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Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Agency Profile 1

<https://mn.gov/boards/occupational-therapy/>

AT A GLANCE

Licensing services through July 25, 2022

- 4,442 active occupational therapist licenses
- 1,240 active occupational therapy assistant licenses
- 23 current, active temporary occupational therapist licenses
- 13 current, active temporary occupational therapy assistant licenses

Complaint Services- Fiscal year ending 6/30/2022 July 1, 2020- June 30, 2022

- 15 complaints open/received
- 14 complaints closed

Staff

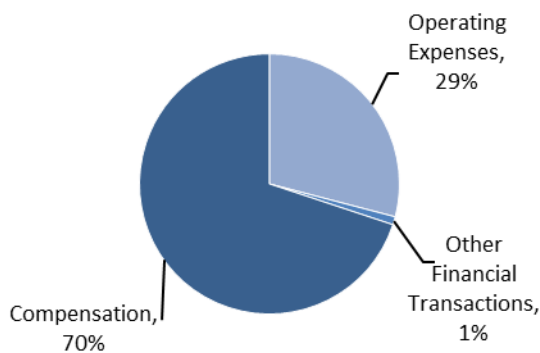
- 3.0 full time equivalent employees

PURPOSE

The Minnesota Board of Occupational Therapy Practice exists to protect the public. The Board enforces statute related to ensuring competent, ethical occupational therapy services. Regulation of occupational therapy practitioners began in 1996 under the Minnesota Department of Health. The Board was established as an independent agency in 2018 under the authority of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 148. All licensing and enforcement activities moved from the Minnesota Department of Health to the Board. The Board carries out its mission by granting qualified applicants the privilege to practice in Minnesota and by investigating complaints related to the statutory obligation of licensed individuals to provide competent, ethical care.

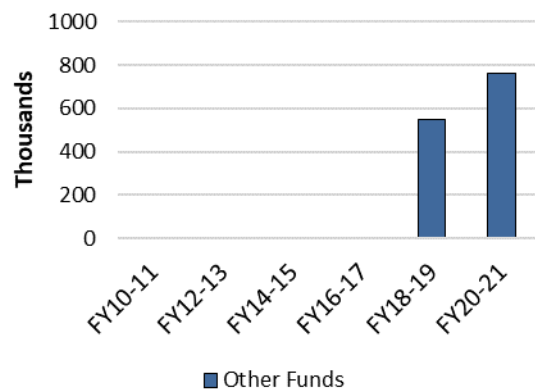
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 2021 Actual**



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The Board is funded by licensure fees and receives no general fund dollars. Minnesota Statutes section 214.06, subdivision 1(a) compels the Board to collect fees in an amount sufficient to cover direct and indirect expenditures. Funds are deposited as non-dedicated revenue into the state government special revenue fund. From this fund, the Board receives a direct appropriation to pay for agency expenses such as salaries, rent, costs associated with disciplinary/contested cases, and operating expenditures. It also pays statewide indirect costs through an open appropriation.

In addition to Board operations, licensure fees fund activities that support multiple boards and/or other agencies. Some of these are: The Administrative Services Unit (inter-board), Small Agency Resource Team (SmART), Health Professionals Services Program (inter-board), Office of the Attorney General for legal services, and the Criminal Background Check Program (inter-board).

STRATEGIES

The Board of Occupational Therapy Practice promotes and protects the health and safety of the citizens of Minnesota, accomplishes its public protection mission, and contributes to statewide outcomes by:

- Issuing licenses to practice to only fully qualified individuals.
- Administering the license renewal process, ensuring statutory requirements are met.
- Educating stakeholders, licensees, potential licensees, educational programs, and the public.
- Responding to inquiries, complaints, and reports regarding applicants and licensees.
- Investigating and resolving complaints.
- Maintaining a comprehensive website that provides information for licensees, applicants, the public, and any other interested parties.
- Ensuring inquiries are managed in a timely and efficient manner.
- Conducting ongoing analysis of regulatory body best practice to ensure effective decision making.

RESULTS

The information included below was generated using the Board’s licensure and regulatory database. The total number of licensees continues to increase annually.

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quantity	Number of new licenses issued: Occupational Therapist Occupational Therapy Assistants	564 182	642 165	FY 2021 & FY 2022
Quantity	Number of licensees renewing: Occupational Therapist Occupational Therapy Assistants	4,204 1,247	4,802 1,232	FY 2021 & FY 2022

The Board’s activities are primarily governed by Minnesota Statutes sections 148.6401 to 148.6449 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/148>) and Minnesota Statutes chapter 214 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=214>).