



PEI College of Occupational Therapists Newsletter



News from the Registrar:

- COVID19
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The College is now in the “toddler stage” with a little over two (2) years under our belt!! New situations continue to arise resulting in the development of standards/policies/processes to guide the mandate of the College - “Protection of the Public”. All documents are available on the website at www.peiot.org.

COVID19

It was agreed by the Chair and Registrar that PEICOT would follow the path of the majority of other OT regulatory organizations to refer COVID 19-related inquiries to the office of the Chief Public Health Office and their provincial standards/guidelines as opposed to developing OT- specific guidelines for the resumption of services.

Fees

Fees were increased again this year in all categories to maintain the operations of the organization.

New Registration Categories

A “Time-limited Registration” for either a three (3) or six (6) month term was added under the Special Register to meet the needs of applicants wanting alternatives to a full registration. The registration requirements are the same as those for a full registration under the General Register, however, like a provisional registration this type of registration is not renewable.

A “Cross-jurisdictional Telepractice Registration” is available to any OT registered in another province. The duration of this registration is 90 days (with the possibility of an extension) until the pandemic restrictions on PEI have been lifted. This is an Association of Canadian OT Regulatory Organizations (ACOTRO) initiative; there is no fee.

Interim Telepractice Guidelines during the Pandemic

Interim guidelines were developed to assist OTs with the use of telepractice for delivering OT services and are intended to facilitate the use of professional judgement. As with any service, or method of service delivery, OTs are required to exercise their judgement on a case by case basis. The OT’s fundamental responsibilities to clients remain the same whether service is provided face-to-face or by telepractice.

PEI Statistics

Registrant data has been submitted annually since 2006 to the Canadian Institute of Health Information to enable comparisons year to year and between professions on 20+ elements e.g. education, age, gender, place of employment, etc. Looking at the past 5 years, here is some of the information derived from the data we gather as a regulatory organization:

Element	Details	Registered to Practice on PEI 2015	%	Registered to Practice on PEI 2019	%	Residents of PEI only 2019	
Total Registrants		58		79		70	
Gender	Female	53	91%	70	89%	62	89%
	Male	5	9%	9	11%	8	11%
Employed in OT (on leave)		57 (0)	98%	75 (4)	95% (5%)	66 (4)	96% (6%)
Age Range	20-29	5	9%	7	9%	4	6%
	30-39	12	21%	27	34%	26	37%
	40-49	20	34%	20	25%	17	24%
	50-59	13	22%	15	19%	13	19%
	60+	8	14%	10	13%	10	14%
Initial Education in OT	Diploma	5	9%	2	3%	2	3%
	Baccalaureate	33	57%	43	54%	37	53%
	Masters	20	34%	34	43%	31	44%
University of Graduation	Dalhousie	34	59%	49	62%	45	64%
	Western	9	16%	10	13%	9	13%
Permanent Employees		41	71%	60	76%	54	77%
Full Time Employees		28	48%	48	61%	43	61%
Part Time Employees		29	50%	30	38%	26	37%
Position	Direct Service Provider	52	90%	64	81%	57	81%
	Professional Leader/Coord	2	3%	9	11%	7	10%
Years Since Graduation	0-10	20	35%	32	41%	29	42%
	11-20	17	30%	19	24%	16	23%
	21-30	11	19%	18	23%	15	21%
	31+	9	16%	10	13%	10	14%

NOTES:

The date of the CIHI data collection is October 1 of each year, as a result, this does not include four (4) Time-limited registrations that expired before that date. These OTs were from NS x 2, Hawaii, and ON.

*In 2019 we had 79 OTs registered to practice; 9 of these live off-island (5 in NS, 3 in NB and 1 in BC).

**The last two columns in the above table reflect data for OTs who live and work on PEI.

There are currently 10 OTs aged 60 and older (14% of OTs living and working on PEI).

It is important to remember to update your information on the database as soon as there is a change to either your personal (marital status, contact information, etc.), or employment (title if employer, type of employment, hours of employment, etc.) details.