

**Subject** Occupational therapy updates

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## Overview

This bill modifies provisions related to occupational therapist licensure, making clarifying changes throughout, updating terminology and references, modifying continuing education requirements, and converting licenses to a birth-month renewal cycle.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<b>Contact hour.</b> Amends § 148.6402, subd. 5. Removes “consecutive” from 60 minute requirement for an instructional contact hour.
2	<b>Licensure by equivalency.</b> Amends § 148.6402, subd. 21. Specifies that the national credential for licensure must be current.
3	<b>Unlicensed practice prohibited.</b> Amends § 148.6403, subd. 1. Makes clarifying changes.
4	<b>Exempt persons.</b> Amends § 148.6403, subd. 5. Modifies terminology to “occupational therapy practitioner.”
5	<b>Sanctions.</b> Amends § 148.6403, subd. 6. Modifies terminology to “occupational therapy practitioner.”
6	<b>Scope of practice.</b> Amends § 148.6404. Modifies definition of the practice of occupational therapy and specifies that services must be based on nationally established standards of practice.

<b>Section</b>	<b>Description</b>
7	<b>Licensure application requirements: procedures and qualifications.</b> Amends § 148.6405. Specifies that a person who was previously certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy may apply for licensure by reciprocity; makes clarifying changes.
8	<b>Persons certified by National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy.</b> Amends § 148.6412, subd. 2. Removes obsolete dates.
9	<b>Licensure by reciprocity.</b> Amends § 148.6415. Adds clarifying language relating to certification by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy.
10	<b>Supervision required.</b> Amends § 148.6418, subd. 4. Modifies terminology from “treatment” to “intervention.” Specifies that supervision following demonstrated service competency must occur at least every ten intervention days or 30 calendar days, whichever is sooner.
11	<b>Applications for licensure.</b> Amends § 148.6420, subd. 1. Adds email address to application requirements; removes number of hours worked from work history requirement.
12	<b>Applicants credentialed in another jurisdiction.</b> Amends § 148.6420, subd. 4. Makes clarifying changes.
13	<b>Action on applications for licensure.</b> Amends § 148.6420, subd. 5. Removes advisory council language.
14	<b>Licensure renewal.</b> Amends § 148.6423. Makes clarifying changes. Adds subdivisions converting the license renewal cycle to a two-year cycle, with renewal due on the last day of each licensee’s birth month, beginning January 1, 2021. Requires fees related to conversion period, and specifies that new subdivisions 4, 5, 7, and 8 expire December 31, 2023.
15	<b>Licensure renewal after licensure expiration date.</b> Amends § 148.6425, subd. 2. Makes clarifying changes.
16	<b>Change of name, address, or employment.</b> Amends § 148.6428. Adds email address to contact information changes requiring a licensee to inform the board; makes clarifying changes.

<b>Section</b>	<b>Description</b>
17	<b>Delegation of duties; assignment of tasks.</b> Amends § 148.6430. Modifies terminology from “treatment” to “intervention;” makes clarifying change.
18	<b>Intervention.</b> Amends § 148.6432, subd. 3. Modifies terminology from “treatment” to “intervention” and makes clarifying changes. Modifies timeline for face-to-face collaboration between an occupational therapist and occupational therapy assistant.
19	<b>Coordination of services.</b> Amends § 148.6435. Makes clarifying changes, modifies terminology from “treatment” to “intervention.” Removes paragraph requiring occupational therapists to communicate a written occupational therapy plan of care with appropriate health care professionals within 14 days of treatment initiation.
20	<b>Continuing education requirements.</b> Amends § 148.6443. Removes paragraph relating to contact hours for continuing education. Adds language to subdivision 2 specifying standards for continuing education to be accepted by the board; makes clarifying changes to continuing education requirements, acceptable activities, documentation, reporting, verification of attendance, waiver or deferment, and penalties for noncompliance.
21	<b>Penalty fees.</b> Amends § 148.6445, subd. 11. Modifies penalty fees and requirements for failing to submit a requested continuing education report by the due date, without changing fee amounts; removes obsolete dates.
22	<b>Grounds for denial of licensure or discipline.</b> Amends § 148.6448, subd. 1. Modifies terminology from “treatment” to “intervention.”
23	<b>Investigation of complaints.</b> Amends § 148.6448, subd. 2. Adds cross-reference.
24	<b>Qualifications of board members.</b> Amends § 148.6449, subd. 2. Makes clarifying changes.

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25	<b>Repealer.</b> Repeals § 148.6402, subds. 10 and 15 (direct supervision and occupational therapy definitions); § 148.6412, subd. 1 (persons certified by National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy before June 17, 1996); and Minnesota Rules, part 4664.0003, subpart 28 (occupational therapy definition).



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