

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1Q. If I'm awaiting licensure, when may I begin practicing occupational therapy?
- A. Only after you've received an license number from the Board. As the Board meets on the 3rd Friday of each month, it's realistic to expect to begin new employment during the 1st week of the next month in which your application for licensure is complete.
- 2Q. Are there restrictions with a temporary license?
- A. YES. An O.T. temporary licensee is required to Receive specific supervision from an O.T. licensee. An O.T.A. temporary licensee is required supervision from an O.T. or O.T.A.
- 3Q. Are there special requirements for internationally-trained applicants?
- A. No. The licensure process and requirements are the same for all applicants.
- 4Q. What if a state or country in which I've previously held a temporary license doesn't verify temporary licenses?
- A. Please ask the licensure board of that state or country to complete the MD verification of licensure form. Items 15, 16, 19 and 20 may be completed.
- 5Q. What level of supervision is a temporary licensee required to receive?
- A. On-site supervision.

- 6Q. Is there any way to expedite the process of issuing a license?
- A. YES. Immediately request required information from third parties, such as PES, NBCOT and other states or countries in which you've been licensed. Track and follow-up third party requests.

- 7Q. Are fax documents or photocopies acceptable?
- A. No. Original documents must be received by the Board Office in order for your application to be considered complete.

- 8Q. Is it acceptable to copy the application and/or other blank forms?
- A. Blank forms may be duplicated, and some can be Found on our website. The information provided by the person completing the form must be original.

- 9Q. How long is an OT/OTA license valid?
- A. All licenses are valid for one year extending from July 1 to June 30 of the next year. You must complete continuing competency requirements and renew your license to maintain an active status.

- 10Q. How will I know when my application is complete?
- A. Call the Board Office to check the status of your application.

Maryland State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Licensure Process

In accordance with Title 10-301 (a) of the Occupational Therapy Practice Act, an individual shall be licensed by the Board of Occupational Therapy Practice in order to practice occupational therapy in Maryland.

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