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Reminders and Deadlines
PD Plans, Annual Renewal, Liability Insurance

Quality Assurance: 2017 PD Plans Due May 31, 2018

Professional Development (PD) Plans are due May 31, 2018. Make sure you meet the deadline for this mandatory requirement.
• **Log in** and select MyQA
• Document your progress
• Mark goals met or ongoing
• Mark your PD Plan complete by May 31

Questions about the PD Plan? Watch the [webinar](#), [listen to the podcast](#) , [view the FAQ](#) or contact [qaprograms@coto.org](mailto:qaprograms@coto.org).

**New QA Compliance Policy in Effect**
All occupational therapists (OTs) must complete their annual QA requirements. Failure to comply with the requirements within required timeframes may result in follow up from the College, or a referral to the Quality Assurance Committee.

Read the College’s [Compliance with Quality Assurance Program Requirements Policy](#) for more information and contact [qaprograms@coto.org](mailto:qaprograms@coto.org) if you have any questions.

**Coming Soon: 2018 versions of the Self-Assessment, PREP and PD Plan will be available in MyQA in June.**
Your 2018 Self-Assessment and PREP are due October 31, 2018 and your 2018 PD Plan is due May 31, 2019.

**Annual Renewal: Renew Your Registration by May 31, 2018**

Reminder: All OTs are required to renew or resign online on or before **May 31, 2018**. Avoid a $113 late fee by completing your renewal on time. [Login to renew now!](#)

Not currently working or taking a leave of absence? Not sure if you should renew? [Learn about your options here.](#)

**Compliance with the College Liability Insurance Requirements**

Maintaining professional liability insurance is a requirement for all OTs. **Updating the College of any changes to insurance information within 30 days of the change is also a requirement for all OTs.**

In 2017, 97% of OTs met these requirements.

However, as a regulator, the College must investigate concerns regarding non-compliance with requirements. Investigations are costly and time-consuming and those costs must be covered by the registrants of the College.

To address this issue, OTs who have not had any previous insurance issue with the College were offered a legally binding agreement to comply with the College’s insurance requirements and issued a $100 + HST administrative fee. That fee is intended to cover the administrative cost of processing such matters.

Learn more about the [requirement to update information within 30 days](#).
College Launches Interim Guide to Discretionary Reporting for Fitness to Drive

On July 1, 2018, amendments to the Highway Traffic Act, 1990 will come into effect. These amendments have specific implications for occupational therapists. Highlights of the legislation include:

- discretionary reporting for fitness to drive
- a new list of conditions for reporting
- a new medical reporting form.

The College has received lots of questions from OTs about what these changes will mean for their practice. The College has developed an Interim Guide to Discretionary Reporting for Fitness to Drive to assist OTs with:

- understanding their reporting roles and responsibilities
- applying relevant changes within their current practice setting

**Learn more and review the Interim Guide**

To learn more about discretionary reporting, join the College and Elizabeth Weldon from the Ministry of Transportation for a Webinar on May 29, 2018 from 12:00-1:00pm. Register here: [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3012802987710329091](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3012802987710329091)

For specific questions about the Interim Guide or discretionary reporting contact the Practice Resource Service at practice@coto.org or 1.800.890.6570 ext 240.
Case Scenario: Obtaining Consent from a Minor

Lowan, an occupational therapist (OT) working in a publicly funded youth mental health program, is contacted by 14-year-old Xander, who requests counselling services due to recent bullying he has experienced in school. This was the first time a minor had sought Lowan's occupational therapy services without a referral from their parents and he was unsure how to proceed...

Q&A: Using Modalities in OT Practice

You asked us: "Can I use various modalities, such as using a TENS machine, aromatherapy, taping, or yoga, in my occupational therapy practice?"

OTs can determine which modalities to use in their practice based on their practice setting, client population, scope of services and role. Learn more...

Open Consultations
We want to hear from you!

Prevention of Sexual Abuse

The College would like to hear your feedback on the revised Standards for the Prevention of Sexual Abuse.

Changes to the Standards were prompted by significant amendments to the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991 (RHPA) that came into effect May 1, 2018.

Controlled Act of Psychotherapy

Last year, the controlled act of psychotherapy was proclaimed granting OTs authority to perform the controlled act of psychotherapy and use the title 'psychotherapist'.

The College must pass a regulation outlining the specific conditions OTs must
Please review the revised standards and let us know what you think:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/6TTQXC5

The consultation closes at 4:00 p.m. on Monday June 4, 2018.

Please review the draft regulation and complete the survey here:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/8XJBBLQ

The consultation closes at midnight on Sunday, June 3, 2018.

 Practice Standards & Guidelines
Occupational Therapist Assistants, Managed Resources

Standards for Occupational Therapist Assistants in Effect June 1, 2018

The College Standards for the Supervision of Support Personnel have been updated. Thank you for your feedback!

To reflect current practice, the Standards have been renamed the Standards for the Supervision of Occupational Therapist Assistants and will replace the Standards for the Supervision of Support Personnel effective June 1, 2018.

Review the Standards for the Supervision of Occupational Therapist Assistants to learn about the expectations when working with OTAs.

Revised Guidelines for Working Within Managed Resources in Effect

The revised Guidelines for Working Within Managed Resources review expected practice and provide strategies for OTs working in practice settings where the resources available for OT service are beyond the control of the OT.

The Guidelines come into effect immediately and replace the Guideline: Working Within a Climate of Managed Resources.

Please contact the College’s Practice Resource Service with any questions at practice@coto.org or 416.214.1177/1.800.890.6570 ext 240.