

PROPOSED CONTINUED COMPETENCY REGULATIONS FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS

On February 20, 2016, the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure (Board) published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the Pennsylvania Bulletin at <https://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol46/46-8/280.html>, which proposed continued competency requirements for occupational therapy assistants. Thereafter, the Board adopted a final rulemaking package which requires occupational therapy assistants to complete a minimum of 24 contact hours of acceptable continued competency activities, beginning with the July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2021 biennium. Therefore, in order to renew licenses in 2021, occupational therapy assistants will be required to complete 24 hours of continued competency between July 1, 2019, and June 30, 2021. The Board anticipates approval of the final regulation in the Spring of 2018.

Occupational therapy assistants should begin planning for the continued competency requirement for the 2021 renewal cycle. For information regarding continued competency requirements, you may read the current regulations which may be accessed on the Board's website at:

<http://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/OccupationalTherapy/Pages/default.aspx>

The Board will notify licensees when the final regulation is published. All questions should be directed to the Board via the above website or phone number at (717)783-1389.