



Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapy Assistant License Application Packet

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Important Social Security Number Information:

If you have a Social Security Number, the law requires you to disclose it on your application for a professional or occupational license. [42 U.S.C. § 666\(a\)\(13\)](#); [RCW 26.23.150](#). It will be used under the state’s child support enforcement program to locate individuals for purposes of establishing paternity and establishing, modifying, and enforcing support obligations. You are not required to have or obtain a Social Security Number to apply for or obtain a license from the Department of Health. If you do not have a Social Security Number, you are still eligible to apply for and obtain a credential if you meet the requirements. Please see the [Declaration of No Social Security Number Form](#). Please call the Customer Service Center at 360-236-4700 if you have questions.

In order to process your request:

Mail your application with initial documentation and your check or money order payable to:

Department of Health
P.O. Box 1099
Olympia, WA 98507-1099

Send other documents not sent with initial application to:

Occupational Therapy Credentialing
P.O. Box 47877
Olympia, WA 98504-7877

Contact us:

360-236-4700

To request this document in another format, call 1-800-525-0127. Deaf or hard of hearing customers, please call 711 (Washington Relay) or email doh.information@doh.wa.gov.

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Application Instructions Checklist

Important background check Information: Washington State law authorizes the Department of Health to obtain fingerprint-based background checks for licensing purposes. This check may be through the Washington State Patrol and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). This may be required if you have lived in another state or if you have a criminal record in Washington State. This would be at your own expense.

All information should be printed clearly in ink. It is your responsibility to submit the correct forms required.

Application Fee. This fee is non-refundable. You can check the [fee page](#) for current fees.

Check if either apply:
Request for Military Training and Experience Evaluation
Spouse or Registered Domestic Partner of Military Personnel

1. Demographic Information:

Social Security Number: You must list your social security number on your application. You are not required to have or obtain a Social Security Number to apply for or obtain a license from the Department of Health. Please see the [Declaration of No Social Security Number Form](#). Please call the Customer Service Center at 360-236-4700 if you do not have one.

National Provider Identifier Number (NPI): The National Provider Identifier (NPI) is a standard unique identifier for health care professionals available from the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The NPI is a 10 digit numeric identifier. If you have a NPI number, provide this on your application.

Legal Name: List your full name, first, middle, and last.

Definition of legal name: “Legal name” is the name appearing on your official certificate of birth or, if your name has changed since birth, on an official marriage certificate or an order by a court. The court must have the legal authority to change your name. We may ask you to prove your legal name. If you use any name other than your legal name on this form, your application may be denied.

Birth date: Provide the month, day, and year of your birth.

Address: List the address we should use to send any information about your license. Be sure to include the city, state, zip code, county, and country. This will be your permanent address with Department of Health until we have been notified of a change. See [WAC 246-12-310](#).

Phone, Fax, and Cell Numbers: Enter your phone, fax, and cell numbers, if you have them.

Email: Enter your email address, if you have one.

Other Name(s): Indicate whether you are known or have been known under any other names. If you have a name change, you must notify the Department of Health in writing. You must include proof of this change. See [WAC 246-12-300](#).

2. Personal Data Questions:

All applicants must answer the same personal data questions. They are focused on your fitness to practice the essential skills of this profession.

If you answer “yes” to any questions in this section, you must provide an appropriate explanation. You must also provide the documentation listed in the note after the question. If you do not provide this, your application is incomplete and it will not be considered.

- Question 5 includes misdemeanors, gross misdemeanors and felonies. You do not have to answer yes if you have been cited for traffic infractions. You can get copies of court records through the county courthouse where the conviction, plea, deferred sentence, or suspended sentence was entered.
- If you have been granted certificate(s) of restoration of opportunity, please provide a certified copy of each certificate.
- Another jurisdiction means any other country, state, federal territory, or military authority.

3. Education:

List in date order all of your education including college, university, technical or professional training to practice occupational therapy. Request your school or program to send an official transcript to this office.

4. National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy Certification:

If you are applying for a limited permit, you and your sponsor must sign and date the Limited Permit Attestation portion of the application. It is your responsibility to contact the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). Examination dates and deadlines are established by NBCOT and are strictly adhered to. Contact NBCOT at www.nbcot.org or 301-990-7979.

