

Occupational Therapy Compact (OT Compact)
OT Compact Commission

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4 **Title of Rule:** Rule on Definitions
5 **Drafted:** March 28, 2023
6 **Meeting at which Rule will be discussed and voted on:** January 11, 2024 @ 11:00a.m. CST
7 **Public comment:** Interested persons may electronically submit written comments on the proposed rule to
8 amanda@asmii.net with the subject line “OTCC rule comment” or by attending the
9 meeting at which the rule will be discussed and voted on. Written comments on the
10 proposed rule must be submitted by 2 pm ET the day before the meeting.
11 **Effective:** TBD (30 days from full commission approval)
12 **History for Rule:** March 28, 2023: Rule Introduced at Rules Committee Meeting.
13 April 18, 2023: Rule Approved as Amended at Rules Committee Meeting.
14 Sent to Executive Committee for consideration.
15 May 1, 2023: Rule Introduced at Executive Committee Meeting.
16 May 8, 2023: Rule reviewed and approved by EC for vote by full
17 commission
18 November 8 – December 8, 2023: draft rule posted for public comment
19 December 19, 2023: OTCC Rules Committee drafted a response to the
20 public comments received; Rules Committee voted to approve the
21 response and post it publicly; no substantial changes made to this rule.
22 March 20, 2024: approved by OTCC with majority vote
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25 **Chapter 1:** Rulemaking on Definitions
26 **Authority:** Section 2: Definitions, Subsections F and H
27 Section 8: Establishment of the OT Compact Commission
28 Section 10: Rulemaking
29 **1.0 Purpose:** Pursuant to Section 8.C.6 and Section 10, the OT Compact Commission
30 shall promulgate reasonable and lawful uniform rules to facilitate and
31 coordinate implementation and administration of the OT Compact. This

32 rule will become effective upon passage by the OT Compact Commission
33 as provided in Section 10 of the OT Compact.

34 **1.1 Definition(s):** (a) **“Home State License”** as distinguished from a single-state license
35 means an active license issued without any encumbrance by the primary
36 state of residence which allows the licensee to be eligible to become
37 authorized to practice in all compact member states.

38 (b) **“Initial Privilege to Practice”** means the eligibility of an
39 Occupational Therapist (OT) or Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) to
40 become authorized to practice in all member states upon the issuance of an
41 unencumbered home state license in a state which is a member of the
42 compact.

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

48 (d) **“Unencumbered License”** means a license issued to an Occupational
49 Therapist (OT) or Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) that is currently
50 in good standing and not restricted by any terms, conditions, limitations,
51 or sanctions attached to it or imposed by a state licensing board or
52 authority. “Encumbered License” is defined in the OT Compact Model
53 Legislation, Section 2.H.