

INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING - **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT LICENSE**

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Information/Requirements

WHO MUST OBTAIN A LICENSE

"Occupational therapy assistant" means a person who engages in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of and in partnership with an occupational therapist.

Any person who engages in the practice of occupational therapy as an occupational therapy assistant, or represents, advertises, or announces oneself, either publicly or privately, as an occupational therapy assistant, or uses in connection with the person's name or place of business the words "occupational therapy assistant", "occupational therapy assistant licensed", "licensed occupational therapy assistant", the letters "OTA/L" or "COTA/L", or any other words, letters, abbreviations, or insignia indicating or implying that the person is an occupational therapy assistant.

Filing Instructions

APPLICATION FORM

Complete the on-line application form or print *legibly* in **black** ink. Sign the form and submit the required documents and fees. Incomplete applications, including non-submission of the required documents and fees will not be processed.

BUSINESS ADDRESS

On the application, provide your business (or employer) name and complete address. If you are not employed, state "Not Employed" and report this information within 30 days of the effective date of the license.

Failure to provide the requested information will delay the processing of your application.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

Your Social Security Number is used to verify your identity for licensing purposes and for compliance with the below laws. **For a license to be issued you must provide your Social Security Number or your application will be deemed deficient and will not be processed further.**

The following laws require that you furnish your Social Security Number to our agency:

FEDERAL LAWS:

42 U.S.C.A. §666 (a)(13) requires the Social Security Number of any applicant for a professional license or occupational license be recorded on the application for license; and

If you are a licensed health care practitioner, **45 C.F.R., Part 61, Subpart B, §61.7** requires the Social Security Number as part of the mandatory reporting we must do to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB), of any final adverse licensing action against a licensed health care practitioner.

HAWAII REVISED STATUTES ("HRS"):

§576D-13(j), HRS requires the Social Security Number of any applicant for a professional license or occupational license be recorded on the application for license; and

§436B-10(4), HRS which states that an applicant for license shall provide the applicant's Social Security Number if the licensing authority is authorized by federal law to require the disclosure (and by the federal cites shown above, we are authorized to require the Social Security Number).

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DOCUMENTS FOR LICENSURE

Submit the following with the application:

An **original** "Verification of Certification" (no photocopies please) issued by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) showing that your certification is current and sent directly to the Hawaii Occupational Therapy Program. (See below for NBCOT information).

NOTE; A copy of your NBCOT certificate and/or pocket card is not acceptable.

Applicants are responsible for contacting NBCOT directly to obtain the "Verification of Certification". Direct your request to:

National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)
12 South Summit Ave., Suite 100
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877-4150

Phone: (301) 990-7979
Fax: (301) 869-8492
Website: www.nbcot.org
Email: info@nbcot.org

FEES

Make Check payable to: COMMERCE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS. (check must be in U.S. dollars and be from a U.S. financial institution.)

If license will be issued in an ODD-NUMBERED year, pay \$279
(Application Fee - \$50* + License Fee - \$86 + Compliance Resolution Fund - \$100 +
1/2 Renewal - \$43)

If license will be issued in an EVEN-NUMBERED year, pay \$186
(Application Fee - \$50* + License Fee - \$86 + Compliance Resolution Fund - \$50)

*Application fee is not refundable.

NOTE: One of the numerous legal requirements that you must meet in order for your new license to be issued is the payment of fees as set forth in this application. You may be sent a license certificate before the payment you sent us for your required fees is honored by your bank. If your payment is dishonored, you will have failed to pay the required licensing fee and your license will not be valid, and you **may not** do business under that license. Also, a \$25.00 service charge shall be assessed for payments that are dishonored for any reason.

If for any reason you are denied the license you are applying for, you may be entitled to a hearing as provided by Title 16, Chapter 201, Hawaii Administrative Rules, and/or Chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Your written request for a hearing must be directed to the agency that denied your application, and must be made within 60 days of notification that your application for a registration has been denied.

SUBMITTING APPLICATION

Mail all required items to:

Occupational Therapy Program
DCCA, PVL Licensing Branch
P.O. Box 3469
Honolulu, HI 96801

OR

Deliver to office location at:

335 Merchant St., Room 301
Honolulu, HI 96813

Phone No.: (808) 586-3000

Instructions for "YES" Answers to Questions (4) through (6) of the Application for License (OC-04)

- A. The following documentation must be submitted with the license application. Applications for license will not be considered without this material.
1. Questions 4 and 5 refer to complaints, charges of unlicensed activity, or pending disciplinary actions for any profession, occupation, or license. If your answer is "YES" to one or more of these questions, you must **submit** the following:
 - i. A statement signed by you explaining the circumstances; and
 - ii. Copies of any documents from the agency, including final orders, petitions, complaints, findings of fact and conclusions of law, and any other relevant documents;
 2. If your application indicates a criminal conviction, you must **submit** the following:
 - i. A statement signed by you explaining the circumstances leading to the conviction and detailing all activities since the conviction, including employment and business involvements. Include job title, period of employment, employer's name, description of duties, training attended, and educational courses attended.
 - ii. A copy of the court order, verdict, and terms of sentence; and
 - iii. A current criminal history record check in your name dated within six months of the date your application is received from the state where the conviction occurred **and** the state where you currently reside if different. In Hawaii, you may obtain a criminal history record check from the Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center. Contact them at (808) 587-3100 or visit their website at: ecrim.hawaii.gov to request a "Criminal History Record Check" form;
 - iv. If applicable, a copy of the terms of probation and/or parole and a notarized statement from your probation or parole officer as to your compliance with the court orders.

