

Kentucky Board of Licensure for Occupational Therapy (KBLOT)
Administrative Regulation Changes 5.1.15

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KBLOT has worked diligently with the Kentucky Occupational Therapy Association over the last year to incorporate the new regulations regarding suicide prevention and updating the practice act to protect the consumer and ensure competency for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants.

1. In 2013 occupational therapy clinicians were recognized as mental health providers in Senate Bill 72. This regulation requires all licensees to have 6 hours of suicide assessment, treatment and management training every 6 years. If you were licensed before June 25, 2013 then you must complete your 6 hours of training in a course that was approved by KBLOT by July 31, 2016. If you were licensed after June 25, 2013 then you have 6 years from your initial date of licensure to receive your 6 hours of training. The six hours can not be provided in a shorter format (example 2 x 3hrs courses) and must be approved by KBLOT to assure it meets the Senate Bill requirements. This administrative regulation 210.366 is located on the KBLOT website if you would like to see it in its entirety.

Information regarding this change is in the practice act on page 32 and 33 of our laws and regulation booklet that is available to you on the KBLOT website.

2. Changes were also made to the Deep Physical Agent Modality (DPAM) regulation. The changes are as follows:

- All courses, workshops, seminars must be approved by KBLOT to have them count toward your DPAM certification hours.
- Training must include a minimum of 8 hours of lab experience for an OTA/L and a minimum of 4 hours for an OT/L as part of their certification hours.
- Courses, workshops, or seminars must be 4 hours or longer
- Course approval is on an annual basis. So all DPAM courses must be reapproved each year.

3. In addition, only occupational therapists may now be DPAM supervisors and provide approved supervised hours for individuals working toward their DPAM certification. Only OT/L who have held a DPAM speciality certification for 1 year can be supervisors. Non OT/L supervisors are no longer able to approve supervised visits after June 1, 2015. If you had a non OT/L previously approved supervisor before June 1, 2015 then that will still be accepted by KBLOT.

Information regarding DPAM changes in the practice act are on page 27 and 29 of our laws and regulation booklet that is available to you on the KBLOT website.

4. All new applicants must now take a jurisprudence exam to ensure knowledge of the practice act. The exam is online and accessed through the KBLOT website. Successful completion is now a requirement for initial licensure in KY.

Information regarding this change is in the practice act on page 7 of our laws and regulation booklet that is available to you on the KBLOT website.

5. Licensing Requirements have also changed as a OT or OTA applicant never licensed previously now must provide an electronic score report verification from NBCOT directly sent to KBLOT. Foreign Trained clinicians require a Visa Verification from NBCOT.

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6. Reinstatement. If an individual does not renew each year by October 31, there is still a 60 day grace period BUT if one does not renew within the timeframe and must be reinstated, completion of the jurisprudence exam is required. Renewing your license on time.

Information regarding this change is in the practice act on pages 16 and 17 of our laws and regulation booklet that is available to you on the KBLOT website.

7. For a temporary permit a clinician must provide evidence of completing a NBCOT score transfer report and have it sent to KBLOT with the NBCOT ATT letter. In addition if a temporary permit holder is unsuccessful in completing the registration/certification exam a second time, the permit is revoked and a 180 grace period is no longer provided.

Information regarding this change is in the practice act on page 6 of our laws and regulation booklet that is available to you on the KBLOT website.

8. Wording of specifically what has to be co-signed by an Occupational Therapist when written by an Occupational Therapy Assistant was changed for clarity. Previously the regulation read:

Section 3. Supervision of Licensed Occupational Therapy Assistants.

(7) Documentation requirements.

(a) The supervisor shall countersign those aspects of the initial evaluation, plan of care, and the discharge summary recorded by the OTA/L written fourteen (14) calendar days of the notation, which documentation shall be included in the client's permanent record.

This has been changed to clearly define three things that must be countersigned (parts of the initial evaluation which an OTA documented, parts of the plan of care that the OTA contributed to, and a discharge summary or parts of the discharge summary that an OTA contributed to or wrote.

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(a) Notations recorded by an OTA/L to an initial evaluation, plan of care, or discharge summary, that are documented in a client's permanent record, shall be countersigned by the supervisor within fourteen (14) calendar days of the notation.

Any other documentation requiring co-signature is facility required because of policy and procedures for that facility or reimbursement driven.

Information regarding this change is in the practice act (201 KAR 28:130 Supervision of occupational Therapy assistants, occupational therapy aides, occupational therapy students, and temporary permit holders. Section 3. Supervision of Licensed Occupational Therapy Assistants. (7) Documentation requirements. (a)) page 18 of our laws and regulations booklet that is available to you on the KBLOT website.

9. The Code of Ethics was reworded and reorganized, having the Code of Ethics first and then unethical actions second. Items are grouped based on the OT process, documentation, and procedural actions including fraud and abuse.

Information regarding this change is in the practice act on pages 20-22 of our laws and regulation booklet that is available to you on the KBLOT website.

10. Lastly, the Fees have changed. A late renewal fee during the grace period (November 1-December 31) is now \$25. The reinstatement fee is now \$75.

Information regarding this change is in the practice act on page 17 of our laws and regulation booklet that is available to you on the KBLOT website.