5. Experience:

List in date order all of your experience and practice from date of graduation from professional college. Attach additional pages if you need more space.

6. Other License, Certification, or Registration:

List all states, including Washington, where credentials are or were held. Attach additional completed pages if you need more space. You must also print the [Verification Form](#) and provide it to each state or jurisdiction that you have listed, requesting that they complete and submit the form directly to the Department of Health.

7. Continuing Education Attestation:

If you have been licensed in another state or have never practiced and graduated more than three years ago You must complete 30 hours of continued competency as described in [WAC 246-847-065](#) for the previous two-year period.

- 8. Limited Permit/Sponsor Information:** Your sponsor must hold a current Washington State Occupational Therapy License. Your sponsor(s) must complete and sign this portion. The signature(s) must be original. Photocopies and faxes will not be accepted.
- 9. Limited Permit Attestation:** (To be completed by Applicant)
If you are applying for a Limited Permit you must initial and date the Limited Permit Attestation.
- 10. Applicant's Attestation:**
You must sign and date this for us to process the application.

For Spouses and Registered Domestic Partners of Military Personnel Being Transferred or Stationed in Washington:

Under state law, if you are the spouse or state-registered domestic partner of a servicemember of any branch of the U.S. Military, to include Guard or Reserve, and are applying for a health care professional credential in this state, you may be eligible to have the processing of your application expedited to receive your credential more quickly.

Documents to submit with your application should include the following:

- A copy of your spouse's or registered domestic partner's military transfer orders to Washington State.
- One of the following:
 - A copy of your marriage certificate to show proof of marriage; or
 - A copy of a state's declaration or registration showing you are in a state registered domestic partnership with a member of the U.S. military.

For Current and Former Servicemembers Requesting Evaluation of Military Training and Experience

Under state law, your military education, training, and experience may count towards attaining certain civilian health care profession credentials in Washington State.

Submitted information will be reviewed by the Department of Health to determine substantial equivalency for meeting the credentialing requirements in this state.

Documents to submit with your health care professional credential application should include the following:

- If applicable, a copy of your DD214 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, Member-4 or service 2 copy, or NGB-22 for National Guard.

Please note:

- A copy of your DD214 can be downloaded from the [EBenefits website](#).
- You can request a replacement copy of your NGB-22 on the [National Archives website](#).
- Official Joint Service Transcript (JST) or Community College of the Air Force(CCAF) Transcripts.

Please note:

 - JST can be sent electronically by visiting the [JST website](#) and selecting Washington State Department of Health.
 - CCAF transcripts cannot be sent electronically. See the [CCAF website](#) for transcript information.
- Verification of Military Experience and Training (VMET) or DD Form 2586. See the [DoDTAP website](#).
- If applicable, application for the Evaluation of Learning Experiences During Military Service (DD Form 295). See the [Military Resources website](#).

License Requirements

Thank you for applying to become an occupational therapy practitioner in Washington State. To expedite the process, please include the following in your application.

We have several pathways to obtain licensure:

Initial license, and applicants licensed less than two years in another state :

- Official Transcripts: Your transcripts must be submitted to the department directly from your educational institution, indicating successful completion of your fieldwork and degree conferred.
- National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy Examination (NBCOT): If you have taken the NBCOT exam you must have the NBCOT send a letter of good standing and/or verification of having passed the NBCOT examination directly to us. Contact the:
National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc.
12 S Summit Ave, Suite 100,
Gaithersburg, MD 20877-4150
301-990-7979
www.nbcot.org.
- Verification of other credentials: A completed [Verification Form](#) must be received from every state or jurisdiction where you hold or have held a health care practitioner credential.

If you have never practiced and graduated more than three years ago and less than five years ago:

- Complete the initial applicant requirements listed above;
- Completion of 24 hours of continuing competency within the last two years as shown in [WAC 246-847-065](#).
- Complete a [board-approved reentry program](#).

If you have never practiced and graduated more than five years ago:

- Complete the initial applicant requirements listed above;
- Completion of 24 hours of continuing competency within the last two years as shown in [WAC 246-847-065](#).
- Complete a [board-approved reentry program](#) and;
- Complete extended course work pre-approved by the board; or
- Successfully retake and pass the examinations specified in [WAC 246-847-080](#).

