

STATE OF FLORIDA APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE AS AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

PLEASE KEEP THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND A COPY OF YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE OR FOR COPYING IN THE EVENT AN APPLICATION IS LOST IN THE MAIL.

Florida provides methods of application which streamline the process for licensure. Eligibility requirements are provided below and checklists for applying are also enclosed in this packet to assist you with obtaining licensure in the most efficient manner possible.

LICENSURE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- > Is of good moral character.
- Graduated from an accredited OTA or OT program (accredited by the AOTA).
- Completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience at a recognized educational institution or a training program approved by the education institution where you met the academic requirements. An occupational therapy assistant must have a minimum of 2 months supervised fieldwork experience. An occupational therapist must have a minimum of 6 months supervised fieldwork experience.
- Passed an examination conducted or adopted by the National Board of Certification for Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).

STATUTE & RULE REFERENCES

Specific licensure requirements can be found in Chapter 468, Part III, Florida Statutes and Chapter 64B11, Florida Administrative Code. Applicants and licensees should also be familiar with the requirements of Chapter 456, Florida Statutes. Laws and rules are subject to change and are periodically updated. It is your professional responsibility to read and understand the instructions and the laws and rules governing the practice of occupational therapy in Florida before completing your application. If another party is handling your application for you, *it is still your responsibility to read, understand, and comply with all requirements for licensure.* The current laws and rules may be accessed at the Board website at this link: http://www.floridasoccupationaltherapy.gov/resources.

APPLICATION FEES \$180 TOTAL

(\$100 application processing fee: \$75 initial licensure fee: and \$5 unlicensed activity fee.)

- All fees are payable by personal or company check, certified check or money order. Make payable to DOH/Board of Occupational Therapy Practice and attach to the front of your application.
- Applications will be returned unprocessed when received without the \$180 fee.
- ➤ The application processing fee is non-refundable. If requested in writing, the \$80 licensure and unlicensed activity fee may be refunded if your application is withdrawn and/or a license is not issued.
- Examination Fee: For new graduates, there are separate examination and registration fees payable to the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). Contact the NBCOT at (301) 990-7979 for more information.

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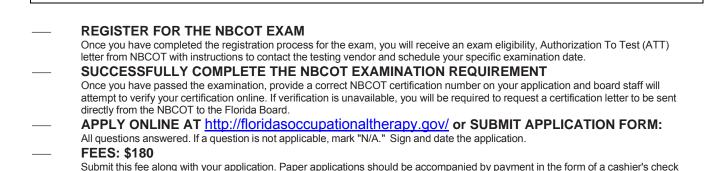
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NEW GRADUATES

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS & CHECKLIST

- # 1. <u>BEFORE</u> you submit this state licensure application, apply to the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) to schedule the examination required for licensure. Visit: www.nbcot.org or call: (301) 990-7979.
- **# 2.** AFTER you have passed the examination, you are READY to apply for your State of Florida license. Apply online at http://floridasoccupationaltherapy.gov/ for a streamlined process or submit the paper application. After successfully completing the exam, you may select the "ENDORSEMENT" application method.
- # 3. Once we determine that your application is COMPLETE and we are able to verify your passage of the examination, your license will be issued.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST



Send Application and Fees, and Additional Documentation to us by Mail to:

DEPT of Health/Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

4052 Bald Cypress Way

BIN #C-05, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3255

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or money order payable

NBCOT CERTIFIED APPLICANTS APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS & CHECKLIST

- # 1. If you have ever been certified by the NBCOT, you are READY to apply for your State of Florida license! Apply online at http://floridasoccupationaltherapy.gov/ for a streamlined process or submit the paper application.
 - If your NBCOT Certification is CURRENT, select the "ENDORSEMENT" application method.
 - If your NBCOT Certification is NOT CURRENT, but you have at least one active license in another state or jurisdiction, you may select the "EXAM w/WAIVER" option.
- # 2. Once we verify that your application is COMPLETE and are able to verify your NBCOT certification, your license will be issued.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST
Practice Reentry Requirements: Have you been out of active practice in the last 5 years? If so, yo will need to submit proof of completion of 50 hours of approved continuing education courses before a license may be issued. Twelve (12) of the 50 hours may be home study. All courses must be taken within the year prior to licensure. To find Board-approved CE courses on a variety of profession-related subjects, use the "Course Search" function at: www.CEBroker.com. Once you have completed the required continuing education, compile your course completion certificates and send in with your application.
 APPLY ONLINE AT http://floridasoccupationaltherapy.gov/ or SUBMIT APPLICATION FORM All questions answered. If a question is not applicable, mark "N/A." Sign and date the application.
 FEES: \$180 Submit this fee along with your application. Paper applications should be accompanied by payment in the form of a cashier's check or money order payable
 Endorsement of Current NBCOT Certification Applicants: Provide a correct NBCOT certification number on your application and board staff will attempt to verify your certification online. If verification is unavailable, you will be required to request a certification letter to be sent directly from NBCOT to the Florida Board.
 Exam with Waiver of Current NBCOT Certification Applicants: If you were once certified with the NBCOT, but have not maintained the certification, but hold at least one license in another state or jurisdiction, you may apply by this method. Provide a correct NBCOT certification number on your application and board staff will attempt to verify your certification online. If verification is unavailable, you will be required to request a certification letter to be sent directly from NBCOT to the Florida Board.

