



Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board

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Criminal Conviction Disqualification from Licensure – Review Pursuant to ORC 9.78

If you have a criminal conviction and wish to apply for a license, you may make a request to the Board for a determination as to whether your criminal conviction(s) disqualifies you from licensure. Please submit your request along with a completed criminal case form to the OTPTAT Board for review. Your form can be emailed to us at Board@otptat.ohio.gov. Your criminal history will be evaluated based upon the aggravating and mitigating factors in the profession's practice act.

The Board will respond to your request within 30 days. The Board conducts a thorough investigation and considers a number of factors, including but not limited to: whether the applicant has made restitution, completed probation and/or otherwise been rehabilitated; the age of the offense; the facts and circumstances underlying the offense; and the total number and pattern of offenses. *The Board is not bound by a determination made if, on further investigation, the Board determines that the criminal convictions differ from the information presented in the determination request.*

Please note that this determination is not required and does not prevent you from applying for a license. If you apply for a license and the Board proposes to deny your application, you will be afforded a hearing opportunity in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119.

A formal request is not necessary. Many convictions, such as traffic offenses and minor misdemeanors, will not bar an applicant from licensure. Feel free to contact us at Board@otptat.ohio.gov to find out if it is necessary to complete the criminal case form.

Offense which are Disqualifying for Licensure

The following offenses disqualify an individual from obtaining a license from the OTPTAT Licensing Board:

- Aggravated murder
- Murder
- Voluntary manslaughter
- Felonious assault
- Kidnapping
- Rape
- Sexual battery
- Gross sexual imposition
- Aggravated arson
- Aggravated robbery
- Aggravated burglary
- Any offense for which the applicant must register as a sex offender
- Aggravated Drug Trafficking
- Act of Terrorism
- Or a substantially similar law of another state