Registering to Practise in BC

To work as an occupational therapist or use title, you must register with the College of Occupational Therapists of BC (COTBC), also known as the “OT College”. Registration is also required prior to attending any pre-employment orientation or training.

Get started as soon as you can!

First Steps

- New Registrant Application Form
- Application Fee

Documents to Submit

- Proof you are authorized to work in Canada as a health care professional
- Demonstrated proficiency in English language
- Confirmation of your Criminal Record Check
- Professional liability insurance

If Currently Registered in Another Province

- Complete the LMSA Confirmation Form and forward it to the regulatory college where you are currently registered.
- Complete the Regulatory History Form and forward it to the regulatory college where you are currently registered.

If Not Currently Registered

- Submit a copy of your National Occupational Therapy Certification Exam (NOTCE) or CAOT Exam results.
- Arrange for the university to send an official transcript indicating completion of your occupational therapy education.

Last Step

- Registration Fee (pro-rated)

More Tips!

- If your current registration is not in a practising category contact us.
- Familiarize yourself with our BC practice standards, practice supports, and the quality assurance program.
- Keep your email and other contact information up-to-date—it’s required and it prevents missing important notices.

COTBC
It’s All about Protecting the Public

COTBC is the regulatory organization established by the provincial government to oversee the practice of occupational therapists (OTs) in British Columbia.

Our role is to ensure that the public receives safe, ethical and effective occupational therapy services. The College protects the public and upholds public confidence by registering only those OTs that meet our established requirements for entry into the profession, setting standards for practice and ethical conduct, fairly investigating complaints raised about registrants’ practice, and monitoring and supporting continued competence throughout a registrant’s practice career.

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More Information

www.cotbc.org – Go to Registration - Application Guides and Forms