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Introduction

This Guide provides general information and guidance about working in WFOT Member Organisation countries and territories. The information is not exhaustive, but serves as a starting point for research about working internationally. You are strongly recommended to research as much information as possible before relocating.

The information contained in this Guide can also be accessed through member organisation profiles published on the WFOT website. While the information on the WFOT website is continuously updated, this Guide is published every two years. The information presented in this Guide reflects the information available on the WFOT website as of 20 April 2026.

Working in a different country can be a unique and enriching, professional and personal experience. To optimally benefit from your experience, ensure that your personal physical and emotional health are excellent before embarking on your transition to another country. You will require resilience to manage changes in climate, diet, working hours and conditions, and cultural and social attitudes to enable you to be an effective occupational therapist in your new country/territory.

Exploring Job Opportunities

Sources of information regarding job vacancies include job websites, employers or recruitment agencies. There are many types of employment opportunities, including voluntary or paid positions that are permanent or temporary, full or part time. It is important to understand the conditions of your employment, including remuneration, holiday pay, sick pay and relocation allowances (if applicable).

Some governments have lists of recognised or approved recruitment agencies to supply staff to their labour force. Investigate whether these options are applicable to the country/territory in which you are choosing to work.

Requirements To Practice

Employment Visas

Many countries/territories have conditions associated with their working visas. It is important to thoroughly investigate and understand these requirements. There may be limitations to the number of family members you can include on your visa; in addition, you and/or your family may be required to leave the country/territory when your employment contract ends.

Insurance

Some countries/territories insist that you have professional indemnity insurance coverage – others may make this an optional requirement. In some instances, national occupational therapy associations include indemnity insurance as part of their membership fees. You must ensure that you have the necessary liability insurance to cover your practice in the country/territory you choose to work.

Language Requirements

You should be able to communicate well in the language spoken in your host country/territory. Reading, writing and speaking in the language of your chosen country are important aspects of being able to communicate clearly with the community in which you work. Seeking work in another country/territory to learn or practice basic language skills is not advised. Some countries/territories may ask that you take a competency test in their spoken language; be prepared to satisfy this requirement if needed.

Experiencing A New Culture

Find out as much information as possible prior to committing to a move to understand the culture and social context for practicing in your chosen country. Effective occupational therapy practice includes acknowledging the values and social perspective of service users and their family.

It is important to recognise that you will learn a tremendous amount from people who already live in the country you choose to work; therefore it is important to keep an open mind and be cautious of forming expectations, pre-conceived ideas and judgments.

Although you will see many more similarities than differences in life in general, you will nevertheless encounter differences that will both amuse and frustrate you. It is a good idea to be prepared for problems that arise. Consider whether and how you will adjust to those of the host country instead of trying to change conditions to suit your previous patterns and experience.

Professional Community

How much do you know about occupational therapy in your chosen country? If the country is one of the member organisations of WFOT, you will find helpful demographic information in the WFOT publication "Human Resources Project" available to access at <https://hr-project.wfot.org/>. This interactive resource is updated once every two years.

Also consider joining the WFOT Occupational Therapy International Online Network (OTION), a free online forum including dedicated sections on working and studying in another country/territory. OTION is available at: <https://otion.wfot.org/>

You should have a basic understanding of the health issues in the country/territory in which you wish to work. This includes knowledge of the healthcare system, such as delivery systems, funding and priorities. The World Health Organization (WHO) provides a health profile for many countries/territories. Go to www.who.int for information.

Where possible, become a member of the national occupational therapy association in your host country. Some national associations offer a category for overseas/international membership providing you with access to resources and networks to support your learning and development. A full list of WFOT Member Organisations is available at: <https://www.wfot.org/membership/member-organisations/member-organisations-profiles>

Being part of a professional network and community can help your understanding and networking opportunities in the country where you choose to work. Some national occupational therapy associations publish detailed information about working in their country. Each WFOT member organisation also has an elected or appointed WFOT delegate who may be able to provide assistance or information. WFOT delegates are usually volunteers who offer their time and support to represent the national association at an international level; therefore, their time may be limited, particularly in small associations where there are few occupational therapists. It is important to consider this when contacting people for advice.