Licensed in Other State:

Hold a license in substantially equivalent state for two or more years WAC 246-847-125: Verification sent directly from all states or jurisdictions where the applicant is or was licensed. The verification is attesting that the applicant's license was or is in good standing and is not subject to charges or disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct or impairment. Complete the initial applicant requirements listed above;

[Substantially Equivalent States](#)

National Certification:

Hold current national certification from National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) [WAC 246-847-127](#):

- Submit proof of current national certification

International Applicant:

If you are an international applicant and hold current national certification or have been licensed in a substantially equivalent state for more than 2 years without disciplinary action, please apply via one of those routes.

If you have not been licensed in another state for at least 2 years, or have disciplinary action, please apply via the initial applicant licensure in [WAC 246-847-055](#) and:

- Complete Part I of the enclosed Affidavit/Employment Verification form for every position held as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant within the past three years.

Have each employer complete Part II of the enclosed form for every position held as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant within the past three years. Verifications will only be accepted if mailed to this office from the employer or direct supervisor.

Important note for internationally educated applicants: If you were educated outside the United States and any information provided is not in English, an English translation signed by the translator must be submitted with the official documentation. Be advised further documentation may be required in addition to the required documents.

Limited Permit:

You may qualify for a 90 day limited permit if you are a new graduate and have not taken the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy Examination (NBCOT).

- Complete the initial applicant requirements listed above with the exception of completion of the NBCOT.

Temporary Permit:

(Out-of-State Licensees) If you hold a license in another state or jurisdiction, you may qualify for licensure in Washington State. The department will issue a one-time-only temporary permit unless it determines a basis for denial of the license or issuance of a conditional license. The temporary permit shall expire upon the issuance of a full license by the department, or within 180 days, whichever occurs first. The permit shall not be extended beyond the expiration date. Issuance of a temporary practice permit does not ensure that the department will grant a full license. [WAC 246-847-117](#):

Applicants must submit the following documentation to be considered for a temporary practice permit:

Verification sent directly from all states or jurisdictions where the applicant is or was licensed. The verification is attesting that the applicant's license was or is in good standing and is not subject to charges or disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct or impairment.

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Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapy Assistant Application

Application as an: Occupational Therapist Occupational Therapy Assistant

Select One: Initial license Interstate Endorsement Limited Permit
 Current National Certification Through NBCOT Internationally Trained Temporary Permit

Select if either apply: Request for Military Training and Experience Evaluation
 Spouse or Registered Domestic Partner of Military Personnel

1. Demographic Information

Social Security Number (SSN) (If you do not have a SSN, see instructions)	National Provider Identifier Number (NPI) (Enter 10 digit number)	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer <input type="checkbox"/> X
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Name	First	Middle	Last
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Birth date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Address

City	State	Zip Code	County
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Country

Phone (enter 10 digit #)	Fax (enter 10 digit #)	Cell (enter 10 digit #)
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Email address

Mailing address if different from above address of record

City	State	Zip Code	County
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Country

Note: The mailing and email addresses you provide will be your addresses of record. It is your responsibility to maintain current contact information on file with the department.

Have you ever been known under any other name(s)? Yes No

If yes, list name(s):

Will documents be received in another name? Yes No

If yes, list name(s):

2. Personal Data Questions

Yes No

1. Do you have a medical condition which in any way impairs or limits your ability to practice your profession with reasonable skill and safety? If yes, please attach explanation.

“Medical Condition” includes physiological, mental or psychological conditions or disorders, such as, but not limited to orthopedic, visual, speech, and hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, intellectual disabilities, emotional or mental illness, specific learning disabilities, HIV disease, tuberculosis, drug addiction, and alcoholism.

If you answered yes to question 1, explain:

- 1a. How your treatment has reduced or eliminated the limitations caused by your medical condition.
- 1b. How your field of practice, the setting or manner of practice has reduced or eliminated the limitations caused by your medical condition.

Note: If you answered “yes” to question 1, the licensing authority will assess the nature, severity, and the duration of the risks associated with the ongoing medical condition and the ongoing treatment to determine whether your license should be restricted, conditions imposed, or no license issued.

