-847-080 Examinations.</b></p> <p>(1) The examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy or its successor/predecessor organization shall be the official examination for licensure as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant.</p> <p>(2) To be eligible for a license, applicants must attain a passing score on the examination determined by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy or its successor/predecessor organization.</p>
<p><b>West Virginia</b></p>	<p><b>Statute: West Virginia Code §30-28-10, Qualifications of applicants for license.</b></p> <p>To be eligible for a license to engage in the practice of occupational therapy, the applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Be of good moral character;</li> </ul>

	<p>(2) Have successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program for Occupational Therapists or Occupational Therapy Assistants that is accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association's Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) or its predecessor organizations;</p> <p>(3) Have successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience required by the recognized educational institution where he or she met the academic requirements;</p> <p>(4) Have passed an examination approved by the board;</p> <p>(5) Have filed an application on forms provided by the board; and</p> <p>(6) Have paid the applicable fee.</p> <p><b>Regulation: West Virginia Code of State Rules §13-1-9, Issuance of Licenses, Limited Permits, and Temporary Licenses.</b></p> <p>9.1. The Board shall issue a license to an applicant in a timely manner upon receipt of a properly completed application and payment of the appropriate fee if the applicant:</p> <p>9.1.a. Has successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the Board as described in W. Va. Code §30-28-10;</p> <p>9.1.b. Has successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience required by the recognized educational institution where he or she met the academic requirements; and</p> <p>9.1.c. Has passed an examination approved by the Board as provided in section 8 of this rule.</p>
<p><b>Wisconsin</b></p>	<p><b>Statute: Wisconsin Statutes §448.963, Licensure requirements; limited permits.</b></p> <p>(1) An applicant for a license granted under this subchapter shall do each of the following:</p> <p>(a) Submit an application for the license to the department on a form provided by the department.</p> <p>(b) Pay the fee specified in s. 440.05 (1).</p> <p>(2) The affiliated credentialing board shall grant a license as an occupational therapist to a person who does all of the following:</p> <p>(a) Satisfies the requirements under sub. (1).</p> <p>(b) Submits evidence satisfactory to the affiliated credentialing board that he or she has done any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Successfully completed the academic requirements and supervised internship of an educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the affiliated credentialing board and accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association.</li> <li>2. Received initial certification as an occupational therapist by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy.</li> <li>3. Been initially certified as an occupational therapist by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, if the affiliated credentialing board determines that the requirements for the certification are equivalent to the requirements under subds. 1. and 2.</li> </ol> <p>(c) Passes an examination under s. 448.964.</p> <p><b>Regulation: Wisconsin Administrative Code OT 2.02, Applications and credentials.</b></p> <p>(1) Every applicant for initial licensure as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant shall submit all of the following:</p> <p>(a) A completed application form.</p>

	<p>(b) Evidence of initial certification as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant from the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy; and that the applicant has completed an occupational therapist educational program, or an occupational therapy assistant educational program.</p> <p>(c) Written verification from the national board for certification in occupational therapy that the applicant has passed the examination required by this chapter.</p> <p>(2) Requests for verification from the national board for certification in occupational therapy shall be made by the applicant.</p> <p>(3) An application for licensure is not complete until the board has received both a completed application form and verification of initial certification from the national board for certification in occupational therapy.</p>
<p><b>Wyoming</b></p>	<p><b><u>Statute: Wyoming Statutes §33-40-106.</u></b>  Requirements for licensure; continuing education.</p> <p>(a) An applicant applying for a license as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant shall file a specified written application showing to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Has a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness and competence in all matters relevant to practicing the profession of occupational therapy;</li> <li>(ii) Has successfully completed the academic requirements in occupational therapy in an approved program that is accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association's Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) or a successor organization as established in rule and approved by the licensure board;</li> <li>(iii) Has successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience required by the recognized educational institution where the applicant met the academic requirements described in paragraph (ii) of this subsection; and</li> <li>(iv) Has passed a national certification examination as provided in W.S. 33-40-107.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Regulation: Wyoming Administrative Rules, Occupational Therapy Board, Chapter 2, Section 2 – Initial License.</u></b></p> <p>(a) The applicant shall submit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Completed application and fee;</li> <li>(ii) Official verification of passing scores of the national certification examination, administered by NBCOT or current national examination recognized by the board;</li> <li>(iii) Verification of all licenses held, active or inactive, in any healthcare professions; and</li> <li>(iv) Verification of lawful presence in the United States.</li> </ul>