WFOT Individual Membership is available to those people who are members of a WFOT Member Organisation. If there is no national occupational therapy association in the country where you are choosing to work, you may still be able to join WFOT as an Individual Member. Please email WFOT at admin@wfot.org to find out how to do this.

Other Useful Questions

Some other useful considerations for planning to move to another country/territory include:

Living and transportation

- What is the average cost of living? What will you be able to afford on your salary?
- How easy is it to find suitable accommodation? Are there any issues governing real estate e.g. deposits, tenancy agreements, contracts?
- What transportation systems are available? How will you travel to and from work? Are you working in a rural or suburban area? What procedures are required if you need a driver's licence?
- What vaccinations do you require? How far in advance do you need them before you travel?
- How will you be paid? How easy is it to open a bank account and/or transfer money?
- What taxes are payable? Will taxes be deducted from your pay or do you need to file a tax return?

Working arrangements

- What are your working hours, holiday pay and sick pay entitlements (if any)?
- What are expectations for the presentation of your Curriculum Vitae/Resume?
- How you will be inducted into your new post? What supervision and support are available to you? Are coaching and/mentoring programmes available?
- What is the availability and quality of internet access? Not all countries/territories have immediate and reliable access to the internet so be prepared for any changes to your usual style of learning and access to information. If internet access is available, become familiar with social networking and professional forums to support your work and connectivity with friends, family and colleagues.

Remember that you will be away from your usual support mechanisms. Support networks such as the national occupational therapy association, local occupational therapists and other health care providers can assist with professional and often personal issues. Find other community or interest groups to join to get to know local people and become involved in the local community.

Guide Notes

The information contained in this guide has been compiled from information available on the WFOT website and from responses received from WFOT Member Organisations following a request for information conducted in 2025. While every effort has been made to ensure accuracy, not all Member Organisations are represented in this publication and some information may have changed since the time of collection.

Readers are advised to refer to the WFOT website for the most current information on Member Organisations and their activities. The current list of WFOT Member Organisations is available on the WFOT website. If specific information about a Member Organisation is not included in this guide, please contact the organisation directly using the contact details provided on the WFOT website.

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Algeria

Algerian National Association of Occupational Therapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Algeria:

1,500

In Algeria, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Ergothérapie

Main Language(s) spoken in Algeria:

Arabic, French

Other languages commonly spoken in Algeria:

English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Algerian National Association of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Arabic, French

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

LinkedIn

Hospital human resources department Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<https://www.algeria.com/>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Algeria:

No

Argentina

Asociacion Argentina de Terapistas Ocupacionales

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Argentina:

15,000

In Argentina, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Terapeuta Ocupacional or Lic. en Terapia Ocupacional

Main Language(s) spoken in Argentina:

Spanish

Other languages commonly spoken in Argentina:

Español, English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — National Health Ministry www.msal.gov.ar/. The professional must consult in the National Direction of University Management to begin the process of Convalidation and the Authorisation for the Professional Exercise.

Also: <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/como-convalidar-titulos-universitarios-extranjeros/>

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/educacion/tramites/convalidaciones-universitarias-extranjeros>. Once one has obtained the validation, a proficiency examination in a State University takes place. Once this is approved, their professional registration will be processed in the Argentine Ministry of Health.

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — Ministry of Health of the Nation or Ministries of Health of the Provinces of Buenos Aires; Misiones, Chaco; Formosa; Neuquén, Jujuy, Salta; Catamarca; Corrientes; Córdoba, Tucumán, Santiago del Estero; La Pampa, Mendoza, San Juan, San Luis; Black river; Chubut, Santa Cruz, Tierra del Fuego or Occupational Therapy Professional Colleges of the provinces of La Rioja, Entre Ríos or Santa Fe.

It is compulsory to join the Asociacion Argentina de Terapistas Ocupacionales in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No — Not required.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Spanish

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

Professional liability Insurance.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Mailing list: terapiaocupacional@elistas.net

Job seeker online: <https://www.zonajobs.com.ar/>, <https://ar.computrabajo.com/>,
<https://www.bumeran.com.ar/>.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Argentinian Consulate in own country www.migraciones.gov.ar/accesible/?visas.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Argentina:

No

Armenia

Armenian Ergotherapists Association (ARM_ETA)

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Armenia:

100

In Armenia, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Ergotherapist

Main Language(s) spoken in Armenia:

Armenian

Other languages commonly spoken in Armenia:

English, Russian

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No — In Armenia, occupational therapists (ergotherapists) are not required to register with any federal or national licensing body in order to practice professionally.

