

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
Rules Committee Teleconference Minutes
Tuesday, May 26, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.

The Georgia State Board of Occupational Therapy Rules Committee met via teleconference on Tuesday, May 26, 2020. The following members were present:

Committee Members Present

Robert McClellan, OTR/L, Committee Chair
Pamela Reddick-Collins, OTR/L, Committee Member

Committee Members Absent

Rachele Branson, OTR/L, Committee Member

Visitors Present

No visitors present.

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor

Attorney General's Office

No Assistant Attorney General present.

Call to Order Mr. McClellan called the Committee meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Board Meeting Agenda

The Committee accepted the agenda as presented.

Discussion – Board Rules

The Committee was charged by the Board to consider amendments to Board Rule 671-3-.05. Re-examination and Board Rule 671-3-.06. Limited Permit to ensure that they are consistent with the new statutory requirements and to include language to ensure applicants are clear which rules to follow in which circumstance.

Recommendations were made to Board Rule 671-3-.05. Re-examination regarding the number of times an applicant can fail the examination, and the requirements therein upon three and subsequent exam failures.

Recommendations were made to Board Rule 671-3-.06. Limited Permit for the purpose of addressing individuals who have completed all of the academic requirements but have not yet taken the exam. The title of the Board rule has been amended to reflect that the suggested change is specific to those individuals, and paragraphs 2 & 3 which have been stricken and rewritten to outline the requirements.

Ms. Reddick-Collins motioned, Mr. McClellan seconded and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer the amendments to Board Rule 671-3-.05. Re-examination and Board Rule 671-3-.06. Limited Permit for full Board review during the May 29, 2020 teleconference.

1. Board Rule 671-3-.05. Re-examination

Rule 671-3-.05. Licensure by Re-examination

An ~~examinee~~ applicant who fails the [National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy \(NBCOT\)](#) examination ~~approved by the Board~~ may retake the examination at a subsequent examination date provided, however, that prior to the issuance of a license, the board may require the reexamination applicant to demonstrate competency as follows:

(1) If the applicant has failed the examination three (3) times before successfully passing, the applicant may be required to:

(a) Work under the direct supervision of an occupational therapist licensed, in good standing, in the state of Georgia for forty-five (45) days after the issuance of a limited permit; or,

(b) Complete a remedial program approved by the Board.

(2) If the applicant has failed the examination four (4) times or more before successfully passing; or, failed to successfully pass the examination within five years of completion of the academic requirements for licensure, the applicant may be required to:

(a) Practice under the direct supervision of an occupational therapist licensed, in good standing, in the state of Georgia for 320 hours after the issuance of a limited permit; or,

(b) Complete a remedial program approved by the Board.

(3) Applicants must submit documentation of successful completion of direct supervision or remedial program requirements on forms approved by the Board.

(4) If all requirements of this rule and the qualifications for a license are met in accordance with the laws and rules of the Board, a license will be issued.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 671-3-.05

Authority: O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-28-10.

History: Original Rule entitled "Re-examination" adopted. F. July 15, 1977; eff. Aug. 4, 1977.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. July 11, 1984; eff. July 31, 1984.

2. Board Rule 671-3-.06. Limited Permit

Rule 671-3-.06. Limited Permits for First Time Exam Takers and Applicants Re-entering Practice

(1) A ninety (90) day limited permit may be issued for an applicant to work under the supervision of an occupational therapist who holds a current license in this state if:

(a) The applicant meets all requirements for licensure but has never taken a national examination approved by the Board.~~Upon determination by the Board that all requirements for licensure have been met except for the examination, a ninety (90) day limited permit shall be issued and shall allow the applicant to practice occupational therapy under the supervision of an occupational therapist who holds a current license in this State. This limited permit shall not be issued or renewed if the applicant has ever failed any exam(s) administered or approved by the Georgia Board of Occupational Therapy.~~

(b) The applicant has successfully completed a certification examination approved by the Board and must complete 320 hours of clinical experience based upon a failure to document licensed practice in occupational therapy within the past 5 years.

~~(2) Applicants who have successfully completed a certification examination approved by the Board may be issued a ninety (90) day limited permit. This permit shall allow the applicant to practice occupational therapy, for a period not to exceed 90 days, under the supervision of an occupational therapist who holds a current license in this state.~~Prior to being issued a limited permit applicants must submit a complete application, to include Form A for first time exam takers and Form C for applicants requiring clinical experience, any supplemental documents and fee for approval by the Board.

(3) ~~The Board may issue an applicant a ninety (90) day limited permit in order to complete the required 320 hours of clinical experience under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist.~~ Supervised work experiences may not begin until Board approval is granted, a limited permit has been issued to the applicant and a copy of the limited permit has been provided to the licensed occupational therapist who has been approved to supervise the applicant. If the supervisor is no longer able to fulfill their duty, the applicant may not continue to practice until the Board has received a new Form A or Form C and granted approval.

(4) Limited permits are valid until it expires or:

(a) The applicant has passed or failed the examination for licensure.

1. It shall not be renewed if the applicant has failed the examination.

2. If the applicant fails the exam, the applicant is no longer eligible for a limited permit unless the exam is failed 3 or more times. If 3 or more failures occur, refer to Board Rule 671-3-.05.

(b) The approved licensed supervisor for the 320 hour clinical experience permit holders:

1. Can no longer serve in that role; or,

2. The evaluation (Form B) from the licensed supervisor indicates that the applicant did not satisfactorily perform occupational therapy within their scope of practice for the period the applicant was under supervision.

(5) If satisfactory completion of the requirements of this rule and the qualifications for a license are met, a license will be issued.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 671-3-.06

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-28-7(f); 43-28-12(b).

History. Original Rule entitled "Limited License" was filed on July 15, 1977; effective August 4, 1977.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed July 11, 1984; effective July 31, 1984.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Limited Permit" adopted. F. May 25, 2010; eff. June 14, 2010.

Adjournment No further business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Adrienne Price, Executive Director

Minutes approved on:

May 29, 2020

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