

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSE AMENDMENTS

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Carol Spackman Moss

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Occupational Therapy Practice Act.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

► modifies the qualifications for an individual to get a license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

⚡→ ~~[None]~~ This bill provides a coordination clause. ←⚡

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

58-42a-302, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 183

⚡→ Utah Code Sections Affected by Coordination Clause:

58-42a-302, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 183 ←⚡

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 63J-1-504;



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

30 (d) graduate with a bachelors or graduate degree in occupational therapy from a
31 program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education; and

32 (e) be certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy as an
33 occupational therapist registered.

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

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

36 (b) pay a fee as determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;

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

39 (d) graduate with a two-year associate degree in occupational therapy from a program
40 accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education; and

41 (e) be certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy as a
42 certified occupational therapist assistant.

43 (3) Notwithstanding the other requirements of this section, the division may issue a
44 license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant to an applicant who:

45 (a) meets the requirements of receiving a license by endorsement under Section
46 58-1-302; or

47 (b) has been licensed in a state, district, or territory of the United States, or in a foreign
48 country, where the education, experience, or examination requirements are not substantially
49 equal to the requirements of this state, if the applicant ~~H→~~ [:

50 ~~(i)] ←H~~ passes an examination approved by the division in consultation with the
50a board ~~H→~~ . [;and

51 ~~(ii) makes up any deficiencies in the education or experience requirements of this~~
52 ~~section in accordance with division rule in collaboration with the board.]~~

52a **Section 2. Coordinating H.B. 194 with S.B. 131--Substantive and technical amendments.**

52b **If this H.B. 194 and S.B. 131, Occupational Therapists Amendments, both pass and become**

52c **law, it is the intent of the Legislature that the amendments to Subsection 58-42a-302(3)(b) in**

52d **S.B. 131 supersede the amendments to Subsection 58-42a-302(3)(b) in this bill when the Office**

52e **of Legislative Research and General Counsel prepares the Utah Code database**

52f **for publication.** ←H