

OTs and OTAs Registration Changing to Licensure

Effective January 13, 2009, Public Act 523 provides for the licensure of Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants instead of the current registration. The new law also requires continuing education requirements for licensees.

The next step is for the Bureau of Health Professions to work with the Board of Occupational Therapy to revise the administrative rules to reflect the licensure and continuing education requirements contained in the new law.

Once that process has been completed, a public hearing will be scheduled for interested persons to make verbal comments and/or submit written comments.

People currently registered will be automatically issued licenses as a result of the new legislation. Those renewing in 2009 will be issued licenses. Those renewing in 2010 will receive their licenses in the summer of 2009. Licenses are currently being issued to new applicants. For those whose registrations have lapsed, applications to reactivate your registrations/licenses can be found on our website at www.michigan.gov/healthlicense by clicking on Occupational Therapy on the left-hand side of the page and scrolling down to the Occupational Therapy Licensing Forms box.

Please check our website at www.michigan.gov/healthlicense for updates on the Board of Occupational Therapy's administrative rules as well as the date of the public hearing.