

TO: Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants
FROM: Donna Ashman, Executive Director
DATE: February 25, 2015
RE: Survey Results

Thank you to all those who responded to the February 2015 survey regarding the license renewal cycle. 55% of licensees responded.

SURVEY RESULTS

80% Favor Annual Renewal: \$170/1-year (w/NBCOT waiver, OR 12 contact hours)
20% Favor Biennial Renewal: \$392/2-year (w/NBCOT waiver, OR 24 contact hours)

NEXT STEPS

The Maryland State Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) has obtained legislative sponsorship for a proposal that will mandate Biennial License Renewal, House Bill 309 and Senate Bill 244.

The Maryland State Board is opposing this legislation because

- *80% of Maryland licensees favor Annual Renewal,
- *The rate of renewal increased to 95% with Annual Renewal,
- *The fee is lower when collected annually, and
- *Annual Renewal has been an effective means of protecting your OT license fees from being transferred to The State's General Fund for other purposes.

If the legislation is passed, biennial renewal will become effective in 2016.

If you wish to provide input before this requirement becomes law, you may click on the following links to email:

1. House Governmental Operations Committee, and
2. Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee

SURVEY FOLLOW-UP

Below are links to additional information:

1. Explanation of licensure fees.
2. Explanation of Maryland Healthcare Cost Commission (MHCC) fee.

Thank you for your feedback and input during this process. We will inform you of the outcome of HB 309 and SB 244.