

**CONTINUED COMPETENCY REGULATIONS**  
**FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS**

On May 5, 2018, the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure (Board) amended its regulations regarding licensure, continued competency, and professional liability insurance. The amended regulations adopted by the Board may be found at 49 Pa. Code §§ 42.13-42.16 & 42.51-42.63, which may be accessed at the Pennsylvania Code website ([www.pacode.com](http://www.pacode.com)).

Under 49 Pa. Code § 42.53, occupational therapy assistants are required 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 an occupational therapy assistant license in 2021, occupational therapy assistants must complete 24 hours of continued competency between July 1, 2019, and June 30, 2021. Occupational therapy assistants should begin planning for the continued competency requirement for the 2021 renewal cycle. For information regarding continued competency regulatory requirements, you may access the Board's regulations on the Board's website at: [www.dos.pa.gov](http://www.dos.pa.gov)

The amendments to the regulations became effective upon the May 5, 2018 publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.