

POLICY

TENNESSEE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS – APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

Any person who has applied for a license as an occupational therapist or occupational therapist assistant who has one (1) felony conviction which occurred ten (10) or more years prior to the date of application for licensure and any person who has a single misdemeanor conviction or a group of misdemeanor convictions all arising out of a incident, which occurred five (5) or more years prior to the date of application for licensure may not be required to appear before the Board. The Board's administrator in consultation with a Board member or the Board's consultant is authorized to issue a temporary authorization pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-1-142, and to determine whether or not the applicant is required to appear before the Board prior to the issuance of a license.

The following persons are required to appear before the Board before any license can be issued:

1. Any applicant who has a felony conviction that occurred less than ten (10) years prior to the date of application for licensure;
2. Any applicant that has multiple misdemeanor convictions, not arising out of the same incident where any one of the convictions occurred less than five (5) years prior to the date of licensure;
3. Any applicant who has more than one (1) felony conviction, regardless of the dates of conviction; and
4. Any applicant who has been convicted of a sexual related offense, regardless of the category of the crime and regardless of the date of conviction.

Adopted by the Tennessee Board of Occupational Therapy on this 16th day of July, 2009
