

West Virginia Board of Occupational Therapy

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License renewal time is here!

It is now time to renew your licensure to continue practicing Occupational Therapy in WV for the year 2008. Enclosed you will find the renewal application and information related to continuing competency requirements. As we received an overwhelming request on 2007 renewal applications for newsletters to be mailed, as opposed to viewing on-line, we hope that including the renewal application will help make the renewal process more efficient. The application and newsletter are still available for viewing and/or download from our website at www.wvbot.org.

Licensure renewal requires 12 hours of education and continuing competency activities annually. This requirement applies only to licensees who have been under the status of permanent licensure for the entire 2007 calendar year. The enclosed summary of the broad variety of activities you may claim is included to aid in the completion of your renewal application. Please note that there is a maximum allowable credit for some activities. This is intended to encourage a varied competency experience. An excess of 6 hours may be carried into the next calendar year renewal period if you have surpassed the annual 12 hour requirement for the current year.

Renewal information continued....

Unless you are further instructed to do so, please do not send copies of continuing education documents with your renewal application. The Board conducts a random audit of these annually. If you have been selected to participate in this audit, this packet will contain further instructions.

Your renewal application and associated fee must be returned to the Board office prior to the issuance of 2008 license cards. You may not practice Occupational Therapy in WV after December 31, 2007 without the actual license cards in your possession. To assure receiving your 2008 license cards prior to January 1, 2008, submit your properly completed renewal application by December 1, 2007. The Board recommends that you make copies of your renewal application before mailing it. Renewal application must be postmarked by December 31, 2007 to avoid late fee. Delinquent application and late fee payment submission does not constitute an extension of the licensure privilege beyond December 31, 2007.

Supervision Survey Results

In our Mid-Year 2007 newsletter, we asked for input regarding limits on the number of staff an OT(R) can supervise. Thanks to those who responded to the survey for your valuable input.

Of the 73 responses, 79% believed there should be limits to the number of staff an OT(R) can supervise concurrently. However, the overwhelming comment related to the many situational factors that are involved in determining what that appropriate number would be.

Please be reminded that nothing has been changed at this point. We are just beginning to review our Practice Act and Legislative Rules to identify areas that need to be addressed at our next Legislative review. Please continue to forward to the Board any input / comments you have regarding any area of the current Practice Act / Legislative Rules you would like to see addressed. You can mail these comments to the address at the top of this newsletter, or email them to vmalnikoff@wvbot.org.

WVBOT Disciplinary Actions

The following disciplinary action has been taken for a violation of the Practice Act and/or Legislative Rules governing the practice of Occupational Therapy in the state of West Virginia. Investigations will continue to be conducted as necessary to assure compliance to licensure laws and to protect the public.

Kristi Rota, OT

License #1202

License revoked April 17, 2007

*Disciplinary actions can also be found on our website under *License – Disciplinary Actions*.