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**Policies & Procedures**

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**Currency Hours**

**POLICY TITLE: CURRENCY HOURS**

Applicants to the College must have sufficient currency hours to demonstrate their current knowledge of and exposure to professional practice. The currency requirement stated in Section 10 of the Occupational Therapist Regulations indicates that an applicant can meet this requirement by a) graduating within 18 months preceding the date of application, or b) active practice as an occupational therapist for at least 600 hours in the three years preceding the date of application, or c) successful completion of a refresher/re-entry program within the 18 months preceding the date of application.

All submissions for currency hours will be reviewed and approved by the Registrar, who may consult with the registration committee.

- 1) Completing the section on currency hours on the initial application form or in the database will be accepted as documentation of worked hours for new applicants and renewal applicants respectively.
- 2) Applicants may be required to have employers(s) provide confirmation of their currency hours.
- 3) Applicants who have insufficient currency hours may be required to complete a supervised practicum/practice; the nature and length of the practicum/practice will be determined by the Registration Committee.
- 4) New graduates will be considered current for 18 months past the date of completion of their course work. Graduates who secure employment within eighteen months of graduation will have an additional year, beyond the eighteen months, to bring their currency to the required 600 hours in three years.
- 5) Applicants who participated in a refresher/re-entry program must provide confirmation of successful completion of the program e.g. evaluation form, log, surveys, etc. as deemed appropriate by the Council.
- 6) If an applicant has met all other renewal requirements **and** has completed at least 550 of the required 600 currency hours in the three-year period, they may be granted a temporary exemption from the requirement and will have Terms, Conditions and/or Limitations (TCLs)

placed on the certificate of registration. This decision is at the discretion of the Registration Committee and the TCLs may include but are not limited to:

- i) Requiring the applicant to complete the required hours within specified time frame e.g. 3-6 months; and
- ii) Requiring the applicant to provide their plan to complete the required currency hours.

Once the registrant has met the currency hours requirement, the TCLs will be removed. If the registrant does not complete the required currency hours by the date stipulated, their certificate of registration will expire.

**Note**

\* Currency hours – refers to worked/practice hours in occupational therapy practice completed by an applicant.

\* Applicant refers to initial applicants and renewal applicants.