**148.6418 TEMPORARY LICENSURE.**

Subdivision 1. **Application.** The board shall issue temporary licensure as an occupational therapy practitioner to applicants who are not the subject of a disciplinary action or past disciplinary action, nor disqualified on the basis of items listed in section 148.6448, subdivision 1.

Subd. 2. **Procedures.** To be eligible for temporary licensure, an applicant must submit a completed application for temporary licensure on forms provided by the board, the fees required by section 148.6445, and one of the following:

(1) evidence of successful completion of the requirements in section 148.6408, subdivision 1b, or 148.6410, subdivision 1b;

(2) a copy of a current and unrestricted credential for the practice of occupational therapy as an occupational therapy practitioner in another jurisdiction; or

(3) a copy of a current and unrestricted certification from the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy stating that the applicant is certified as an occupational therapy practitioner.

Subd. 3. **Additional documentation.** Persons who are certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy or credentialed by another jurisdiction must provide a statement with the application for temporary licensure stating that they are not the subject of a pending investigation or disciplinary action and have not been the subject of a disciplinary action in the past.

Subd. 4. **Supervision required.** An applicant who has graduated from an accredited occupational therapy program, as required by section 148.6408, subdivision 1b, or 148.6410, subdivision 1b, and who has not passed the examination required by section 148.6408, subdivision 2, or 148.6410, subdivision 2, must practice under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist. The supervising therapist must, at a minimum, supervise the person working under temporary licensure in the performance of the initial evaluation, determination of the appropriate intervention plan, and periodic review and modification of the intervention plan. The supervising therapist must observe the person working under temporary licensure in order to ensure service competency in carrying out evaluation, intervention planning, and intervention implementation. The frequency of face-to-face collaboration between the person working under temporary licensure and the supervising therapist must be based on the condition of each patient or client, the complexity of intervention and evaluation procedures, and the proficiencies of the person practicing under temporary licensure. Following demonstrated service competency of the applicant, supervision must occur no less than every ten intervention days or every 30 calendar days, whichever occurs first. The occupational therapy practitioner working under temporary licensure must provide verification of supervision on the application form provided by the board. Supervising occupational therapists must have a minimum of six months of fully licensed practice to supervise a temporary licensee. The occupational therapy practitioner working under temporary licensure must notify the board before changing supervision.

Subd. 5. **Qualifying examination requirement; expiration and renewability.** (a) A person issued a temporary license pursuant to subdivision 2, clause (1), must demonstrate to the board within the temporary licensure period successful completion of the qualifying examination requirement under section 148.6408, subdivision 2, or section 148.6410, subdivision 2. A temporary license holder who fails the qualifying examination for a second time shall have their temporary license revoked effective upon notification to the temporary license holder of the examination score. It is the temporary license holder's obligation to submit to the board their qualifying examination scores and to refrain from practice if their temporary license is revoked. Failure to do so subjects the temporary license holder to disciplinary action pursuant to section

148.6448, subdivision 1, clause (6). The board must not issue a temporary license to a person with two or more certification examination failures.

(b) A temporary license expires six months from the date of issuance or on the date the board grants or denies licensure, whichever occurs first.

(c) A temporary license is not renewable.

**History:** *2000 c 361 s 10; 2002 c 228 s 1; 2010 c 274 s 5,6; 1Sp2017 c 6 art 11 s 13-16; 2020 c 79 art 2 s 10,11; 1Sp2025 c 3 art 3 s 46,124*