

# REPORT TO THE PROFESSION 2014

## Gap Analysis

2014 the NBCOT continues to work diligently for the profession of Orthopaedic Technology. The new Job Task analysis has been completed and the NBCOT thanks the many OTCs that volunteered and participated in this very important project.

The result of the JTA included a new task element of Radiographic Interpretation which makes up 5% of the Assessment domain. The task element of interviewing patient and family was reduced from 20% to 15%. The Casting, Splinting and Orthopaedic Appliances domain adjustments were as follows;  
Task element "Apply upper extremity cast/splint to patient" was increased from 8% to 9%.  
Task element "Apply lower extremity cast/splint to patient" was increased from 8% to 9%.  
Task element "Apply torso extremity cast/splint to patient" was decreased from 3% to 1%.

These changes have no effect on the percentage of each domain being tested and the complete JTA can be found on the NBCOT website under the OTC Examination tab.

## CERTIFICATION ID CARDS

The certification ID card which was implemented in 2012 has shown to be a great success with most certificants and employers finding this change favorable. The ID cards not only serve to protect certificants against fraud but also provide employers with ease of verification.

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 2014 there were 209 OTCs due to recertify 59 or 28% recertified by CEUs while 37 or 18% recertified by testing. There were 4 OTCs that tested for recertification but failed, 2 of those retested within 2014 and successfully passed for recertification. A total of 96 or 46% recertified.

## Testing

The testing totals for 2014 are as follows:

Total examinations: 282  
Total New Candidates: 179  
Total Retesting Candidates: 36  
Total Recertifying OTCs: 41  
Total Regaining Certification from Lapsed: 26  
Pass/Fail percentage: 63.5% pass 36.5% failed

The testing totals for 2013 are as follows:

Total examinations: 275  
Total New Candidates: 180  
Total Retesting Candidates: 35  
Total Recertifying OTCs: 42 (1 failed)  
Total Regaining Certification from Lapsed: 14  
Pass/Fail percentage: 67% pass 33% failed

**Recertification Guidelines**

In 2013 the NBCOT has made some changes to the CEU guidelines. Grand Rounds has been decreased from a maximum of 60 to a maximum of 30 CEUs per 6 year cycle and Teaching has been increased from 10 CEUs to 30 CEUs per 6 year cycle.

**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.