The licensing authority may require you to undergo one or more mental, physical or psychological examination(s). This would be at your own expense. By submitting this application, you give consent to such an examination(s). You also agree the examination report(s) may be provided to the licensing authority. You waive all claims based on confidentiality or privileged communication. If you do not submit to a required examination(s) or provide the report(s) to the licensing authority, your application may be denied.

2. Do you currently use chemical substance(s) in any way which impair or limit your ability to practice your profession with reasonable skill and safety? If yes, please explain.

“Currently” means within the past two years.

“Chemical substances” include alcohol, drugs, or medications, whether taken legally or illegally.

3. Have you ever been diagnosed with, or treated for, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism or frotteurism?

4. Are you currently engaged in the illegal use of controlled substances?

“Currently” means within the past two years.

Illegal use of controlled substances is the use of controlled substances (e.g., heroin, cocaine) not obtained legally or taken according to the directions of a licensed health care practitioner.

Note: If you answer “yes” to any of the remaining questions, provide an explanation and certified copies of all judgments, decisions, orders, agreements and surrenders. The department does criminal background checks on all applicants.

5. Have you **ever** been convicted, entered a plea of guilty, no contest, or a similar plea, or had prosecution or a sentence deferred or suspended as an adult or juvenile in any state or jurisdiction? ...

Note: If you answered “yes” to question 5, you must send certified copies of all court documents related to your criminal history with your application. If you do not provide the documents, your application is incomplete and will not be considered.

If you have been granted certificate(s) of restoration of opportunity, please provide a certified copy of each certificate.

To protect the public, the department considers criminal history. A criminal history may not automatically bar you from obtaining a credential. However, failure to report criminal history may result in extra cost to you and the application may be delayed or denied.

2. Personal Data Questions (cont.)

Yes No

6. Have you ever been found in any civil, administrative or criminal proceeding to have:
- a. Possessed, used, prescribed for use, or distributed controlled substances or legend drugs in any way other than for legitimate or therapeutic purposes?
 - b. Diverted controlled substances or legend drugs?
 - c. Violated any drug law?
 - d. Prescribed controlled substances for yourself?
7. Have you ever been found in any proceeding to have violated any state or federal law or rule regulating the practice of a health care profession? If "yes", please attach an explanation and provide copies of all judgments, decisions, and agreements?
8. Have you ever had any license, certificate, registration or other privilege to practice a health care profession denied, revoked, suspended, or restricted by a state, federal, or foreign authority?
9. Have you ever surrendered a credential like those listed in number 8, in connection with or to avoid action by a state, federal, or foreign authority?
10. Have you ever been named in any civil suit or suffered any civil judgment for incompetence, negligence, or malpractice in connection with the practice of a health care profession?
11. Have you ever been disqualified from working with vulnerable persons by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)?

3. Education

List in date order all of your education including college, university, technical or professional training for occupational therapy. Request your school or program send an official transcript to this office. If you need more space, attach a piece of paper.

Schools Attended Full Name, City and State	Degree/Certificate Earned	Attendance	
		From (mm/yyyy)	To (mm/yyyy)

4. National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)

If you are an interstate endorsement applicant, or an individual who has taken and passed the NBCOT exam but never licensed, request a letter verifying your certification is (was) in good standing.

Certification Number _____

Certification is: Active Inactive
 Other (attach explanation)

5. Experience

List in date order all of your experience and practice from date of graduation from professional college. If you need more space, attach a piece of paper.

Attendance		Name and address of institute, place of practice	Type of experience or specialty
Start mm/yyyy	End mm/yyyy		

6. Other License, Certification, or Registration

List all states, jurisdictions, U.S. and foreign, where health care credentials are or were held. List all credentials, active, inactive and expired, and license type. Request the state or jurisdiction send official verification directly to this office.

I have never been registered, certified or licensed to practice occupational therapy in any jurisdiction.

State/ Jurisdiction	License Type	License		Method of License	Expiration Date
		Year issued	Number		

7. Continuing Education/Continuing Competency Attestation (If Applicable)

If you have been licensed in another state or have never practiced and graduated more than three years ago You must complete 24 hours of continued competency as described in [WAC 246-847-065](#) for the previous two-year period.

