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

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### Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics Licensure

#### What has changed?

As you are aware, the State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics (OPP Board) was consolidated in January 2018, and the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers (OTPTAT) Board now issues licenses for orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics. Since consolidation, we have been working to make administrative improvements that will hopefully be better for you, the license holder.

The OTPTAT Board has made the following changes which will go into effect on November 1:

1. Renewal periods will now be for two years instead of annual. This means that when you renew your license by January 31, 2019, it will expire on January 31, 2021.
2. The license renewal fee is reduced from \$200 to \$70. To renew your license, you will pay \$70, plus an eLicense fee of \$3.50. This is a reduction of 82.5% over the two-year period.
3. **Late renewals are no longer permitted.** The OTPTAT Board does not have late renewal periods. If you miss the deadline of January 31, 2019, you will have to reinstate your license. When the renewal period opens up on November 2, 2018, **do not delay** in renewing your license.
4. Your continuing education (CE) requirements have changed. Instead of the three-year reporting groups that were structured under the former OPP Board, you will now report the number of CE hours that you took over the prior two years every time you renew, but you will not be expected to upload your continuing education statement. You will only turn in your statement if you are subject to a continuing education audit. Please retain your statements for more than one reporting period in the case that you are subject to an audit. The first audit will occur after the first biennial renewal through the OTPTAT Board – in early 2021. This applies only to CE required by the Board. All required education for maintenance of certification is unchanged.
5. After consulting with the Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics Advisory Council, the number of hours that are required have been reduced to put the professions more in line with other license types. The following chart demonstrates the number of hours that were previously expected and what will now be required to maintain your license.

| <u>License Type</u> | <u>Former OPP Board</u>   | <u>OTPTAT requirement</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| LO                  | 45 hours over three years | 25 hours over two years   |
| LP                  | 45 hours over three years | 25 hours over two years   |
| LPO                 | 75 hours over three years | 35 hours over two years   |
| LPED                | 33 hours over three years | 18 hours over two years   |

6. Fees to send a license verification to another state are now \$15 instead of \$25. Simply log on to <http://elicense.ohio.gov> to request a verification and it will be sent out the same or next business day.
7. Fees to receive an additional wall certificate copy have been reduced to \$10 from \$25. You may request one by logging on to <http://elicense.ohio.gov>.
8. Wallet cards are no longer available. License verification is available to the public at <http://elicense.ohio.gov>. In the near future, you will be able to download a copy of your wall certificate by logging in to eLicense.
9. You can now request to upgrade your TEMP license to a full one via submission to <http://elicense.ohio.gov>. The fee for an upgrade remains \$50.
10. You will soon be able to upgrade an LO or LP license to an LPO via submission to <http://elicense.ohio.gov>.

You can read more about the consolidation changes on our website at <http://otptat.ohio.gov>. Feel free to contact us at any time with your questions at [Board@otptat.ohio.gov](mailto:Board@otptat.ohio.gov) or by calling 614-466-3774.