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF EMPLOYER, MAILING ADDRESS AND RESIDENCE ADDRESS REQUIRED

Every occupational therapy assistant shall notify the Department of any change in employment, mailing and residence addresses within thirty (30) days of the change.

BIENNIAL RENEWAL

All licenses, regardless of issuance date, **expire on December 31 of each EVEN-NUMBERED year** and are subject to re-licensure. Although *courtesy* notices are sent to the last address of record, about six weeks before expiration, the licensee is responsible for keeping their license current.

AGE OF MAJORITY & AUTHORIZATION TO WORK IN THE U.S.

In addition to the NBCOT certification requirements, applicants shall be beyond the age of majority (18 years old) and a United States citizen, a United States national, or an alien authorized to work in the United States. If you are not a U.S. citizen or U.S. national or alien authorized to work in the U.S., your application may be denied.

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**ABANDONMENT
OF APPLICATION**

Pursuant to HRS §436B-9 your application shall be considered abandoned and shall be destroyed if you fail to provide evidence of continued efforts to complete the licensing process for two consecutive years. The failure to provide evidence of continued efforts includes but is not limited to: (1) failure to submit any required information and documents requested by the licensing authority within two consecutive years from the last date the documents and information were requested, or (2) failure to complete any additional requirements for licensure that remain after approval of your application, such as attempting to complete an exam requirement, within two consecutive years from the date your application was approved, or (3) failure to provide the licensing authority with any written communication during two consecutive years indicating that you are attempting to complete the licensing process. If an application is deemed abandoned the applicant shall be required to reapply for licensure and comply with the licensing requirements in effect at the time of the reapplication.

LAWS AND RULES

The licensee is held accountable for knowing and complying with the Hawaii laws of occupational therapy practice as failure to comply may result in disciplinary action. Obtain copies of the occupational therapy laws, Chapter 457G, Hawaii Revised Statutes by sending a written request to: Occupational Therapy, Commerce & Consumer Affairs, P.O. Box 3469, Honolulu, HI 96801. Chapter 436B, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Professional and Vocational Licensing Act should be read in conjunction with Chapter 457G.

The laws and rules are also posted on our website at: cca.hawaii.gov/pvl. Click on "Occupational Therapy".

**RELEASE OF
INFORMATION**

If an agency or individual is assisting you with the licensure process, we will not be able to release any information to them unless you provide us with authorization. If you wish to do so, please complete the portion on "**Release of Information to Third Party**", sign, and date it.

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READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM.

Legal Name (First, Middle)		(Last)
Other Names Used (Include Maiden Name)		Social Security Number
Residence Address (Include Apt. No., City, State & Zip Code)		
Business (Employer) Name & Complete Address (If not employed, state "Not Employed". Report this information within 30 days of effective date of license)		
Mailing Address (If different from residence)		Date of Birth:
		Phone No. (days)

FOR OFFICE USE

Approval: <input type="checkbox"/>	Initial/Date:
CHECKLIST:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Business add or "NOT EMPLOYED"	<input type="checkbox"/> NBCOT Verification
Effective Date:	License No. OTA -

Check your answers. If response is "YES" to questions 4 to 6, refer to the instructions for additional documents that must be submitted with this application.

1. Are you at least 18 years of age? Yes No
2. Are you a U.S. citizen, a U.S. national, or an alien authorized to work in the United States? Yes No
- 3a. Do you hold or have you ever held an OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT license/certificate/registration in Hawaii and/or in another jurisdiction? Yes No
- b. Give name of jurisdiction and dates: _____
4. Has any license/certificate/registration ever been suspended, revoked or otherwise subject to disciplinary action? Yes No
5. Are there any disciplinary actions pending against you? Yes No
6. Have you ever been convicted of a crime in any jurisdiction that has not been annulled or expunged? Yes No

Affidavit of applicant:

I hereby certify that the statements, answers and representations made in this application and on the documents attached are true and correct. I understand that any misrepresentation is grounds for refusal or subsequent revocation of license and is a misdemeanor (Section 710-1017, and section 436B-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes). I further certify that I have read, understand and will obey the laws and rules concerning occupational therapy in the State of Hawaii.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Release of Information to Third party:

To assist me in the licensing process, I hereby authorize DCCA's staff to release any and all information regarding my application (including, but not limited to application status) to the following third party:

Print Name of Individual who is assisting you: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Signature of Applicant

Date

This material can be made available for individuals with special needs.
 Please call the Licensing Branch Manager at (808) 586-3000 to submit your request.

Appl.....	720.....	\$50	1/2 Ren.....	727.....	\$43
Lic.....	723.....	\$86	CRF.....	729.....	\$50/\$100
			Service Charge.....	BCF.....	\$25