

## Occupational Therapist Eligibility Determination (OTED)

### Overview

The OTED process permits applications from occupational therapists without a U.S. occupational therapy degree currently accredited by The Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) to submit their OT education for an exam eligibility review. The criteria for submitting an OTED application requires an occupational therapist to complete education deemed comparable to current U.S. entry-level educational standards. Applicants are required to complete the application and provide documentation demonstrating compliance with all eligibility criteria. Once the applicant has completed and been approved through the OTED process, they are then eligible to apply for the NBCOT Certification Examination.

*Note: Graduates of U.S. accredited entry-level master's programs are eligible to take the NBCOT Certification Examination for OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST REGISTERED OTR®, under the category of 'U.S. graduate.' These applicants are not required to submit an OTED application for exam eligibility. For more information, refer to the [NBCOT Certification Examination Handbook](#)*