

## **Proposed Fee Increases and Establishment of New Fees**

### **Business and Professions Code Section 2570.16**

~~Initial license and renewal fees shall be established by the board in an amount that does not exceed a ceiling of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per year. The board shall establish the following additional fees:~~

Notwithstanding any other law, the fees necessary to carry out the responsibilities required by the occupational therapy practice act and this chapter are as follows:

- (a) For occupational therapist licenses that expire on or after January 1, 2025, the biennial renewal fee shall be three hundred fifty dollars (\$350). Thereafter, the board may increase the fee in regulation, in an amount that does not exceed a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500).
- (b) For occupational therapy assistant licenses that expire on or after January 1, 2025, the biennial renewal fee shall be two hundred seventy dollars (\$270). Thereafter, the board may increase the fee in regulation, in an amount that does not exceed a maximum of of four hundred dollars (\$400).
- (c) ~~(a)~~ An application fee not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50). The fee for an initial occupational therapist license application shall be three hundred fifty dollars (\$350).
- (d) The fee for an initial occupational therapy assistant license application shall be two hundred seventy dollars (\$270).
- (e) ~~(b)~~ A late renewal fee as provided for in Section 2570.10 shall be one-half of the renewal.
- (f) ~~(c)~~ A limited permit fee An occupational therapist limited permit fee shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).
- (g) An occupational therapy assistant limited permit fee shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (h) The fee for an application for advanced practice approval shall be two hundred dollars (\$200).
- (i) The fee for a pocket license shall be fifty dollars (\$50).
- (j) The fee for a replacement wall certificate shall be fifty dollars (\$50).
- (k) The fee for a letter of good standing, endorsement or verification of licensure shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75).
- (l) ~~(d)~~ A fee to collect fingerprints for criminal history record checks. This fee shall not exceed the amount charged by the agency providing the criminal history record checks.
- (m) An applicant who submits hard fingerprint cards to the board for processing their background check shall, in addition to the fee charged by the agency providing the criminal history record check, be charged a fee of fifty dollars (\$50).
- (n) ~~(e)~~ A fee to query the National Practitioner Data Bank for applicants for licensure and renewal of licensure. The fee shall not exceed the amount charged per query.
- (o) The fee for a certified copy of an official transcript shall be thirty-five dollars (\$35).
- (p) The occupational therapist inactive renewal fee shall be one-half of the occupational therapist biennial renewal fee.
- (q) The occupational therapy assistant inactive renewal fee shall be one-half of the occupational therapy assistant biennial renewal fee.

- (r) A licensee whose license is placed on probation, shall be charged a fee for the Board's monitoring of the licensee's compliance with the terms and conditions specified in the disciplinary order. The monitoring fee, to be established in regulation, shall not exceed the cost to the board for the monitoring of licensees placed on probation.

**Business and Professions Code Section 2570.17**

(a) The board shall issue, upon application and payment of a ~~twenty-five dollar (\$25)~~ one hundred (\$100) fee, a retired license to an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant who holds a license that is current and active, or capable of being renewed pursuant to Section 2570.10, and whose license is not suspended, revoked, or otherwise restricted by the board or subject to discipline under this chapter.



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## California Board of Occupational Therapy Proposed Fee Increase and Establishment of New Fees

The Board of Occupational Therapy (Board) is proposing a fee increase for each of its licensee types, effective January 1, 2025. The proposed fee increases will strengthen the Board's ability to accomplish its consumer protection mandate and improve licensing services.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Why is the Board proposing a fee increase?**

The fee increases are also necessary to address the Board's structural imbalance while helping ensure the Board has sufficient resources to maintain the highest priority of consumer safety and protection and recover costs for administration and enforcement.

#### **Didn't the Board just have a fee increase?**

Fee increases in 2017 and 2021 were small, incremental increases that were offset by savings at the Board. Some fees actually went down due to the shift from an annual to a two-year renewal cycle. The rate of fee increases was also lower than other health care boards.

#### **When do the new fees go into effect?**

For occupational therapist licenses that expire on or after January 1, 2025, the biennial renewal fee shall be three hundred fifty dollars (\$350). Thereafter, the board may increase the fee in regulation, in an amount that does not exceed a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500). For occupational therapy assistant licenses that expire on or after January 1, 2025, the biennial renewal fee shall be two hundred seventy dollars (\$270). Thereafter, the board may increase the fee in regulation, in an amount that does not exceed a maximum of four hundred dollars (\$400).

#### **Will the fee increase also impact the initial application fee?**

The fee for an initial occupational therapist license application shall be three hundred fifty dollars (\$350). The fee for an initial occupational therapy assistant license application shall be two hundred seventy dollars (\$270).

#### **What are the new fees the Board is proposing?**

The Board is proposing new fees for 1-time transactions, such as a replacement wall certificate or a pocket license, to defray costs from licensees who do not need those

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services. The Board is also proposing that licensees on probation shall be charged a fee for probation monitoring to not burden licensees who are not facing disciplinary action.

**The proposed increases to current fees are as follows:**

Fee Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee Effective 1/1/2025
Occupational Therapist Renewal & Initial License Fee	\$270	\$350
Occupational Therapist Assistant Renewal & Initial License Fee	\$210	\$270
Occupational Therapist Delinquent Fee	\$135	\$175
Occupational Therapist Assistant Delinquent Fee	\$105	\$135

**The proposed new fees are as follows:**

Fee Type	Proposed Fee Effective 1/1/2025
<b><i>Fingerprint processing fee</i></b>	\$50
Advanced Practice Approval Fee	\$200
Pocket License Fee	\$50
Wall Certificate Replacement Fee	\$50
Letter of Good Standing, Endorsement or Verification of Licensure Fee	\$75
Certified Copy of an Official Transcript Fee	\$35

**Additional proposed fees:**

1. A fee to collect fingerprints for criminal history record checks. This fee shall not exceed the amount charged by the agency providing the criminal history record checks.
2. A fee to query the National Practitioner Data Bank for applicants for licensure and renewal of licensure. The fee shall not exceed the amount charged per query.
3. The occupational therapist inactive renewal fee shall be one-half of the occupational therapist biennial renewal fee.
4. The occupational therapy assistant inactive renewal fee shall be one-half of the occupational therapy assistant biennial renewal fee.
5. A licensee whose license is placed on probation, shall be charged a fee for the Board's monitoring of the licensee's compliance with the terms and conditions

specified in the disciplinary order. The monitoring fee, to be established in regulation, shall not exceed the cost to the board for the monitoring of licensees placed on probation.

Licensees or members of the public who wish to provide feedback on the proposed fees are invited to join one of our upcoming Board meetings:

[https://www.bot.ca.gov/board\\_activity/meetings/index.shtml](https://www.bot.ca.gov/board_activity/meetings/index.shtml)