

Title 15: Mississippi State Department of Health

Part 19: Bureau of Professional Licensure

Subpart 60: Professional Licensure

CHAPTER 8 REGULATIONS GOVERNING LICENSURE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS

SUBCHAPTER 1: GENERAL

Rule 8.1.3 **Definitions:** The following terms shall have the meaning set forth below, unless the context otherwise requires:

10. **Occupational Therapist** means a person licensed in this state to practice occupational therapy as defined in these regulations and whose license is in good standing.
11. **Occupational Therapy Assistant** means a person licensed to assist in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of or with the consultation of a licensed occupational therapist and whose license is in good standing.
13. **Person** means any individual, partnership, unincorporated organization, or corporate body, except that only an individual may be licensed under this chapter.

SOURCE: Miss. Code Ann. §73-24-13

Subchapter 2: Mississippi Advisory Council in Occupational Therapy (“Council”)

Rule 8.2.2 **Meetings:** The Council shall meet during the first month of the year. Additional meetings may be held, at the discretion of the chairperson of the Council or the written request of any two (2) members of the council. A quorum shall consist of three (3) members of the Council, including the chairperson, and shall be necessary for the Council to take action by vote.

SOURCE: Miss. Code Ann. §73-24-13

SUBCHAPTER 3: LICENSURE

Rule 8.3.1 **Conditions of a Limited Permit:**

1. A limited permit shall be granted for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days.
2. A limited permit holder shall restrict his practice to the State of Mississippi.
3. Supervision of Limited Permit

- a. An occupational therapist issued a limited permit shall practice under the supervision of or in consultation with an occupational therapist currently licensed in Mississippi. Supervision or in consultation with an occupational therapist for the purposes of this section means direct contact at least every 2 weeks at each treatment facility, with interim contact occurring by other methods, such as telephone or written communication.
 - b. An occupational therapy assistant issued a limited permit shall practice under the supervision of or in consultation with an occupational therapist currently licensed in Mississippi. Supervision or in consultation with for the purposes of this section means direct contact at least every week at each treatment facility, with interim supervision occurring by other methods, such as telephone or written communication.
 - c. An occupational therapist issued a limited permit may not supervise any licensed OT or OTA.
 - d. Direct contact for either an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant should include:
 - i. A review of activities with appropriate revision or termination of the plan of care
 - ii. An assessment of utilization of outside resources (whenever applicable)
 - iii. Documentary evidence of such visit
 - iv. Discharge planning as indicated
4. Documentation in form and substance acceptable to the Department that the conditions of Rule 8.4.5(3)(a)(b) have been met must be on file with the Department before a limited permit will be issued.
 5. The limited permit of a person who is required to take the approved examination and fails to take said examination will not be renewed.
 6. A limited permit may be renewed, at the discretion of the department, only one time, through the date that the next examination results are made public.
 7. Any person who has taken but not passed the required examination in another jurisdiction shall not be eligible for a limited permit.

SOURCE: Miss. Code Ann. §73-24-13

Rule 8.3.2 Inactive License:

1. A licensee may be granted inactive status upon filing a written request in form and content satisfactory to the department and upon payment of the required fee. A licensee granted inactive status shall not practice or hold himself or herself out as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant and is not responsible for accruing the continuing education requirements.
2. A licensee granted inactive status for five (5) licensure years must successfully complete the following reentry requirements before resuming practice:
 - a. An American Occupational Therapy Association recognized reentry course.
 - b. Practice under the supervision of a currently licensed occupational therapist for a period of ninety (90) calendar days.

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Subchapter 4: Professional Identification

Rule 8.4.1 Production and Display of License: A person licensed to practice occupational therapy in Mississippi shall be issued a "Certificate of Licensure" and "License Identification Letter." The licensee shall prominently display the "Certificate of Licensure" or copy thereof at their place(s) of employment.