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No — No state or regional registration is required.

It is compulsory to join the Armenian Ergotherapists Association (ARM_ETA) in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

Yes

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No — It is preferred, but not required.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Armenian — Most common language is the native one. However, in some rehabilitation centers, there could be a benefit of knowing English or Russian for working with international patients.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

*It is recommended to have Professional Liability Insurance, often included in ARM-ETA membership. Association Membership (ARM-ETA/WFOT) is strongly encouraged for standards, CPD, credibility.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — While occupational therapy in Armenia is not officially designated as a shortage occupation, there is strong evidence of significant demand and workforce shortage, especially driven by public rehabilitation reforms, rural healthcare gaps, and inclusive education initiatives. The field is in a growth phase - your advocacy and ARMETA's role within WFOT are strategically positioned to help formalize this need and expand opportunities for occupational therapists across Armenia.

References: <https://shorturl.at/5cMqQ>; <https://specedjournal.aspu.am/index.php/se>

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Mostly it is by ASPU.am, the website of the university.

Then through ARMETA.

However, there are common websites which can be used as well: <https://job.am/> , <https://staff.am/>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

To work in Armenia, occupational therapists must obtain a work permit via Workpermit.am (employer applies) and then apply for a Temporary Residence Card through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Citizens of EAEU countries (e.g. Russia) are exempt from the permit. Visa-free entry is available for some nationalities. More info: Move2Armenia, and MFA <https://www.mfa.am/en/visa/>.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Armenia:

No

Occupational Therapy Australia

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Australia:

32,386

Main Language(s) spoken in Australia:

English

Other languages commonly spoken in Australia:

English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Occupational therapists must be registered with the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia, and meet the Board's registration standards, in order to practice in Australia.

<https://www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au/registration.aspx>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Occupational Therapy Australia in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English — Note that the Australian national registration board for occupational therapy have a requirement regarding proficiency level for English – refer to their website for information

<http://www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au/>

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

A bachelor's or master's degree in Occupational Therapy from a program accredited by the Occupational Therapy Council (OTC) is required. Registered occupational therapists must fulfil ongoing CPD requirements, involving a minimum of 20 hours of professional development activities annually. Occupational therapists must adhere to

the Code of Conduct set by OTBA, including ethical behaviour, confidentiality, and high standards of practice. Non-compliance can result in disciplinary actions. Practitioners are required to have Professional Indemnity Insurance, which protects against legal liability from their professional activities. This is a mandatory condition for registration.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — Australia faces a shortage of occupational therapists driven by several key factors:

The aging population and expansion of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) have significantly increased demand for occupational therapists, especially in mental health, aged care, and disability services.

The number of graduates isn't keeping pace with demand, leading to shortages, especially in rural and remote areas.

Many occupational therapists experience burnout due to heavy workloads, administrative burdens under the NDIS, and complex caseloads, contributing to high turnover rates, leaving the profession.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Occupational Therapists in Australia can find jobs through platforms like Seek, MyCareer, and CareerOne, which offer healthcare-specific listings. The Occupational Therapy Australia website is another key resource, featuring occupational therapy specific job ads. Major newspapers, including The Australian and Sydney Morning Herald, also list opportunities. Government job boards provide public sector roles, while hospital websites and specialised recruitment agencies offer both temporary and permanent positions.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

To work as an occupational therapist in Australia, you must apply for registration with the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia, and possibly a visa through the Department of Home Affairs. For overseas-qualified occupational therapists the Occupational Therapy Council (OTC) assesses qualifications. Successful applicants must complete a period of supervised practice before applying for general registration. Fees apply for both registration and OTC assessments. New Zealand-trained occupational therapists may apply under the Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act. More details can be found on the Occupational Therapy Board and OTC websites.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Australia:

Yes

Occupational Therapy Australia has a membership category for occupational therapy assistants:

No

It is compulsory to join the Occupational Therapy Australia in order to practice as an occupational therapy assistant:

No

Occupational therapy assistants require formal training in occupational therapy to work as such in Australia:

Yes — Certificate

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a federal/national organisation to practice in Australia:

No

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a state/regional organisation to practice in Australia:

No

Publications

Australian Occupational Therapy Journal

The Australian Occupational Therapy Journal is the official journal of Occupational Therapy Australia, and welcomes manuscripts relevant to the theory, research, practice and education of occupational therapy.

