

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control No. 625 Department or Agency Board of Occupational Therapy
Rule No. 625-X-5-02
Rule Title: Requisites For Renewal
 New X Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? No

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 412223, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer Will Cosby
Date 3-19-13

Date Filed Stamp

Board of Occupational Therapy

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME:

Board of Occupational Therapy

RULE NO. & TITLE:

625-X-5-.02 Expiration of Limited Permits

INTENDED ACTION:

The Alabama State Board of Occupational Therapy proposes to amend the above rule.

SUSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The Alabama Occupational Therapy Practice Act authorizes the Board of promulgate such regulations as are needed to enforce the provisions of Act 90-383, codified as 34-39-1, Code of Alabama 1975, which makes illegal, except in certain specific instances, the practice of occupational therapy without a license and requires the licensure of all persons desiring to practice occupational therapy. This rule is being amended to provide for electronic submission of renewals.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER FOR PRESENTING VIEWS:


Any person who wishes to review a copy of the proposed rules or who wishes to present their views may contact the Alabama State Board of Occupational Therapy in writing at 64 North Union Street, Suite 734, Montgomery, AL 36130-4510, fax 334-353-4465, email ann.cosby@ot.alabama.gov or call 334-353-4466. An appointment may be made for oral comment.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Any person who wishes to review a copy of the proposed amended rules or present their views must do so before 2:00 pm on May 2, 2013.

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625-X-5-.02 Requisites For Renewal. To ~~qualify~~ qualify for a renewal of licenses previously issued by the Board, the license holder shall, 60 days prior to the expiration for the license, comply with all of the following requirements:

(a) File with the Board a properly completed application for renewal on forms approved by the Board and ~~mail~~ submit the application to the Office of the Board.

(b) An application for renewal must be accompanied by proof of completion of continuing education requirements which are as follows:

(1) An Occupational Therapist must obtain 1.5 CEUs (or 15 contact hours) annually or 3.0 CEUs (or 30 contact hours) biennially. No more than 1/3 of continuing education credits may be administration/management/academic related with the remainder related to direct patient treatment. No more than a 1/3 hours can be generated by the therapist's professional presentations.

(2) An Occupational Therapy Assistant must obtain 1.0 CEU (or 10 contact hours) annually or 2.0 CEUs (or 20 contact hours) biennially. No more than 1/3 of continuing education credits may be administration/management/academic related with the remainder related to direct patient treatment. No more than a 1/3 hours can be generated by the therapist's professional presentations.

(c) An application Request for renewal shall be deemed timely received if ~~the envelope contains a properly completed application for renewal and/or proof of required continuing education and bears a postmark indicating the application was mailed at least 60 calendar days prior to the expiration of the license~~ the application, fee and proof of continuing education are postmarked or electronically submitted prior to 60 days of the license expiration.

(d) Failure to timely file an application or to properly complete the application may result in the rejection of the application and may subject the license holder to a late fee as established by the Board.

Author: Alabama State Board of Occupational Therapy
Statutory Authority: Code of Alabama 1975, §34-39-7
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