



Fact Sheet - Registration

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE – WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

From time to time the College receives telephone and email inquiries from members transitioning from clinical to administrative OT roles, uncertain as to whether or not they require professional liability insurance in order to maintain their certificate of registration.

Liability insurance with a sexual abuse therapy and counseling fund endorsement is a mandatory registration requirement for a certificate of registration regardless of the role of the OT. This requirement is outlined in the *General Regulation, College By-Laws, Part 20*, and *Regulated Health Professions Act (1991)*.

The programs offered by the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT) and the Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists (OSOT) meet the College requirements. Insurance may be purchased elsewhere, however, evidence of the policy content that demonstrates it meets the College's requirement must be sent to the College for review prior to acceptance.

Initial applicants are required to forward the College a copy of their insurance certificate which includes the policy number and expiry date. Members are required to confirm liability insurance at annual registration renewal.

Failure to maintain proper insurance is grounds for professional misconduct, and all cases will be referred to Investigations and Resolutions.

