



January 10, 2025

Re: Public Comment Notice for Occupational Therapy Compact Commission (OTCC) National Exam Definition Rules

The OTCC welcomes public input on the proposed National Exam Definition Rules, which are designed to define terms pursuant to Sections 3.A.7 of the Occupational Therapy Compact. This 30-day public comment period provides an opportunity for interested individuals and organizations to express their opinions, concerns, and suggestions on the proposed National Exam Definition Rules. Your feedback is valuable to us and will be considered in the decision-making process.

I. Purpose:

The purpose of this public comment notice is to encourage and facilitate public input on the proposed National Exam Definition Rules. We are committed to transparency, accountability, and inclusivity in our decision-making process, and your comments will assist us in refining and finalizing this Rule.

II. Comment Period:

The public comment period for the proposed National Exam Definition Rule will be open for 30 days, starting from Monday, January 13, 2025, and closing on Friday, February 14, 2025. *All comments must be received by 5:00p.m. EST on Friday, February 14, 2025.*

III. How to Submit Comments:

Email your comments to amanda@asmii.net. Please indicate “Public Comment for National Exam Definition Rules” in the subject line of your email. All comments received will be considered part of the public record and may be subject to disclosure under applicable laws.

IV. Public Hearing:

A public hearing on the proposed National Exam Definition Rules will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, virtually, via Zoom.

V. Contact Information:

If you have any questions or require further information regarding the proposed National Exam Definition Rules or this public comment process, please contact the OTCC Executive Director at Amanda@asmii.net. We look forward to receiving your comments and thank you for your participation in shaping the future of the Occupational Therapy Compact Commission.

Kind regards,

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Dr. Lesly Wilson James, Chair
Occupational Therapy Compact Commission

1 **Occupational Therapy Compact (OT Compact)**

2 **OT Compact Commission**

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4 **Title of Rule:** Occupational Therapy National Exam Definition

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6 **Drafted:** November 19, 2024

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8 **OTCC meeting at which Rule will be discussed and voted on:** April 16, 2025

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10 **Public Comment:** Interested persons may electronically submit written comments on the
11 proposed rule to amanda@asmii.net with the subject line “OTCC National
12 Exam Definition Rule Comment” or by attending the meeting at which the
13 rule will be discussed and voted on.

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15 **Effective:** TBD (30 days after full commission approval)

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17 **History for Rule:** *November 19, 2024:* Rule introduced at Rules Committee meeting
18 *November 19, 2024:* Rule approved at Rules Committee Meeting; sent to
19 Executive Committee for consideration
20 *December 9, 2024:* Rule introduced at Executive Committee meeting.
21 *December 9, 2024:* Rule reviewed and approved by the Executive
22 Committee for vote by full OTCC
23 *January 13, 2025 – February 14, 2025:* Draft rule posted for 30-day
24 public comment period
25 *February 18, 2025:* OTCC Rules Committee draft a response to the
26 public comments received
27 *April 16, 2025:* rule voted on by OTCC

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30 **Chapter 4:** Occupational Therapy National Exam Definition

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32 **Authority:** Section 3: State Participation in Compact

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34 **4.0 Purpose:** **Pursuant to Section 8.C.6 and Section 10**, the Occupational Therapy
35 Compact Commission shall promulgate reasonable and lawful uniform
36 rules to facilitate and coordinate implementation and administration of the
37 Occupational Therapy Compact. This rule will become effective upon
38 passage by the Occupational Therapy Compact Commission as provided
39 in Section 10 of the Occupational Therapy Compact.

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41 **4.1 Occupational Therapy National Exam**

42 “Recognized national exam” as referenced in Section 3.A.7 of the OT Compact means
43 the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) exam, its
44 predecessor, its successor, or other recognized national exam as determined by rule of the
45 commission.