

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to sections 207, 6504, 6507, 7904, and 7904-a of the Education Law, and Chapter 124 of the Laws of 2016

1. Section 76.1 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended, effective January 25, 2017, as follows:

To meet the professional education requirement for licensure in this State, the applicant shall present evidence of:

(a) at least a bachelor's or master's degree in occupational therapy from a program registered by the department or accredited by a national accreditation agency which is satisfactory to the department, or its equivalent, as determined by the department; or

[(b) a certificate in occupational therapy from a program registered by the department or accredited by a national accreditation agency which is satisfactory to the department following the completion of a bachelor's degree from an institution acceptable to the department; or

(c)] (b) completion of a program satisfactory to the department of not less than four years of postsecondary study which includes the professional study of occupational therapy and which culminates in the degree or diploma accepted by the civil authorities of the country in which the studies were completed as preparation in occupational therapy in that country.

2. Subdivision (b) of section 76.7 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended, effective January 25, 2017, as follows:

To qualify for licensure as an occupational therapy assistant pursuant to section 7904-a of the Education Law, an applicant shall fulfill the following requirements:

(a) . . .

[(b) have received an education as follows:

(1)] (b) complete[ion of] at least a two-year associate degree program for occupational therapy assistants registered by the department or accredited by a national accreditation agency which is satisfactory to the department, or its equivalent, as determined by the department]; or

(2) completion of a postsecondary program of at least two years duration that has been determined by the Board of Regents pursuant to Education Law section 6506(5) to substantially meet the requirements of Education Law section 7904-a(b)];

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