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### Renewing your Registration

Current practice permits expire on February 29, 2012. Renew before midnight February 1, 2011 to receive the lowest renewal fee.

All practice permits must be renewed online at [www.acot.ca](http://www.acot.ca).

1. Link to 'Member Login' on the homepage. Your User ID is your College registration number. There is an online 'forgot your password?' prompt if required.
2. Follow the online instructions and complete the registration with an online payment.

If you need more information about renewing your practice permit, contact the Registration Coordinator at E: [registration@acot.ca](mailto:registration@acot.ca) or T: 780.436.8381 x101.

### Practice Hours

To maintain your practice permit you must engage in the practice of occupational therapy for not fewer than 400 hours within the past year; 800 hours in the past 2 years; 1200 hours in the past 3 years; or 1550 hours in the past 5 years.

Practice hours are calculated from February 1st to January 31st each year. The practice of Occupational Therapy is defined in *Health Professions Act, RSA 2000 cH-7 Schedule 15 Section 3*

- ... collaboration with their clients, develop and implement programs to meet everyday needs in self care, leisure and productivity,*
- ... assess, analyze, modify and adapt the activities in which their clients engage to optimize health and functional independent,*
- ...interact with individuals and groups as clinicians, consultants, researchers, educators and administrators, and*
- ...provide restricted activities authorized by the regulations*

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Therefore, hours engaged in the above activities are practice hours and can be counted towards those hours required to renew your practice permit.

If you do not have the hours required you have not met with requirements for renewal and you must re-register with the College.

The *Occupational Therapists Profession Regulation (AR 217/2006)* indicates that in order to be placed on the register you must have a baccalaureate degree in occupational therapy or an entry level master's degree in occupational therapy, you must have completed 1000 hours of supervised clinical education and have successfully completed the Canadian Occupation Therapy Examination.

If you have met the above requirement and do not have the required practice hours, you will then have to successfully complete a refresher program in occupational therapy the 2 years immediately preceding the date the application. Presently, the refresher program consists of successful completion of an eight-week supervised practice placement.

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