I certify I have met all continuing education and competency requirements for the past two years.

Applicant's Initials	Today's Date
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8. Limited Permit/Sponsor Information (Your sponsor must hold a current WA OT License.)

The following section must be completed by your sponsoring occupational therapist if you wish to work as an occupational therapist/assistant until release of your examination scores. A limited permit cannot be issued without this information. NBCOT's Authorization to Test (ATT) letter is valid for 90 days and the applicant must test within that time frame. Please send original to DOH. Photocopies and faxes will not be accepted.

Date _____

Name of Employer _____ Telephone _____

Employer's Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Sponsor's Name _____ License No. _____

I have read Chapter [RCW 18.59](#) and [WAC 246-847](#) and agree to sponsor the above named applicant.

Signature of Sponsor _____ Date _____

9. Limited Permit Attestation (To be completed by Applicant)

I certify I fully understand it is my responsibility to take the NBCOT examination within the 90 days of my valid Authorization to Test (ATT) letter. NBCOT must send my exam scores to Washington State Occupational Therapy Credentialing. I further understand if I should fail to do the above items my Limited Permit will become invalid. I am aware Limited Permits become invalid upon exam failure or 30 days after notification of a passing score.

Applicant's Initials	Date

10. Applicant's Attestation

I, _____, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of
(Print applicant name clearly)
the state of Washington the following is true and correct:

- I am the person described and identified in this application.
- I have read [RCW 18.130.170](#) and [RCW 18.130.180](#) of the Uniform Disciplinary Act.
- I have answered all questions truthfully and completely.
- The documentation provided in support of my application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I have read all laws and rules related to my profession.

I understand the Department of Health may require more information before deciding on my application. The department may independently check conviction records with state or federal databases.

I authorize the release of any files or records the department requires to process this application. This includes information from all hospitals, educational or other organizations, my references, and past and present employers and business and professional associates. It also includes information from federal, state, local or foreign government agencies.

I understand I must inform the department of any past, current or future criminal charges or convictions. I will also inform the department of any physical or mental conditions that jeopardize my ability to provide quality health care. If requested, I will authorize my health providers to release to the department information on my health, including mental health and any substance abuse treatment.

Dated _____ By: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy) (Signature of applicant)



Occupational Therapy Credentialing
 P.O. Box 47877
 Olympia, WA 98504-7877
 360-236-4700

Employment Verification/Affidavit For Internationally Educated

Internationally educated applicants **only** must fill out this form required by [WAC 246-847-120](#).

Name of facility _____ Phone Number _____

Name of direct supervisor _____ Title of direct supervisor _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

This section to be completed by applicant

Applicant **must** complete this affidavit for **each place of employment** during the three years immediately prior to the date of application for a Washington license. You may duplicate this form as necessary.

I certify I provided occupational therapy services at the facility named above during the time period:

The capacity in which I was employed; including job title, specific duties, and nature of clientele are listed below:

Beginning date _____ Ending date: _____

The capacity in which I was employed; including job title, specific duties, and nature of clientele are listed below:

Job title	Specific duties	Nature of clientele

I certify the information I provided above is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand if I provide any false information, my license may be denied, suspended or revoked.

Signature _____ Date _____

This section to be completed by supervisor/personnel manager and returned to the above address

I certify _____

Name of applicant

Satisfactorily provided services at this facility in the capacity of an occupational therapist/occupational therapy assistant during the time period: Beginning date _____ Ending date: _____

List his/her specific duties _____

Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Person completing this form (printed)

Title _____ Phone number _____

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RCW/WAC and Online Website Links

RCW/WAC Links

[Uniform Disciplinary Act, RCW 18.130](#)

[Administrative Procedure Act, RCW 34.05](#)

[Administrative Procedures and Requirements, WAC 246-12](#)

[Occupational Therapy Laws, RCW 18.59](#)

[Occupational Therapy Rules, WAC 246-847](#)

[NBCOT, http://www.nbcot.org/](http://www.nbcot.org/)

Online

[Occupational Therapy Practice Board Program, Website](#)

[Substantially Equivalent States](#)