

## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROFESSION—CONTINUING COMPETENCE REQUIREMENTS

State	Status	Requirements
Alabama	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 3.0 CEUs (or 30 contact hours) biennially <b>OTA:</b> 2.0 CEUs (or 20 contact hours) biennially
Alaska	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 12 months or more of the concluding licensing period must have completed 24. Less than 12 months of the concluding licensing period must have completed 12 contact hours of continuing education during that licensing period. <b>OTA:</b> 12 months or more of the concluding licensing period must have completed 12 contact hours less than 12 months of the concluding licensing period must have completed 6 contact hours
Arizona	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 20 hours for renewal of a 2-year license period <b>OTA:</b> 12 hours for renewal of a 2-year license period
Arkansas	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 10 hours of continuing education each year <b>OTA:</b> 10 hours of continuing education each year
California	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 12 PDUs per year 1 PDU=50 minutes <b>OTA:</b> 12 PDUs per year
Colorado	No requirements	<b>OT:</b> No requirements <b>OTA:</b> No requirements
Connecticut	Mandatory <sup>1</sup>	<b>OT:</b> 12 units of qualifying continuing competency activity during the preceding registration period renewed biennially every odd year <b>OTA:</b> 9 units of qualifying continuing competency activity during the preceding registration period renewed biennially every odd year
Delaware	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 20 hours CEUs for each license renewed biennially new licensees prorated <b>OTA:</b> 20 hours CEUs for each license renewed biennially new licensees prorated
District of Columbia	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 24 hours of approved continuing education credit biennially <b>OTA:</b> 12 hours of approved continuing education credit biennially
Florida	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 26 hours continuing education + 2 hours HIV/AIDS education = total 26 hours biennially <b>OTA:</b> 26 hours continuing education + 2 hours HIV/AIDS education = total 26 hours biennially
Georgia	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 24 hours of continuing education biennially <b>OTA:</b> 24 hours of continuing education biennially
Hawaii	No requirements	<b>OT:</b> No requirements <b>OTA:</b> No requirements
Idaho	No requirements <sup>ii</sup>	<b>OT:</b> No requirements May send in continuing education activities summary voluntarily with license renewal <b>OTA:</b> No requirements May send in continuing education activities summary voluntarily with license renewal
Illinois	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> Minimum of 12 units of continuing competency biennially 1 unit=2 hours <b>OTA:</b> Minimum of 12 units of continuing competency biennially
Indiana	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 18 hours biennially, prorated if less than 24 months since license was issued. <b>OTA:</b> 18 hours biennially, prorated if less than 24 months since license was issued.
Iowa	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 30 hours of continuing education each biennium (by birth month) <b>OTA:</b> 15 hours of continuing education each biennium (by birth month)
Kansas	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 40 hours every 2 year licensure period <b>OTA:</b> 40 hours every 2 year licensure period
Kentucky	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> (12) CCUs of qualified activities for maintaining continuing competence during the preceding annual renewal period (Prorated if licensed less than 1 year) <b>OTA:</b> (12) CCUs of qualified activities for maintaining continuing competence during the preceding annual renewal period (prorated if licensed less than 1 year)

Louisiana	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 15 hours or 1.5 continuing education units (CEUs) annually <b>OTA:</b> 15 hours or 1.5 continuing education units (CEUs) annually
Maine	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 36 hours of study equivalent to 3.6 CEUs which shall be completed for every biennial license renewal <b>OTA:</b> 36 hours of study equivalent to 3.6 CEUs which shall be completed for every biennial license renewal
Maryland	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> If licensed for more than 2 years, 24 contact hours of continuing education activities obtained within a 2-year period. If licensed for less than 2 years, but more than 1 year, 12 contact hours of continuing education activities required. If licensed less than 1 year, no continuing education required <b>OTA:</b> 24 contact hours of continuing education activities obtained within a 2-year period if licensed less than 2 years, 12 contact hours of continuing education activities. If licensed less than 1 year, no continuing education requirements
Massachusetts	No requirements	<b>OT:</b> No requirements <b>OTA:</b> No requirements
Michigan	No requirements <sup>iii</sup>	<b>OT:</b> No requirements <b>OTA:</b> No requirements
Minnesota	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 24 contact hours of continuing education in the 2 year licensure period <b>OTA:</b> 18 contact hours of continuing education in the 2 year licensure period
Mississippi	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 20 contact hours accrued during the 2 year licensure period <b>OTA:</b> 20 contact hours accrued during the 2 year licensure period
Missouri	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 24 continuing competence credits (CCC) for the 2 year license period <b>OTA:</b> 24 continuing competence credits (CCC) for the 2 year license period 1 CEU=10 CCCs 1 contact hour=1 CCCs
Montana	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 10 hours of continuing education annually <b>OTA:</b> 10 hours of continuing education annually
Nebraska	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 20 hours of continuing education for biennial license renewal <b>OTA:</b> 15 hours of continuing education for biennial license renewal
Nevada	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 10 hours of continuing education at annual renewal on June 30. <b>OTA:</b> 10 hours of continuing education at annual renewal on June 30.
New Hampshire	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 12 hours of continuing professional education annually/6 hours need to be clinical application 24 hours of continuing professional education biennially/ 12 hours need to be clinical application <b>OTA:</b> 12 hours of continuing professional education annually/6 hours need to be clinical application. 24 hours of continuing professional education biennially/12 hours need to be clinical application.
New Jersey	No requirements	<b>OT:</b> No requirements <b>OTA:</b> No requirements
New Mexico	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 20 continuing education contact hours annually <b>OTA:</b> 20 continuing education contact hours annually
New York	No requirements	<b>OT:</b> No requirements <b>OTA:</b> No requirements
North Carolina	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 15 hours each (annual) renewal year, at least one contact hour of an ethics course <b>OTA:</b> <b>OT:</b> 15 hours each (annual) renewal year, at least one contact hour of an ethics course
North Dakota	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 20 contact hours (2.0 CEU's) within the twenty-four months prior to the date the completed application for renewal <b>OTA:</b> 20 contact hours (2.0 CEU's) within the twenty-four months prior to the date the completed application for renewal
Ohio	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 20 contact hours of continuing education activities within a 2-year renewal cycle, at least one contact hour of an ethics course

