

This notice issued by California Board of Occupational Therapy (CBOT) on the Governor's Executive Order and DCA's Waiver Authority

Dear Interested Parties,

On March 30, 2020 Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-39-20, authorizing the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) to waive any of the professional licensing requirements relating to healing arts licensees in Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, and any accompanying regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, education and training requirements necessary to maintain licensure, and requirements governing the practice and permissible activities for licensees.

The California Board of Occupational Therapy (Board) is working closely with DCA to determine which licensing requirement waivers would allow individuals to continue assisting with the COVID-19 pandemic and allow licensees regulated by the Board to maintain and renew a license and remain employed.

Current waivers in place are:

- Examination and continuing education (renewal) requirements for current healthcare licensees.
[DCA Waiver DCA-20-01 Continuing Education](#) - "Licensees must satisfy any waived renewal requirements within six months of this order, unless further extended."
- Reactivation requirements for inactive, retired, or canceled licensees.
A full list of waivers will be placed on the DCA website as they are approved. [DCA Waiver DCA-20-02 Reinstatement of Licensure](#)

The Board encourages licensed occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants to be part of the workforce to support the medical surge during this time of need. The state is in need of help at quarantine sites, testing sites, and medical surge facilities and needs assistance with pre-hospital triage and pharmacy services.

Interested medical and health care professionals are encouraged to visit healthcorps.ca.gov for more information and to register for the California Health Corps.

The Board thanks licensed occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants for doing their part during the COVID-19 health emergency.

For more information on the waivers, go to: https://www.dca.ca.gov/licensees/dca_waivers.shtml

Here is a link to FAQs on the Executive Order:

https://www.dca.ca.gov/licensees/waiver_request_info.shtml