

1 **Occupational Therapy Compact (OT Compact)**  
2 **OT Compact Commission**  
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4 **Title of Rule:** Rule on Definitions

5 **Drafted:** March 21, 2023

6 **Effective:**

7 **Amended:**

8 **History for Rule:** Introduced at Rules Committee Meeting on 3/21/23  
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12 **Chapter 1:** Rulemaking on Definitions

13 **Authority:** Section 8: Establishment of the OT Compact Commission

14 Section 10: Rulemaking

15 **1.0 Purpose:** Pursuant to Section 8.C.6 and Section 10, the OT Compact Commission  
16 shall promulgate reasonable and lawful uniform rules to facilitate and  
17 coordinate implementation and administration of the OT Compact. This  
18 rule will become effective upon passage by the OT Compact Commission  
19 as provided in Section 10 of the OT Compact.

20 **1.1 Definition(s):** (a) “Home State License” as distinguished from a single-state license  
21 means an active license issued without any encumbrance by the primary  
22 state of residence which allows the licensee to be eligible to become  
23 authorized to practice in all compact member states.

24 (b) “Initial Privilege to Practice” means the eligibility of an  
25 Occupational Therapist (OT) or Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) to  
26 become authorized to practice in all member states upon the issuance of an  
27 unencumbered home state license in a state which is a member of the  
28 compact.

29 (c) “Minor Infraction” means an infraction not related to the practice of  
30 occupational therapy as determined by each state’s regulatory authority  
31 which will not prevent a licensee from retaining or renewing a home state  
32 license or privilege to practice and which does not result in an encumbered  
33 license and is not reportable to the National Practitioners Data Bank.

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**(d) “Unencumbered License”** means a license issued to an Occupational Therapist (OT) or Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) that is currently in good standing and not restricted by any terms, conditions, limitations or sanctions attached to it or imposed by a state licensing board or authority.

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