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Florida Department of Health Occupational Therapy Board

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	Social So	ecurity N	umber:				<u> </u>
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1.	PERSONAL H	ISTORY					
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F.					rrence of a diagnosed suthin the past five years?	ubstance-re □ YES	lated
	Mission Stat	tement: "To prot	ect, promote and im	prove the health of all people efforts."	in Florida through integrated s	state, county &	community

4052 Bald Cypress Way, BIN #C-05 Tallahassee, FL 32399-3255 Phone: (850) 245-4373 Fax: (850) 414-6860 Website: http://floridasoccupationaltherapy.gov/

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Florida Department of Health Occupational Therapy Board

Mailing Address for Application and Fees P.O. Box 6330
Tallahassee, FL 32314-6330
Mailing Address for Supporting Documents 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C-05
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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY APPLICATION

Applications are good for one year from date of original submission of the application and fee; application fees are non-refundable. Failure to complete this entire application, or to attach any required documentation, will result in an incomplete application; your application will not be considered until it is complete. Please type, or print in blue or black ink.

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2. APPLICATION TYPE CHECK ONLY ONE FROM "A" AND "B"
A. APPLICATION Occupational Therapy: \$180 total (\$100 application fee; \$75 licensure fee; \$5 unlicensed activity fee) Occupational Therapy Assistant: \$180 total (\$100 application fee; \$75 licensure fee; \$5 unlicensed activity fee)
B. METHOD (Must check one. See instructions for eligibility requirements.) Endorsement: currently certified with NBCOT / successfully completed the NBCOT exam. (XACT 1021) Exam W/Waiver: previous successful completion of NBCOT exam, waiving current certification. (XACT 1024: no temp; XACT: temp) Examination: waiting to sit for the NBCOT exam (XACT 1010) Recommended: Complete NBCOT exam first & then apply by Endorsement.
3. PROFILE INFORMATION LIST YOUR FULL, LEGAL NAME AS IT SHOULD APPEAR ON YOUR LICENSE (NO NICKNAMES)
NAME: (Last) (First) (Middle)
List all names by which you are currently known or have been known in the past:
DATE OF BIRTH (optional)/
MAILING ADDRESS:(Apt. #)(Apt. #)
City: State: Zip: Country:
PRACTICE NAME:
Address:Suite:
City:
Required, if not applicable at time of application, please indicate with "N/A." The practice location will display on the internet and your license.)
NORK NUMBER: ()HOME NUMBER: ()
FAX NUMBER: () MOBILE NUMBER: ()
CORRESPONDENCE VIA E-MAIL*: Please print legibly. By checking "yes" you are agreeing to allow the board office to contact you with information regarding your application via email. If you choose this option please check your email account frequently and notify the board office of any change to your email address.
□YES □ NO E-MAIL ADDRESS: @
4. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
We are required to ask that you furnish the following information as part of your voluntary compliance with Section 60–3, Uniform Guidelines on Employee Selection Procedure (1978); 43 FR 38295 (August 25, 1978). This information is gathered for statistical and reporting purposes only and does not in any way affect your candidacy for licensure. Are you a US citizen?

*Under Florida law, e-mail addresses are public records. If you do not want your e-mail address released in response to a public records request, do not send electronic mail to this entity. Instead, contact this office by phone or in writing.

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NAME			

5. EDUCAT	TION HISTORY					
Name of School, C	College, or University	:				
Graduation Date: _	/	gree Obtained:				
What name(s) did y	ou use when you rece	eived your occupational	therapy education?			
6. CERTIFI	CATION HISTORY.	ATTACH ADDITION	AL SHEETS IF NECESSA	ARY		
Have you taken the	NBCOT (formerly AO	TA or AOTCB) exam?	□YES □ NO			
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issued until the NB	COT examination has	been passed.				
7. APPLICA	ANT BACKGROUN	D ATTACH ADDITIC	NAL SHEETS IF NECES	SARY		
		onal Therapist or Occupa	ational Therapy Assistant		□YES □ NO	
	e state of Florida?	ı previously applied:	1 1			
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			ense/certification, or othe		□YES □ NO	
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State	License Title	License Number	Original Issue Date	Expiration Date	License Status	
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8. APPLICA	ANT SEEKING REE	NTRY INTO THE PR	ROFESSION			
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last five years, to submit to the Board, documentation of 50 occupational therapy continuing education units, 12 of which may be home study, taken within the year prior to licensure. This does not pertain to New Graduates.						
	Have you been in active practice within the last five years? □YES □ NO □ Not applicable, I am a new graduate.					
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ALL APPLICANTS

