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**Established:** July 1998

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**Applicable Categories of Registration:**

1. General Practising Certificate
2. Provisional Practising Certificate
3. Temporary Certificate

**Type of Requirement:** Non-exemptible

**Applicable Regulation:** General and Temporary Certificate

36 (1) The following are non-exemptible registration requirements for a general practising certificate of registration:

- i. A Bachelor of Science Degree in Occupational Therapy obtained in Ontario or an academic qualification considered equivalent by the Registration Committee; or
  - ii. A diploma in Occupational Therapy granted not later than 1973 by the University of Toronto or a diploma in Occupational Therapy granted not later than 1968 by the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists.
- (2) The applicant must have completed a minimum of 1000 hours of fieldwork or clinical practicum accepted by the Registration Committee.

**Provisional Certificate**

37 (1) The following are non-exemptible registration requirements for a provisional practising certificate of registration:

- i) A Bachelor of Science Degree in Occupational Therapy obtained in Ontario or an academic qualification considered equivalent by the Registration Committee, or be found by the Registration Committee to require minimal educational upgrading to achieve an equivalent status, or
  - ii) A diploma in Occupational Therapy granted not later than 1973 by the University of Toronto or a diploma in Occupational Therapy granted not later than 1968 by the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists.
- (2) The applicant must have completed a minimum of 1000 hours of fieldwork or clinical practicum accepted by the Registration Committee.

For the purposes of subparagraphs 36(1) i) and 37(1) i), an academic qualification is not equivalent unless,



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- a) the curriculum includes courses within the basic sciences, the behavioural sciences, the clinical sciences, the managerial sciences and occupational therapy theory, practice and field work; and
- b) the nature, extent and scope of those courses are substantially equivalent to a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy obtained in Ontario.

#### Principle(s):

Successful completion of an approved occupational therapy program provides evidence that applicants possess the required competencies to provide the public with safe, effective and ethical care.

#### Decision Criteria

An applicant who has graduated from a Canadian University Occupational Therapy Program may meet the requirement by:

1. Providing a final official transcript, stating that the degree has been granted, sent to the College directly from a Canadian university approved by the Registration Committee of the College<sup>1</sup>; or
2. Providing, prior to official graduation, a letter of confirmation from the Head of the Canadian Occupational Therapy program sent directly to the College by hard-copy, fax or electronically as a signed PDF document, stating that the applicant has successfully completed the occupational therapy program and will be allowed to graduate. The applicant must also arrange for a final official transcript to be sent from the school in the same format and manner as indicated above. The applicant should ensure that the College receives the transcript within 10 days of the school's convocation date; or
3. Arranging for confirmation of registration to be sent directly from an occupational therapy regulatory body by hard-copy, fax or electronically as a PDF document, if applying under the *Labour Mobility Support Agreement*.

#### Possible Outcomes

1. An applicant who provides evidence acceptable to the Registration Committee of having successfully completed an approved program will be deemed to have met the Education and Fieldwork requirement; or
2. An applicant who provides evidence that he/she has failed an approved program and does not provide evidence acceptable to the Registration Committee of successfully completing another program will be deemed to have not met the Education and Fieldwork requirement; or

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<sup>1</sup> The Registration Committee of the College has reviewed and approved university OT programs in Canada and maintains a list of approved programs.



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3. An applicant who provides evidence acceptable to the Registration Committee that he/she has successfully completed a Canadian Occupational Therapy program that is not an approved program may be invited to submit further documentation so that the Registration Committee can undertake a review of the program to determine whether it will be approved (using the Academic Equivalency Review<sup>2</sup> or another process).

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<sup>2</sup> See the policy for the Academic Equivalency Review.