		<b>OTA:</b> 20 contact hours of continuing education activities within a 2-year renewal cycle, at least one contact hour of an ethics course
Oklahoma	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 20 hours every 2 years <b>OTA:</b> 20 hours every 2 years
Oregon	Mandatory <sup>iv</sup>	<b>OT:</b> 30 points of CE for the 2 years preceding the date of the 2 year license renewal <b>OTA:</b> 30 points of CE for the 2 years preceding the date of the 2 year license renewal
Pennsylvania	No requirements	<b>OT:</b> No requirements <b>OTA:</b> No requirements
Puerto Rico	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 30 hours of continuing education every three years <b>OTA:</b> 21 hours of continuing education every three years
Rhode Island	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 20 hours biennially <b>OTA:</b> 20 hours biennially
South Carolina	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 16 hours of continuing education credit per biennium year <b>OTA:</b> 16 hours of continuing education credit per biennium year
South Dakota	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 12 continuing competency points in one year period <b>OTA:</b> 12 continuing competency points in one year period
Tennessee	Mandatory <sup>v</sup>	<b>OT:</b> 24 continued competency credits for the 2 years preceding the date of the 2 year license renewal <b>OTA:</b> 24 continued competency credits for the 2 years preceding the date of the 2 year license renewal
Texas	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 30 hours of continuing education every two years <b>OTA:</b> 30 hours of continuing education every two years
Utah	No requirements	<b>OT:</b> No requirements <b>OTA:</b> No requirements
Vermont	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 20 hours of continuing education during the preceding two-year licensure period <b>OTA:</b> 20 hours of continuing education during the preceding two-year licensure period
Virginia	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 20 contact hours of continuing education activities every 2 years <b>OTA:</b> 20 contact hours of continuing education activities every 2 years
Washington	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 30 hours of continuing education every two years <b>OTA:</b> 30 hours of continuing education every two years
West Virginia	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 12 hours of continuing education activities obtained within 1 year period <b>OTA:</b> 12 hours of continuing education activities obtained within 1 year period
Wisconsin	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 24 points of acceptable continuing education in a 2 year period <b>OTA:</b> 24 points of acceptable continuing education in a 2 year period
Wyoming	Mandatory	<b>OT:</b> 16 hours of continuing education per year <b>OTA:</b> 16 hours of continuing education per year

<sup>i</sup> **Connecticut**- Regulations pending in Connecticut would increase the number of contact hours required for OTs and OTAs. It is expected that the new requirements will go into effect for registration period beginning approximately August 1, 2010. Once the regulations go into effect, the new requirements will require 24 hours of CE for OTs and 18 hours of CE for OTAs biennially

<sup>ii</sup> **Idaho** - Enacted 2009 HB 261 establishes continuing education requirements. The law states that the board will require biennial proof of at least (2) continuing education units recommended by the association and approved by the board. The new law also states that the board will require 10 hours of professional development units as established by rule. Rules to implement the new statute are in development

<sup>iii</sup> **Michigan** - Legislation enacted in 2009 (SB 921) requires the Board to establish continuing competence requirements beginning with the the license renewal cycle after the effective date of the rules. Rules to implement the new requirement are in development

<sup>iv</sup> **Oregon** - Effective January 2008 a one time requirement of 7 points of CE on pain management must be completed as part of the 30 points of continuing education currently required.

<sup>v</sup> **Tennessee** - Beginning January 1, 2008, all applicants for licensure, renewal of licensure, reactivation of licensure, or reinstatement of licensure must attest to having completed continued competence requirements for the two (2) calendar years (January 1-December 31) that precede the licensure renewal, reactivation or reinstatement year.