



**Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board**

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**Crosswalk Table Summarizing Veterans' Pathway to Licensure (June 2014)**

License	General Requirements
Occupational Therapist	<p>Completion of OT Education Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service in the following Military Primary Specialties makes a candidate eligible for licensure as an Occupational Therapist:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Army: Occupational therapist (AOC 65A)</li> <li>○ Navy: Occupational therapy (NOBC 0874)</li> <li>○ Air Force: Occupational therapist (AFSC 42T3)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>NBCOT Certification Exam – Fees Qualify for Reimbursement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The NBCOT Certification Exam for Occupational Therapists, which is required for licensure as an occupational therapist, is on the Department of Veterans Affairs qualified list of non-federal government licensure and certification examinations, allowing eligible veterans and their dependents to be reimbursed for the cost of the test.</li> </ul> <p>Fee Exemption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For current members of the armed forces, the application fee will be waived for the following applications:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Initial licensure by examination</li> <li>○ Initial licensure by endorsement</li> <li>○ Reinstatement of an expired license</li> <li>○ Restoration of a license in escrow</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>License Renewal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a license expires due to the licensee's service in the armed forces, the license is eligible for renewal, without penalty, if the conditions outlined in rule 4755-3-15 are met.</li> </ul> <p>Continuing Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a licensee is on active duty for more than 31 days, the licensee is entitled to an extension of the current CE reporting period. The extension is equal to the total number of months the licensee spent on active duty.</li> <li>• Upon a request submitted at least 90 days prior to license expiration, the Board will review and determine if the relevant education, training, or service completed as a member of the armed forces meets the continuing education requirements.</li> </ul> <p>Prioritizing Application Processing for Military Personnel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Military applicants have an option to indicate their military status on the application. If an applicant indicates they meet the military status, the processing of the application will be prioritized by the Board.</li> </ul>
Occupational Therapy Assistant	<p>Completion of OTA Education Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service in the following Military Primary Specialties may make a candidate eligible for licensure as an Occupational Therapy Assistant:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Army: Occupational therapy specialist (MOS 68L)</li> <li>○ Navy: Occupational therapy assistant (NEC HM-8467)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• In addition to serving in the identified specialty, the candidate must complete the occupational therapy assistant program at the Medical Education and Training</li> </ul>

