

REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CHANGE

AGENCY: North Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy

RULE CITATION: 21 NCAC 38 .0802

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Friday, November 7, 2014

NOTE WELL: *This request when viewed on computer extends several pages. Please be sure you have reached the end of the document.*

The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the rule will be approved. You may call this office to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing these rules, the staff determined that the following technical changes need to be made. Approval of any rule is contingent upon making technical changes as set forth in G.S. 150B-21.10.

On the "Submission for Permanent Rule" form, in box 2, add the name of the rule

Just to confirm, in box 6 on the "Submission for Permanent Rule", the Board met to adopt and to take final action on this rule on October 15th?

Line 6, is the clause "preceding licensure period" an accurate statement? Looking at this sentence, as it is a little cumbersome to read. Consider the following suggested rewrite:

"between July 1 and June 30 of the preceding year."

Line 7, add "of this Chapter" after ".0805"

Line 8, replace "each" with "the"

Line 9, delete the comma after "therapy" and replace "which" with "that"

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

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Date submitted to agency: Thursday, October 23, 2014

21 NCAC 38 .0802 is proposed for amendment with changes as follows:

21 NCAC 38 .0802 CONTINUING COMPETENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE

(a) Licensed occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants applying for license renewal shall document having earned a minimum of 15 points for approved continuing competence activities between ~~June 1~~ July 1 of the preceding licensure period and ~~May 31~~ June 30 of the current licensure period. Documentation of each continuing competence activity shall comply with Rule .0805.

(b) For each renewal period, each licensee shall document completion of at least one contact hour of a qualified activity for maintaining continuing competence related to ethics in the practice of occupational therapy, which shall be included in the total points for the year. Continuing competence activities in ethics shall be related to developing the licensee's ability to reflect on, determine, and act on the moral aspects of practice as required by Rule .0308 of this Chapter.

(c) Continuing competence contact hours exceeding the total needed for renewal shall not be carried forward to the next renewal period.

(d) Continuing competence activities shall not include new employee orientation or annual training required by the employer.

(e) Licensees shall not receive credit for completing the same continuing competence activity more than once during a renewal period.

History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.69; 90-270.75(a);
Eff. July 1, 2007;
Amended Eff. December 1, 2014; February 1, 2014.