

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND INDUSTRY SERVICES

OFFICE OF HEALTH SERVICES

BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS

GENERAL RULES

(By authority conferred on the board of occupational therapists by section 16145 of Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended, being S333.16145 of the Michigan Compiled Laws)

R 338.1191 Definitions.

Rule 1. As used in these rules:

- (a) "Board" means the board of occupational therapists.
- (b) "Code" means Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended, being S333.1101 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- (c) "Department" means the department of commerce.

History: 1993 AACS.

R 338.1192 Registration requirement; effective date.

Rule 2. (1) Pursuant to the provisions of section 18303 of the code, a person shall discontinue using the following titles or similar words which indicate that the person is a certified occupational therapist unless the person is granted an occupational therapist registration pursuant to these rules:

- (a) "Occupational therapist."
- (b) "O.T."
- (c) "Occupational therapist registered."
- (d) "O.T.R."
- (e) "Certified occupational therapist."
- (f) "C.O.T."

(2) Pursuant to the provisions of section 18303 of the code, a person shall discontinue using the following titles or similar words which indicate that the person is a certified occupational therapy assistant unless the person is granted an occupational therapy assistant registration pursuant to these rules:

- (a) "Certified occupational therapy assistant."
- (b) "C.O.T.A."
- (c) "Occupational therapy assistant."
- (d) "O.T.A."

History: 1993 AACS.

R 338.1194 Application for occupational therapist registration; requirements.

Rule 4. An applicant for an occupational therapist registration, in addition to meeting the requirements of the code and the administrative rules promulgated pursuant thereto, shall comply with all of the following provisions:

- (a) Submit a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee.
- (b) Demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language in accordance with the provisions of R 338.1200.
- (c) Have graduated from an occupational therapist educational program that is acceptable to the board pursuant to the provisions of R 338.1198.

(d) Have passed the certification examination for occupational therapists, registered, which is conducted and scored by the national board for certification in occupational therapy.

History: 1993 AACS; 1997 AACS.

R 338.1196 Application for occupational therapy assistant registration; requirements.

Rule 6. An applicant for an occupational therapy assistant registration, in addition to meeting the requirements of the code and the administrative rules promulgated pursuant thereto, shall comply with all of the following provisions:

- (a) Submit a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee.
- (b) Demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language in accordance with the provisions of R 338.1200.
- (c) Have graduated from an occupational therapy assistant educational program that is acceptable to the board pursuant to the provisions of R 338.1198.
- (d) Have passed the certification examination for occupational therapy assistants which is conducted and scored by the national board for certification in occupational therapy.

History: 1993 AACS; 1997 AACS.

R 338.1197 Registration by endorsement; occupational therapist.

Rule 7. (1) An applicant for occupational therapist registration by endorsement shall submit a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee. In addition to meeting the requirements of the code and the administrative rules promulgated under the code, an applicant shall satisfy the requirements of this rule.

(2) If an applicant was registered or licensed as an occupational therapist in another state before January 3, 1995, and has been registered or licensed as an occupational therapist in the other state for a minimum of 5 years before the date of filing an application for Michigan registration, then it will be presumed that the applicant meets the requirements of section 16186(1)(A) and (B) of the code.

(3) If an applicant does not meet the requirements of subrule (2) of this rule, then the applicant, in addition to meeting the requirements of the code, shall have been registered or licensed as an occupational therapist in another state after having graduated from an occupational therapy education program acceptable to the board pursuant to R 338.1198 and having passed the certification examination for occupational therapist that is conducted and scored by the national board for certification in occupational therapy.

History: 1997 AACS.

R 338.1197a Registration by endorsement; occupational therapy assistant.

Rule 7a. (1) An applicant for occupational therapy assistant registration by endorsement shall submit a completed application on a form provided by the department, together with the requisite fee. In addition to meeting the requirements of the code and the administrative rules promulgated under the code, an applicant shall satisfy the requirements of this rule.

(2) If an applicant was registered or licensed as an occupational therapy assistant in another state before January 3, 1995, and has been registered or licensed as an occupational therapy assistant in the other state for a minimum of 5 years before the date of filing an application for Michigan registration, then it will be presumed that the applicant meets the requirements of section 16186(1)(A) and (B) of the code.

(3) If an applicant does not meet the requirements of subrule (2) of this rule, then the applicant, in addition to meeting the requirements of the code, shall have been registered or licensed as an occupational therapy assistant in another state after having graduated from an occupational therapy education program acceptable to the board pursuant to R 338.1198 and having passed the certification examination for occupational therapy assistant that is conducted and scored by the national board for certification in occupational therapy.

History: 1997 AACCS.

R 338.1198 Educational program standards; adoption by reference.

Rule 8. (1) The board approves the standards for accrediting occupational therapist educational programs adopted by the American medical association and the American occupational therapy association, incorporated, in 1983 and set forth in the document entitled "Essentials and Guidelines of an Accredited Educational Program for the Occupational Therapist." Copies of these standards may be obtained, at no cost, from the Michigan Board of Occupational Therapists, P.O. Box 30018, Lansing, Michigan 48909, or from the American Medical Association, 515 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610. An occupational therapist educational program that is accredited by the committee on allied health education and accreditation of the American medical association is an occupational therapist educational program that is acceptable to the board.

(2) The board approves and adopts by reference the standards set forth in the document entitled "Recommended Minimum Standards for the Education of Occupational Therapists," published by the council of the world federation of occupational therapists in 1985. Copies of the standards may be obtained, at no cost, from the Michigan Board of Occupational Therapists, P.O. Box 30018, Lansing, Michigan 48909, or from the American Occupational Therapy Association, Incorporated, P.O. Box 1725, Rockville, Maryland 20850-0822. An occupational therapist educational program that meets these standards is an occupational therapist educational program that is acceptable to the board. An occupational therapist educational program that is approved by the world federation of occupational therapists is an occupational therapist educational program that is acceptable to the board.

(3) The board approves and adopts the standards for approving occupational therapy assistant educational programs adopted by the American occupational therapy association, incorporated, in 1983 and set forth in the document entitled "Essentials and Guidelines of an Approved Educational Program for the Occupational Therapy Assistant." Copies of these standards may be obtained, at no cost, from the Michigan Board of Occupational Therapists, P.O. Box 30018, Lansing, Michigan 48909, or from the American Occupational Therapy Association, Incorporated, P.O. Box 1725, Rockville, Maryland 20850-0822. An occupational therapy assistant educational program that meets these standards is an occupational therapy assistant program that is acceptable to the board. An occupational therapy assistant program that is approved by the American occupational therapy association is an occupational therapy assistant program that is acceptable to the board.

History: 1993 AACCS.

R 338.1200 English language requirement.

Rule 10. An applicant whose occupational therapist educational program or occupational therapy assistant educational program was taught in a language other than English shall demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language, in addition to meeting the other requirements of these rules. To demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language, an applicant shall establish that he or she has obtained a score of not less than 550 on the test of English as a foreign language that is administered by the educational testing service and obtained a score of not less than 50 on the test of spoken English that is administered by the educational testing service or passed other substantially equivalent English language proficiency examinations that assess all of the following:

- (a) Reading comprehension.
- (b) Speaking skills.
- (c) Listening skills.
- (d) The ability to write clearly, using complete sentences with correct spelling, punctuation, and word usage.

History: 1993 AACCS.