

REPORT TO THE PROFESSION 2015

The National Board for Certification of Orthopaedic Technologists, Inc. continues its diligent work in maintaining the validity of the OTC® credentials. 2015 brought two new policies for the NBCOT they are as follows:

1. The NBCOT will now award 1 Category 2 credit for membership in NAOT per year and 1 Category 2 credit for membership in any NAOT Recognized State Association per year.
2. The NBCOT has enacted a new policy with regard to the NAOT Discount. The NBCOT will allow the \$75.00 discount for first time testers for the OTC and/or the OT-SC Examinations. The discount will not apply to members that have tested and failed and are applying to retake the examination.

Total current OTCs as of 12/31/15= 1,425

Recertification Report

In the year 2015 there were 180 OTCs ready to re-certify.

28% recertified by CEUs,

17% recertified by testing.

The total of OTCs that recertified in 2015 was 45%.

5 OTCs attempted to recertify by testing but failed the examination resulting in the loss of their credential.

Testing Report

In 2015 there was a total of 269 candidates that tested for the OTC

66% passed the OTC Examination

The breakdown of candidates are as follows:

First time testers: 172

Retesters (Previously failed): 49

Recertifying by exam: 36

Lapsed OTCs: 23

Average passing grade was 751 while the average failing grade was 612

Testing Report by Eligibility Route:

Eligibility Route A (2 years experience)	57.6% Passed
Eligibility Route B (NAOT Approved Schools)	55% Passed Corrected
Eligibility Route C (ATC)	87.6% Passed

The testing report has been recalculated due to some recent confusion regarding the NAOT approved schools low pass rate reported. It should be known that the original figure included the number of ATCs and On the Job individuals taking the examination which in turn lowered the numbers for the schools. This method was used to compare the three eligibility routes, however, since this caused confusion among the schools, the totals were separated and reported as individual eligibility routes.