

OSOT PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM - EXTENDED COVERAGE FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS AND CANDIDATES

Who are Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTAs)?

OTAs are individuals who are not registered with the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario (COTO) but to whom an occupational therapist may assign the delivery of occupational therapy service components. The OTA works under the direction and supervision of an occupational therapist (OT) on specific activities that are considered to be part of the overall occupational therapy service. The OT remains responsible for the ongoing quality and standard of care. See the [College Standards for the Supervision of Occupational Therapy Assistants](#).

Volunteers are not considered to be OTAs nor are individuals carrying out activities provided as recommendations through occupational therapy consultation.

Who are Occupational Therapy Candidates?

Student occupational therapists (in an accredited OT program) and OT re-entry candidates.

What coverage is available for OTAs and OT Candidates?

As a regulated health professional in Ontario, a complaint may be made about you, the OTA/OT Candidate, and/or the delivery of occupational therapy services. Complaints can be made by a member of the public or another professional to the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario. You may also be sued in a civil suit or charged by police in a criminal matter.

Regardless of the validity of these complaints, your OSOT **professional liability insurance** policy will cover your legal and related disciplinary expenses. The **OTA/OT Candidate** that you supervise also falls under this coverage because they are not regulated professionals, nor are they registered with the College and so it is the OT that is responsible for the delivery of all occupational therapy service components and adequate supervision. See [OSOT's Professional Liability Insurance Program](#) for coverage highlights.

How can I provide proof of coverage for OTA/OTA Candidate?

You can complete the **declaration form** on the back of this page and provide it a client, employer or others who may request proof that an OTA is covered under your professional liability insurance policy. You can also [download the form](#) separately.

Still have questions?

Contact OSOT's Member Services Manager, John Crawford at 416-322-3011 ext 223 or by email at jcrawford@osot.on.ca

*Professional Liability Insurance:
Coverage of Occupational Therapy Assistants and Candidates*

It is agreed that coverage is extended to Occupational Therapy Candidates, Assistants, Occupational Therapy Assistants and Re-Entry Candidates providing INSURED SERVICES, provided direct supervision is provided by an Occupational Therapist registered with the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario at all times. Supervision is defined by the standards determined by the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario.

Professional Liability Policy Number: NPL1000929

Effective Date: October 1, 2019

Expiry Date: October 1, 2020

Name of Insured Occupational Therapist

Signature of Insured Occupational Therapist

Name of Insured Occupational Therapy Assistant or Candidate

Signature of Insured Occupational Therapy Assistant of Candidate



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