

4755-3-01

**Applications for initial licensure.**

(A) All applications for initial licensure shall be submitted to the occupational therapy section on the forms provided by the section. All applications, statements, and other documents so submitted shall be retained by the section.

(B) Applications shall be:

- (1) Typewritten or printed in ink;
- (2) Signed by the applicant;
- (3) Accompanied by the fee prescribed by paragraph (A) of rule 4755-5-01 of the Administrative Code; and
- (4) Accompanied by such evidence, statements, or documents as specified on the form.

(C) An applicant for initial licensure by examination shall:

- (1) Have completed an occupational therapy program accredited by the accreditation council for occupational therapy education (ACOTE) of the American occupational therapy association (AOTA) or submit evidence satisfactory to the section that the applicant completed an educational program substantially similar to the requirements established in rule 4755-3-03 of the Administrative Code;
- (2) Have passed the certification examination administered by the national board for certification in occupational therapy, inc. (NBCOT); and
- (3) Not be licensed or ever been licensed in any state or territory of the United States as an:
  - (a) Occupational therapist to apply for initial licensure by examination as an occupational therapist; or
  - (b) Occupational therapy assistant to apply for initial licensure by examination as an occupational therapy assistant.

(D) An applicant for initial licensure by endorsement shall:

- (1) Meet the requirements established in paragraphs (C)(1) and (C)(2) of this rule;

and

- (2) Hold a current, valid license to practice as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant in another state or United States territory or possess current, valid certification from NBCOT.

(E) In addition to the other requirements of this rule, a foreign educated applicant shall:

(1) Complete an education credentials review from an entity approved by the section to be used by the section to determine if the applicant's foreign education was substantially equivalent to an accredited occupational therapy program in the United States, Puerto Rico, territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia. Individuals whose initial certification by NBCOT is on or after January 1, 2004 are not required to meet this provision;

(2) Demonstrate that the individual met the requirements to practice occupational therapy in the country of education and evidence of eligible licensure and/or certification credentialing in that country; and

(3) Demonstrate a working knowledge of English by obtaining:

(a) Scores of at least:

(i) 4.5 on the test of written English (TWE);

(ii) Fifty on the test of spoken English (TSE); and

(iii) Two hundred twenty on the computer based test of English as a foreign language (TOEFL) or five hundred sixty on the paper based TOEFL; or

(b) Scores on the TOEFL iBT of at least:

(i) Twenty-four on the writing section;

(ii) Twenty -six on the speaking section;

(iii) Twenty-one on the reading section;

(iv) Eighteen on the listening comprehension section; and

(v) Eighty-nine on the overall examination.

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