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Annual Renewal Reminder

This year's renewal deadline has been extended to August 31, 2020.

This is a reminder that your registration renewal and payment is due August 31, 2020. If you have any concerns, please contact our Manager of Registration, Clara Lau at clau@coto.org.
As we venture through our first renewal period during a pandemic, we wanted to provide clarification about some common questions we are receiving:

**Fees** – Information about the registration fees and how these are used by the College is now available online. The annual fees for 2020-2021 remain unchanged.

**Currency** – The College understands some occupational therapy practices have been impacted by COVID-19 restrictions and, as a result, there are questions and concerns about maintaining practice hours. Please note, the requirement to have 600 hours of practice within the scope of occupational therapy within the preceding three years has been extended until May 31, 2021.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing registration@coto.org.

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### Special Elections

**Call for nominations closes August 27, 2020**

The College is holding a special election this summer to fill vacancies in Districts 1 and 2. **Nominations close August 27, 2020. Online voting begins Tuesday, September 15, 2020.**

Watch the webinar on our YouTube Channel and read the Q&As from the webinar on our website to learn more about running for Council or review information about College elections on our website.

If you have questions, please contact us the College at elections@coto.org.

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### Quality Assurance Update

**QA due dates and new Competency Assessment process in 2021**

**Reminder:** the 2020 Quality Assurance (QA) requirements are available in MyQA. The due date for both the 2020 Prescribed Regulatory Education Program (PREP): Managing Risks in Occupational Therapy Practice and the 2020 Self-Assessment (SA) has been extended to December 31, 2020.

If you are concerned about completing your 2020 PREP and 2020 Self-Assessment by the due date, please contact Seema Sindwani, Manager of the Quality Assurance Program, at ssindwani@coto.org.

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Login to access your 2020 QA requirements
Professional Liability Insurance

All occupational therapists, regardless of area of practice or practice status, must have professional liability insurance (PLI) that meets the College’s requirements.

Many policies expire on October 1st. Please ensure you renew your insurance with your provider prior to the policy expiration date. Once you’ve renewed your policy, you must update your insurance policy information with the College within 30 days. Policy information can updated through the member login.

Open Consultations
Provide your feedback before the September deadlines

Standards for Occupational Therapist Assessments

We recently opened the public consultation on the revised Standards for Occupational Therapist Assessments. Please take 10 minutes to review the changes and share your feedback.

English Survey: surveymonkey.com/r/BPMP3DM
French Survey: surveymonkey.com/r/XGQ98B3

The survey closes Friday, September 11, 2020 at 4:30 pm.

Code of Ethics

If you haven't already, the College is also looking for feedback on our revised Code of Ethics. These changes would have a direct impact on Ontario’s occupational therapists and we are interested in hearing from everyone.

English Survey: surveymonkey.com/r/82H8FD7
French Survey: surveymonkey.com/r/KSLYJ59

The deadline for submission of feedback is midnight on Monday, September 14, 2020.

Learn more about professional liability insurance
Recent Changes to PHIPA

Personal Health Information and Protection Act changes affecting OTs

Earlier this year, the Personal Health Information and Protection Act, 2004 (PHIPA) was amended.

The key changes impacting occupational therapy practice, particularly those who are Health Information Custodians (HICs), include: new enforcement tools, fine increases, the right to access personal health information in an electronic format, and more. You can view all the PHIPA changes on our website.

Learn more about PHIPA and your obligations under it on our website. Please contact Practice with any questions at 416.214.1177/1.800.890.6570 x240 or practice@coto.org.

See the changes to PHIPA affecting OTs
Case of the Month
Considerations for Virtual Care

Emily is practising in the community and has received a referral for falls prevention with an older adult. She learns the client, Hilda, has recently been diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, arthritis, and lives alone in an apartment.

Due to concerns about COVID-19, Emily is considering her options about the best way to deliver her services to Hilda. What should she do?

Opportunity for 2 OTs
Non-Council Committee Members Needed — Apply by September 18

The College is seeking 2 occupational therapists (OTs) to serve as non-Council Committee members for the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee (ICRC).

The ICRC reviews concerns about an OT's conduct or practice that have been brought to the attention of the College.

If you are interested in being considered, please email your resumé to Adrita Shah Noor, Case Manager, Investigations & Resolutions, at ashahnoor@coto.org by September 18th, 2020.

New COVID-19 FAQs for the Public

The College recently released new COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for the public. Occupational therapists may find these questions and answers helpful to share with their patients and clients. Check under the "For the Public" section of our dedicated COVID-19 page.
COVID-19 Survey Thank You

In June, we asked you to help evaluate the College’s early COVID-19 pandemic response. Thank you to the 502 registrants who completed the survey and provided their thoughtful comments. We are reviewing feedback and look forward to sharing information in the near future. Please send any additional feedback to communications@coto.org.

Any changes to your profile information in the last 30 days? Make sure you update your profile.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

DO NOT UNSUBSCRIBE IF YOU ARE A REGISTRANT OF THE COLLEGE.

If registrants unsubscribe, they will be contacted to re-subscribe. The College communicates to occupational therapists by email regarding changes to standards, mandatory registration requirements, public consultations and more. We strive to keep communication relevant and to a minimum.

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