Answer questions in sections (1) Personal History, (10) Criminal History, and (11) Disciplinary History with a "YES" OR "NO" - do not leave any blanks. Written statement(s) to all "YES" answers in sections 1,10, and 11 <u>are required</u> and must explain in detail the circumstances and dates surrounding the answer(s). In addition to the statement(s) you must submit supporting documentation to verify and support "YES" answers, including court documents, arrest records, sentencing information, final disposition(s), restitution records, completion of probation and/or conditions, medical records, diagnosis, prescription medications for conditions and/or impairments, evaluation letter(s) from treating physicians and/or institutions, board orders, disciplinary reports, employment records and/or employment verifications, employer and/or colleague recommendation letters, etc. See application instructions for additional information regarding "YES" answers on this page.

9.	CRIMINAL HISTORY	
traffic	you ever been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty, nolo contendere, or no contest to, a crime in any just offense? You must include all misdemeanors and felonies, even if the court withheld adjudication so that ction. Driving under the influence or driving while impaired is not a minor traffic offense for the purposes of	you would not have a record of
lf '	"YES", explain:	
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10.	DISCIPLINARY HISTORY	
Α.	Have you ever had a license revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against, including denial licensing authority of this state or another state, territory or country?	of licensure, by the ☐ YES ☐ NO
В.	Have you ever been found guilty of malpractice?	☐ YES ☐ NO
C. empl	Have you ever been disciplined, terminated, or allowed to resign, in lieu of termination, from ar loyed as an Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapist Assistant or in any capacity in a h	
D. relate	Have you ever been convicted or found guilty, regardless of adjudication, of a crime in any juries to the practice of Occupational Therapy?	sdiction which directly ☐ YES ☐ NO
the b	If you answered "YES" to any of the above questions, please send a typed or printed description of the oard(s) in the states you were disciplined and request official copies of the administrative complaint and filed office. See application instructions for additional information regarding "yes" answers on this page.	
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HISTORY PURSUANT TO SECTION 456.0635(2) F.S.	
IMPORTANT NOTICE: Applicants for licensure, certification or registration and candidates for examination excluded from licensure, certification or registration if their felony conviction falls into certain timeframes as Section 456.0635(2), Florida Statutes. If you answer YES to any of the following questions, please provide explanation for each question including the county and state of each termination or conviction, date of each conviction, and copies of supporting documentation to the address below. Supporting documentation includispositions or agency orders where applicable.	s established in e a written h termination or
11. Have you been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a felony under Chapter 409, F.S. (relating to social and economic assistance), Chapter 817, F.S. (relating to fraudulent practices), Chapter 893, F.S. (relating to drug abuse prevention and control) or a similar felony offense(s) in another state or jurisdiction? (If you responded "no", skip to #2.)	☐ Yes ☐ No
a. If "yes" to 1, for the felonies of the first or second degree, has it been more than 15 years from the date of the plea, sentence and completion of any subsequent probation?	☐ Yes ☐ No
b. If "yes" to 1, for the felonies of the third degree, has it been more than 10 years from the date of the plea, sentence and completion of any subsequent probation? (This question does not apply to felonies of the third degree under Section 893.13(6)(a), Florida Statutes).	☐ Yes ☐ No
c. If "yes" to 1, for the felonies of the third degree under Section 893.13(6)(a), Florida Statutes, has it been more than 5 years from the date of the plea, sentence and completion of any subsequent probation?	☐ Yes ☐ No
d. If "yes" to 1, have you successfully completed a drug court program that resulted in the plea for the felony offense being withdrawn or the charges dismissed? (If "yes", please provide supporting documentation).	☐ Yes ☐ No
12. Have you been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a felony under 21 U.S.C. ss. 801-970 (relating to controlled substances) or 42 U.S.C. ss. 1395-1396 (relating to public health, welfare, Medicare and Medicaid issues)? (If you responded "no", skip to #3.)	☐ Yes ☐ No
a. If "yes" to 2, has it been more than 15 years before the date of application since the sentence and any subsequent period of probation for such conviction or plea ended?	☐ Yes ☐ No
13. Have you ever been terminated for cause from the Florida Medicaid Program pursuant to Section 409.913, Florida Statutes? (If "No", do not answer 3a. and skip to #4.)	☐ Yes ☐ No
a. If you have been terminated but reinstated, have you been in good standing with the Florida Medicaid Program for the most recent five years?	☐ Yes ☐ No
