

REPORT TO THE PROFESSION 2012

2012 has been a busy year for the NBCOT. We are in the middle of doing a new Job Task Analysis that will be completed early to mid 2013. Many of you have volunteered and have been chosen to participate in this very important project.

In April of 2012, the NBCOT accepted an invitation by the Canadian Society of Orthopaedic Technologists (CSOT) to attend their biennial (every two years) conference. The weekend was spent comparing how the CSOT and NBCOT conduct business.

During the CSOT Business meeting, the NBCOT awarded the CSOT a plaque honoring their 40th Anniversary. I am happy to announce that we are well on our way to forging a long lasting working relationship with the CSOT, where we can share information and hopefully work on future projects together.

As of January 1, 2012

The NBCOT will no longer present newly certified or recertifying credential holders a paper certificate or wallet card. In place of the paper certificate and wallet card each credential holder will receive a certification ID card. The certification ID card is made of plastic and is the size of a credit card. The card can easily be kept in your wallet or purse for easy verification for employment.

The certification card will have your color photo, and all pertinent information to your current certification. You will be required to submit two passport type photos the year you are due to recertify. Each OTC will be sent the proper form to submit your passport photos the year you are due to recertify.

It is the hope of the NBCOT that by moving to a certification card this will reduce the possibility of forged certificates and identity theft of your credential (s).

For those OTCs/OT-SCs that would like to have a paper certificate, one may be obtained for a fee, however, you must have the certification ID card prior to receiving a paper certificate.

RECERTIFICATION

The year of 2012 there were 221 OTCs due to recertify 52 or 24% recertified by CEUs while 58 or 26% recertified by testing. There were 6 OTCs that tested for recertification but failed, 4 retested successfully during the December testing cycle and 2 chose not to retest and allow their certification to lapse. A total of 110 or 50% recertified which makes 2012 the year that we have had the highest recertification's in the past 8 years.

Testing

The testing totals for 2011 are as follows:

Total examinations: 253

Total New Candidates: 159

Total Retesting Candidates: 25

Total Recertifying OTCs: 45 (1 failed)

Pass/Fail percentage: 76% pass 24% failed

The testing totals for 2012 are as follows:

Total examinations: 294

Total New Candidates: 174

Total Retesting Candidates: 39

Total Recertifying OTCs: 60

Pass/Fail percentage: 72% pass 28% failed

Recertification Guidelines

The NBCOT has made some changes to the CEU guidelines. The changes should take effect by mid 2013. Be sure to watch the NBCOT website at www.nbcot.net for these changes.

Gap Analysis

The NBCOT and our testing company (Schroeder Measurement Technologies) have begun the first steps in producing a new GAP Analysis for the OTC examination. This process is required to maintain our NCCA Accreditation and we anticipate the entire process could take up to one year to complete.

There was an overwhelming response to our request for volunteers for this project and the NBCOT would like to thank everyone that submitted their name. Unfortunately, we are only allowed a certain amount of subject matter experts for the first stage. Anyone that submitted their name for consideration will be considered for future stages of this project.

Legislation

2012 Annual NBCOT Legislative Committee Report

This year's Legislation Committee report was submitted by Peter Solan who has been working diligently on obtaining licensure in California.

This year we once again had another California Assembly person look into being a backer for our California Legislation. Inquiries were made from the AOTC, and specifically from the San Diego area. When the information was sent to Fiona Ma's Staff and they researched the bill they could not find any information on the Sunrise assigned number for the bill. I sent them the information and they looked into it. Again with the information given them and taking into consideration the States financial difficulties, they decide not to back it.

Again we are hearing the same response, as from everyone else contacted thus far. They continue to state and hold the position that through NBCOT's Exam the occupation appears by all standards to be self regulating in regards to the fact that the majority of major Hospital chains and offices require that the Orthopaedic Technologist they hire be certified through the NBCOT.

We will continue the year 2013-2014 in contacting other State Representatives in the hopes that someone will back our bill.

Web Site:

The NBCOT has launched a new website. We hope you find this new website easier to navigate and it will be full of important information. Please check the website regularly to keep updated on current issues.