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Subchapter 5: Renewal of License

Rule 8.5.1 Procedure for Renewal of License: The Department shall mail renewal notices, approximately sixty (60) days prior to the end of the licensure period, to the last home address registered with the Department, to the persons to whom licenses were issued or renewed during the preceding licensure period. The licensee shall:

1. complete the renewal form(s);
2. submit proof of continuing education credit as detailed in Subchapter 7 of these regulations;
3. payment of the renewal fee; and
4. file the above with the Department prior to the end of the licensure period.

SOURCE: Miss. Code Ann. §73-24-13

Subchapter 6: Continuing Education (CE)

Rule 8.6.1 Definition and philosophy: Each individual licensed as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant is responsible for optimum service to the consumer and is accountable to the consumer, the employer, and the profession for evidence of maintaining high levels of skill and knowledge. Continuing education is

defined as education beyond the basic preparation required for entry into the profession, directly related to the performance and practice of occupational therapy.

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Rule 8.6.2 Requirements:

1. Regulations set the requirement of 20 contact hours (CH) or two Continuing Education Units (CEU) to be accrued during the licensure period. No carryover of continuing education hours from one licensure period to another shall be allowed. At least 30 percent (6 Contact Hours or .6 CEU) of the required continuing education must be directly related to the clinical practice of occupational therapy. The six (6) contact hours related to clinical practice shall be live face-to-face training i.e., no internet training, video training, television training, etc. Of the remaining required 14 hours of training, 50 percent or 7 hours may be non live face-to-face training. Non live training may include home study courses, video, internet, etc. All training shall be from approved sources.
2. Individuals applying for initial licensure within a licensing term must accrue continuing education hours on a prorated scale. Written notification of required hours will be sent to the applicant at the time of licensure.
3. Persons who fail to accrue the required continuing education hours shall be issued a CE probationary license for the licensure term. Failure to accrue the required hours during the CE probationary period will result in the revocation of the license. Hours accrued are first credited for the delinquent hours lacking from the previous licensure period, and then applied to the current (CE probationary) licensing period.
4. CE probationary licenses will be issued for one licensure term only. No ensuing license may be CE probationary as a result of not meeting continuing education requirements.

SOURCE: Miss. Code Ann. §73-24-13

Rule 8.6.3 Sources of Continuing Education: Continuing education hours may be accrued from the following sources, when the content of the programs relates to the profession of occupational therapy:

1. Attendance at educational programs:
 - a. Attendance at educational programs where continuing education credit is given and approved by the Mississippi Occupational Therapy Association (MSOTA).
 - b. Attendance at educational programs where continuing education credit is given and approved by the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), including other state association educational programs.

- c. Attendance at educational programs where continuing education credit is given and/or approved by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).
 - d. Attendance at educational programs where continuing education credit is given and approved by the American Medical Association (AMA) and its components.
 - e. Attendance at other programs approved for continuing education credit by AOTA, AMA, APTA, ASHA or their components.
 - f. Attendance at educational programs where continuing education credit is given and approved by accredited universities or colleges.
 - g. Attendance at educational programs where continuing education credit is given and approved by a licensure authority of any jurisdiction in the United States for occupational therapy.
 - h. Attendance at educational programs where continuing education credit is given and approved by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), including other state association educational programs.
 - i. Attendance at educational programs where continuing education credit is given and approved by the American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA), including other state association educational programs.
 - j. A course/provider not approved by one of the organizations listed in Rule 8.7.4(1) will not be accepted as continuing education for licensure renewal purposes. A course not approved by an organization listed in this section of the regulations may be reviewed by the department. Contact the department for information.
2. Presentations made before recognized groups of occupational therapists, medical practitioners, or other health related professionals and directly related to the profession of occupational therapy. To be considered for continuing education credit, material outline and a synopsis must be submitted to the Department prior to the presentation date. Notice of approval or disapproval will be sent following a review by the Department. For approved presentations, the presenter may accrue one (1) hour of continuing education credit for each hour of the actual presentation, and one (1) hour of preparation time, for a total of (2) two hours. Presenter credit is given one (1) time only, even though the session may be presented multiple times. No more than 30% of total required hours may be accrued through presentations.
3. Academic course work:
- a. Academic course work taken for credit from a regionally accredited college or university. The courses must relate to the profession of

occupational therapy. One academic semester hour shall be equivalent to fifteen (15) clock hours for continuing education credit. No more than fifty percent (50%) of total required hours may be accrued through academic course work. Undergraduate level courses are acceptable only when they can be demonstrated to update or enhance competency in licensee's specific practice field, and documented that course work has not been taken previously, to the satisfaction of the department. Graduate level courses are acceptable for occupational therapists. Undergraduate courses are acceptable for occupational therapy assistants.

