



Alberta College of Occupational Therapists

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Renewing your Registration

More occupational therapists are registering earlier this year than ever before, beating the rush before the **February 1st deadline**. This year, that's more important than ever because the College's new database requires every member to use a new ID and password to renew.

User ID

Your user ID is now your ACOT registration number. (The User ID has changed from lastname followed by registration number to just the registration number with no lead zeros.)

Password

You need to create a new password. But first, a temporary password is emailed to you to get you into the system. To get the temporary password, at the Login screen click on 'forgot your password?', complete the online instructions, and a temporary password will be emailed to you. Once you are logged into the system, you can then create a password of your choosing.

Renew

Armed with your new User ID and password, renewing is easy. Simply (a) review/update your online profile, (b) confirm your currency hours, (c) complete your declarations, and (d) submit the online payment (or send a cheque if you prefer).

With an up-to-date profile, the renewal process is very quick. Your renewal form will automatically include your profile information.

Help is at hand

If you need more help to renew, we have set up automated messages at T: 780.436.8381 with information on how to retrieve your password, login, and make changes to employment information. If you need more information, you can also contact Claudette Hutchinson, Registration Coordinator, at E: registration@acot.ca or T: 780.436.8381 x104.

Changes to the Mental Health Act

On January 1, 2010 additional changes to the *Mental Health Act*, including the introduction of Community Treatment Orders (CTOs) came into effect. Under the Act, Government has appointed the Mental Health Patient Advocate independent from Alberta Health Services to ensure patient and client rights are protected and to investigate and resolve their concerns about their detention, care and/or treatment while in hospital or under a CTO. Health care providers are required to provide patients/clients with information

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about their rights. If you would have questions or would like further information, visit the Patient Advocate website at www.mhpa.ab.ca.

Courses and Workshops

Have a look at the new courses, conferences and workshops for occupational therapists listed under the Continuing Competence tab at www.acot.ca.

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