	<p>Campus at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Army: School 083; Course 303-68L10</li> <li>○ Navy: School 083; Course B-303-0152</li> </ul> <p>NBCOT Certification Exam – Fees Qualify for Reimbursement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The NBCOT Certification Exam for Occupational Therapy Assistants, which is required for licensure as an occupational therapy assistant, is on the Department of Veterans Affairs qualified list of non-federal government licensure and certification examinations, allowing eligible veterans and their dependents to be reimbursed for the cost of the test.</li> </ul> <p>Fee Exemption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● For current members of the armed forces, the application fee will be waived for the following applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Initial licensure by examination</li> <li>○ Initial licensure by endorsement</li> <li>○ Reinstatement of an expired license</li> <li>○ Restoration of a license in escrow</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>License Renewal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If a license expires due to the licensee’s service in the armed forces, the license is eligible for renewal, without penalty, if the conditions outlined in rule 4755-3-15 are met.</li> </ul> <p>Continuing Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If a licensee is on active duty for more than 31 days, the licensee is entitled to an extension of the current CE reporting period. The extension is equal to the total number of months the licensee spent on active duty.</li> <li>● Upon a request submitted at least 90 days prior to license expiration, the Board will review and determine if the relevant education, training, or service completed as a member of the armed forces meets the continuing education requirements.</li> </ul> <p>Prioritizing Application Processing for Military Personnel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Military applicants have an option to indicate their military status on the application. If an applicant indicates they meet the military status, the processing of the application will be prioritized by the Board.</li> </ul>
Physical Therapist	<p>Completion of PT Education Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Service in the following Military Primary Specialties makes a candidate eligible for licensure as a Physical Therapist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Army: Physical therapist (AOC 65B)</li> <li>○ Navy: Physical therapy (NOBC 0873)</li> <li>○ Air Force: Physical therapist (AFSC 42B3)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>NPTE Exam – Fees Qualify for Reimbursement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) for Physical Therapists and the Ohio Physical Therapy Jurisprudence Exam, which is required for licensure as a physical therapist, is on the Department of Veterans Affairs qualified list of non-federal government licensure and certification examinations, allowing eligible veterans and their dependents to be reimbursed for the cost of the test.</li> </ul> <p>Fee Exemption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● For current members of the armed forces, the application fee will be waived for the following applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Initial licensure by examination</li> <li>○ Initial licensure by endorsement</li> <li>○ Reinstatement of an expired license</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>License Renewal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a license expires due to the licensee’s service in the armed forces, the license is eligible for renewal, without penalty, if the conditions outlined in rule 4755-23-17 are met.</li> </ul> <p>Continuing Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a licensee is on active duty for more than 31 days, the licensee is entitled to an extension of the current CE reporting period. The extension is equal to the total number of months the licensee spent on active duty.</li> <li>• Upon a request submitted at least 90 days prior to license expiration, the Board will review and determine if the relevant education, training, or service completed as a member of the armed forces meets the continuing education requirements.</li> </ul> <p>Prioritizing Application Processing for Military Personnel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Military applicants have an option to indicate their military status on the application. If an applicant indicates they meet the military status, the processing of the application will be prioritized by the Board.</li> </ul>
Physical Therapist Assistant	<p>Completion of PTA Education Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service in the following Military Primary Specialties may make a candidate eligible for licensure as a Physical Therapist Assistant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Army: Physical therapy specialist (MOS 68F)</li> <li>○ Navy: Physical therapy technician (NEC HM-8466)</li> <li>○ Air Force: Physical medicine (AFSC 4J032)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• In addition to serving in the identified specialty, the candidate must complete the physical therapist assistant program at the Medical Education and Training Campus at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Army: School 083; Course 303-68F10</li> <li>○ Navy: School 083; Course B-303-0150</li> <li>○ Air Force: School 083; Course L8ABJ4J032 01AA</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>AND</b> complete on of the following bridge programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Community College of the Air Force</li> <li>○ Arapahoe Community College in Littleton, CO</li> <li>○ Lake Superior College in Duluth, MN</li> <li>○ <b>Note:</b> If an applicant completed the PTA program at Fort Sam Houston, but not one of the bridge programs, the applicant may submit the results of the PTA Educational Equivalency Review (PTA-EER) from the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT). The Board will notify the applicant of any educational deficiencies identified in the PTA-EER that must be remediated prior to being eligible for a license.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>NPTE Exam – Fees Qualify for Reimbursement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) for Physical Therapist Assistants and the Ohio Physical Therapy Jurisprudence Exam, which is required for licensure as a physical therapist assistant, is on the Department of Veterans Affairs qualified list of non-federal government licensure and certification examinations, allowing eligible veterans and their dependents to be reimbursed for the cost of the test.</li> </ul> <p>Fee Exemption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For current members of the armed forces, the application fee will be waived for the following applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Initial licensure by examination</li> <li>○ Initial licensure by endorsement</li> <li>○ Reinstatement of an expired license</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>License Renewal</p>

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Athletic Trainer	<p>Completion of AT Education Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Although there are currently no military specialties and/or military programs of training that meet the licensure requirements for an athletic trainer, a veteran or member of the armed forces may submit document for the Board’s consideration to demonstrate that the applicant’s military education, training, and/or service is substantially equivalent to the requirements contained in state law.</li> </ul> <p>BOC Certification Exam – Fees Qualify for Reimbursement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board of Certification (BOC) Certification Exam, which is required for licensure as an athletic trainer, is on the Department of Veterans Affairs qualified list of non-federal government licensure and certification examinations, allowing eligible veterans and their dependents to be reimbursed for the cost of the test.</li> </ul> <p>Fee Exemption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For current members of the armed forces, the application fee will be waived for the following applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Initial licensure by examination</li> <li>○ Initial licensure by endorsement</li> <li>○ Reinstatement of an expired license</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>License Renewal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a license expires due to the licensee’s service in the armed forces, the license is eligible for renewal, without penalty, if the conditions outlined in rule 4755-43-12 are met.</li> </ul> <p>Continuing Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a licensee is on active duty for more than 31 days, the licensee is entitled to an extension of the current CE reporting period. The extension is equal to the total number of months the licensee spent on active duty.</li> <li>• Upon a request submitted at least 90 days prior to license expiration, the Board will review and determine if the relevant education, training, or service completed as a member of the armed forces meets the continuing education requirements.</li> </ul> <p>Prioritizing Application Processing for Military Personnel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Military applicants have an option to indicate their military status on the application. If an applicant indicates they meet the military status, the processing of the application will be prioritized by the Board.</li> </ul>