

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AMENDMENTS**

2004 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Gene Davis**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies provisions on licensure of occupational therapists and occupational therapist assistants.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ modifies the names of national accreditation and certification entities to reflect recent name changes made at the national level; and
- ▶ makes certain technical changes.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**58-42a-302**, as last amended by Chapter 28, Laws of Utah 1995

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **58-42a-302** is amended to read:

**58-42a-302. Qualifications for licensure.**

- (1) All applicants for licensure as an occupational therapist shall:
  - (a) submit an application in a form as prescribed by the division;
  - (b) pay a fee as determined by the department under Section 63-38-3.2;
  - (c) be of good moral character as it relates to the functions and responsibilities of the

practice of occupational therapy;

(d) graduate with a bachelors or [~~masters~~] graduate degree in occupational therapy from a program accredited by the [~~American~~] Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy [~~Association~~] Education; and

(e) be certified by the [~~American~~] National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy [~~Certification Board~~] as an occupational therapist registered.

(2) All applicants for licensure as an occupational therapist assistant shall:

(a) submit an application in a form as prescribed by the division;

(b) pay a fee as determined by the department under Section 63-38-3.2;

(c) be of good moral character as it relates to the functions and responsibilities of the practice of occupational therapy;

(d) graduate with a two-year associate degree in occupational therapy from a program accredited by the [~~American~~] Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy [~~Certification Board~~] Education; and

(e) be certified by the [~~American~~] National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy [~~Certification Board~~] as a certified occupational therapist assistant.