- b. Academic course work taken by an OT/OTA for credit toward an advanced degree in occupational therapy may be counted as meeting the full continuing education requirements.
4. Home Study Courses approved by the department.
5. Professional publications where the licensee is an author. To be considered for continuing education credit, a reprint of the published article must be submitted to the department. Notice of approval or disapproval will be sent out after review by the department. A maximum of 3 contact hours may be accrued through professional publication.
6. Supervision of Level I and Level II occupational therapy and occupational therapy assistant students by a Mississippi licensed OT. The total number of supervision hours may not exceed 12 hours.
 - a. Supervision of Level I occupational therapy and occupational therapy assistant students. To be considered for continuing education credit, full direct supervision of a student must be performed for a complete clinical rotation. The educational institution must provide written documentation of the supervision. One continuing education hour per student supervised will be awarded for the full supervision. No more than a maximum of twelve (12) hours may be accrued under this provision during a licensure period. Only the primary supervisor is eligible to receive continuing education credit under this provision.
 - b. Supervision of Level II occupational therapy and occupational therapy assistant students. To be considered for continuing education credit, full direct supervision of a student must be performed for a complete clinical rotation. The educational institution must provide written documentation of the supervision. One continuing education hour per week of supervision per student supervised will be awarded for the full supervision. Co-supervision is acceptable. The supervising OT(s) shall record dates and times when acting as primary student supervisor. Supervision of more than one student at a time is acceptable. The supervising OT(s) shall record dates and times of supervision provided to

each student. No more than a maximum of twelve (12) hours may be accrued under this provision during a licensure period.

7. Specific **UNACCEPTABLE** activities include:
 - a. All in-service programs not approved under Rule 8.7.4(1) of these regulations.
 - b. Orientation to specific work-site programs dealing with organizational structures, processes, or procedures.
 - c. Meetings for purposes of policy decision.
 - d. Non-educational meetings at annual conferences, chapter or organizational meetings.
 - e. Entertainment or recreational meetings or activities.
 - f. Committee meetings, holding of office, serving as an organizational delegate.
 - g. CPR education.
 - h. Self-directed studies other than those previously outlined.

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Rule 8.10.2 Supervision or Consultation:

1. An occupational therapy assistant issued a limited permit (see Rule 8. 4.5).
2. An occupational therapy assistant issued a regular license.
 - a. Supervision or consultation which means face-to-face meetings of supervisor and supervisee (OT and OTA) to review and evaluate treatment and progress at the work site, and regular interim communication between the supervisor and supervisee. A face-to-face meeting is held at least once every seventh treatment day or 21 calendar days, whichever comes first.
 - b. The supervising occupational therapist must be accessible by telecommunications to the occupational therapy assistant on a daily basis while the occupational therapy assistant is treating patients.
 - c. Regardless of the practice setting, the following requirements must be observed when the occupational therapist is supervising or consulting with the occupational therapy assistant:

- i. The initial visit for evaluation of the patient and establishment of a plan of care must be made by the supervising or consulting occupational therapist.
 - ii. A joint supervisory visit must be made by the supervising occupational therapist and the occupational therapy assistant with the patient present at the patient's residence or treatment setting once every 7 treatment days or every 21 days, whichever comes first.
 - iii. A supervisory visit should include:
 1. A review of activities with appropriate revision or termination of the plan of care;
 2. An assessment of utilization of outside resources (whenever applicable);
 3. Documentary evidence of such visit;
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 - iv. An occupational therapist may not supervise/consult with more than two (2) occupational therapy assistants except in school settings, or settings where maintenance or tertiary type services are provided, such as the regional treatment centers under the direction of the Department of Mental Health.
3. Occupational therapy aides:
- a. An occupational therapy aide is an unlicensed person who assists an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant as defined in Rule 8.1.3 of these regulations. An occupational therapy aide is a worker who is trained on the job.
 - b. Duties assigned to an occupational therapy aide must be determined and directly supervised by a licensed occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant and must not exceed the level of specific training, knowledge, skill and competence of the individual being supervised.
 - c. The supervising occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant is professionally responsible for the acts or actions performed by any occupational therapy aide supervised by the licensee in the occupational therapy setting.
 - d. Documentation of all training specific to the aide's duties must be in the aide's file.

- e. Duties or functions which occupational therapy aides shall not perform include the following:
 - i. Interpreting referrals or prescriptions for occupational therapy services;
 - ii. Performing evaluative procedures;
 - Developing, planning, adjusting, or modifying treatment procedures;
 - iii. Preparing written documentation of patient treatment or progress; and
 - iv. Act independently without the direct supervision of a licensed occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant during patient therapy sessions.
- 4. The supervision/consultation requirements stated in these regulations are minimal. It is the professional responsibility and duty of the licensed occupational therapist to provide the occupational therapist assistant with more supervision if deemed necessary in the occupational therapist's professional judgment.

SOURCE: Miss. Code Ann. §73-24-13

Subchapter 12: Fees

Rule 8.12.2 Schedule of Fees:

1.	Application Fee	\$100.00
2.	Initial Licensure fee	
	a. Occupational Therapist	\$150.00
	b. Occupational Therapy Assistant	\$100.00
3.	Renewal Fee	
	a. Occupational Therapist	\$150.00
	b. Occupational Therapy Assistant	\$100.00
4.	Late Renewal/Reinstatement Fee	\$125.00
5.	License Certificate Replacement Fee	\$ 25.00
6.	Duplicate License Certificate Fee	\$ 25.00

- 7. [Reserved]
- 8. License Verification Fee\$ 25.00
- 9. Inactive License Fee\$ 50.00
- 10. Examination Fee:
 - a. Occupational Therapist**
 - b. Occupational Therapy Assistant**

**Contact the examination administrant for current examination fees.

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SUBCHAPTER 4: LICENSURE

Rule 8.4.5 **Conditions of a Limited Permit:**

1. A limited permit shall be granted for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, ~~beyond the date of the next scheduled examination.~~
2. A limited permit holder shall restrict his practice to the State of Mississippi.
3. Supervision of Limited Permit

- a. An occupational therapist issued a limited permit shall practice under the supervision of or in consultation with an occupational therapist currently licensed in Mississippi. Supervision or in consultation with an occupational therapist for the purposes of this section means direct contact at least every 2 weeks at each treatment facility, with interim contact occurring by other methods, such as telephone or written communication.
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Subchapter 5: Professional Identification

Rule 8.5.2 Production and Display of License: A person licensed to practice occupational therapy in Mississippi shall be issued a "Certificate of Licensure" and "License Identification ~~Card~~ Letter." The licensee shall prominently display the "Certificate of Licensure" or copy thereof at their place(s) of employment. ~~The licensee shall carry the "License Identification Card" with them at all times when providing services, and show said ID Card when requested.~~

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Subchapter 6: Renewal of License

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Subchapter 7: Continuing Education (CE)

Rule 8.7.1 Definition and philosophy: Each individual licensed as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant is responsible for optimum service to the

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Subchapter 13: Fees

Rule 8.12.3 Schedule of Fees:

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5.	License Certificate Replacement Fee	\$ 25.00

- 6. Duplicate License Certificate Fee\$ 25.00
- 7. ~~ID Card Replacement Fee~~.....\$ 10.00 [Reserved]
- 8. License Verification Fee\$ 25.00
- 9. Inactive License Fee\$ 50.00
- 10. Examination Fee:
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