

TENNESSEE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Policy Statement: Continued Competence

Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants in Tennessee are required to demonstrate continued competence by obtaining twenty-four (24) continued competence credits in the two (2) calendar years that precede the licensure renewal year. (Please refer to the Board's rule Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1150-2-.12 for complete information regarding the continued competence requirements.)

Should the Tennessee licensed Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapy Assistant fail to comply with the continued competence requirement for the two (2) calendar year period preceding the licensure renewal year, the following shall occur:

- 1. The licensee will be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Payment is due within thirty (30) days of notification from the Board.**
- 2. The licensee must make up the deficient continued competence credit hours within the following calendar year. These deficient hours are in addition to the twenty-four (24) continued competence credit hours required in the current renewal cycle. Documented proof must be submitted to the Board upon completion.**

Failure to comply with the continued competence requirement may result in disciplinary action. Failure to respond to a Board request for documentation or to make up deficient continued competence credit hours after notification by the Board may result in disciplinary action.

Ratified by the Board of Occupational Therapy on March 12, 2009.

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