14. Have you ever been terminated for cause, pursuant to the appeals procedures established by the state, from any other state Medicaid program? (If "No", do not answer 4a or 4b. and skip to #5.)	☐ Yes ☐ No
a. Have you been in good standing with a state Medicaid program for the most recent five years?	☐ Yes ☐ No
b. Did the termination occur at least 20 years before the date of this application?	☐ Yes ☐ No
15. Are you currently listed on the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General's List of Excluded Individuals and Entities?	☐ Yes ☐ No
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16. PRACTITIONER REGISTRY FOR DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES (Section 456.38, Florida Statutes)
Section 456.38, Florida Statutes, Practitioner Registry for Disasters and Emergencies Will you be available to provide health care services in special needs shelters or to help staff disaster medical assistance teams during times of emergency or major disaster? ☐ YES ☐ NO
17. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY PERMIT (OPTIONAL)
Temporary permits allow an applicant to work under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist while waiting to take the examination and receive successful scores for full licensure. A temporary permit cannot be extended or renewed. If you have previously failed the NBCOT examination, you are ineligible for a temporary permit. Additionally, the Board may choose to not issue a temporary permit for any applicant they deem ineligible.
An individual who has been issued a temporary permit and receives notification of failing the examination <i>shall not continue</i> to practice occupational therapy under his or her temporary permit. Likewise, the permit will be revoked upon notification to the Board of the examination results. A temporary permit is revoked if the applicant fails to have the NBCOT send his or her successful scores to the Board office within 12 months from the date of the approval of the Board.
If you are applying by examination, and are requesting a temporary permit you must provide proof of a scheduled examination date for the applicable NBCOT examination which contains your Confirmation of Appointment number. Please contact the NBCOT AT 301-990-7979 to apply for the examination prior to requesting a permit. A temporary permit will not be issued until official exam date confirmation is provided to the Florida Board office and verified with the examination vendor. You may e-mail confirmation to mag.accupationaltherapy@flhealth.gov or fax to (850) 414-6860 or mail to the Board Office at the address provided on the first page of the application form.
TEMPORARY PERMIT: □ YES □ NO
18. STATEMENT OF APPLICANT
I declare these statements are true and correct and recognize that providing false information may result in disciplinary action against my license or criminal penalties pursuant to Sections 456.067, 775.083 and 775.084, Florida Statutes.
I hereby authorize all hospital(s), institution(s) or organization(s), personal physicians, employers (past and present), and all governmental agencies and instrumentalities (local, state, federal or foreign), to release to the Florida Board of Occupational Therapy Practice any information which is material to my application for licensure.
I have carefully read the questions in the foregoing application and have answered them completely, without reservations of any kind. Should I furnish any false information in this application, I hereby agree that such act shall constitute cause for denial, suspension, or revocation of my license to practice as an Occupational Therapist/Assistant in the State of Florida.
I further state that I have read and understand Chapter 468, Part III Florida Statutes, and Chapter 64B11, Florida Administrative Code, pertaining to the Occupational Therapy/Assistant Practice Act. I further state that I will comply with all requirements for licensure renewal, including continuing education credits.
Signature of Applicant (required) Date Signed (required)

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



Rick Scott Governor

John H. Armstrong, MD, FACS State Surgeon General & Secretary

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE

LICENSE VERIFICATION FORM

	,		mit a copy to each state or licensure erapy. Make copies as necessary.
APPLICANT NAME		SS#	D.O.B
ADDRESS			
LICENSE NUMBER		STATE OF _	
I hereby authorize release Practice.	e of information regarding my lic	rensure status to the Flori	ida Board of Occupational Therapy
APPLICANT SIGNATURE		DATE	
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PART II: TO BE COMPL form to the address listed		TATE LICENSURE BOA	RD: Please complete this part and return this
APPLICANT NAME:		STATE OF:	
LICENSE NUMBER:		ISSUE DATE:	:
LICENSE BASED ON:	STATE EXAM	NATIO	NAL EXAM
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EXPIRATION DATE:			
IS LICENSE IN GOOD S	TANDING?		
HAS THE LICENSE EVE	R BEEN REVOKED OR SUSP	ENDED?	
IS THERE ANY DEROGA	ATORY INFORMATION?		_
	VERIFIED BY:		
		Signature of Offi	icial / Date
BOARD SEAL		Official's Printed	I Name / Title

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