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: English

Frequency: Quarterly

Connections

Connections, OTA's official member publication, reaches over 12,000 occupational therapists, allied health professionals, and industry participants. This full-colour magazine covers professional representation, CPD events, news, and the latest technologies in the field.

Type: Magazine

Language: English

Frequency: Quarterly

Ergotherapie Austria

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Austria:

4,824

In Austria, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Ergotherapeut*in

Main Language(s) spoken in Austria:

German

Other languages commonly spoken in Austria:

English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — General information:

<https://www.gesundheit.gv.at/gesundheitsleistungen/gesundheitsberuferegister.html>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Ergotherapie Austria in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

German — German is mandatory. However, it is an advantage to also speak English, Turkish, Serbo-Croatian or a Slavic language.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

1. Completed training in Austria: Entry in the register of healthcare professionals required (the following documents must be presented: Criminal record certificate, photo ID, proof of citizenship, medical certificate,

passport, signature, proof of qualification).

2. Training completed outside Austria: proof of language skills required, comparison of the training content of the training centre and the Austrian requirements. If training content is missing, this must be made up at the university of applied sciences in Austria, or internships must still be completed.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — <https://www.migration.gv.at/en/types-of-immigration/permanent-immigration/austria-wide-shortage-occupations/>.

Occupational therapy is listed as a shortage occupation under point 32.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

There is no Austria-wide platform for job vacancies. Vacancies are advertised on our website - <https://www.ergotherapie.at/stellenmarkt> - and in our newsletter. They are also advertised at the AMS - <https://www.ams.at/> - in specialist journals, newspapers and on the websites of hospitals, retirement homes, nursing homes, etc.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

https://www.migration.gv.at/de/willkommen/?no_cache=1

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Austria:

No

Publications

Ergotherapie

Fachzeitschrift von Ergotherapie Austria

Type: Magazine

Language: German

Frequency: Quarterly

Occupational Therapy Association of the Bahamas

General Information

Main Language(s) spoken in Bahamas:

English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Doctor's Hospital (<https://doctorshosp.com/careers/>)

Princess Margaret Hospital (<https://www.bahamas.gov.bs/agencies/princess-margaret-hospital>)

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Work Visa - The Bahamas' Ministry of Immigration: <https://www.immigration.gov.bs/residence/annual-work-permit/>

Bangladesh

Bangladesh Occupational Therapy Association

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Bangladesh:

496

Main Language(s) spoken in Bangladesh:

Bengali

Other languages commonly spoken in Bangladesh:

English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — We encourage employers to ensure that they are registered with Bangladesh Occupational Therapy Association (BOTA).

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes

It is compulsory to join the Bangladesh Occupational Therapy Association in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

Yes

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Bengali, English

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

National: <https://www.bdjobs.com.bd/>

International: international job seeker online e.g, reliefweb, un.jobs

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<http://www.immi.gov.bd/>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Bangladesh:

Yes

Bangladesh Occupational Therapy Association has a membership category for occupational therapy assistants:

No

It is compulsory to join the Bangladesh Occupational Therapy Association in order to practice as an occupational therapy assistant:

No

Occupational therapy assistants require formal training in occupational therapy to work as such in Bangladesh:

Yes

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a federal/national organisation to practice in Bangladesh:

No

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a state/regional organisation to practice in Bangladesh:

No

Publications

Bangladesh Journal of Occupational Therapy & Rehabilitation (BJOTR)

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: English

Frequency: Annual

Belgium

Ergotherapie Belgium

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Belgium:

15,808

In Belgium, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Ergotherapeut (Dutch and German), Ergothérapeute (French)

Main Language(s) spoken in Belgium:

Dutch, French, German

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — General information about working in Belgium:

https://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/services/travel_to_belgium/working_in_belgium

https://www.belgium.be/en/work/coming_to_work_in_belgium/ https://www.enic-naric.net/belgium.aspx#sec_57

Belgium has a federal state structure and education belongs to the exclusive competences of the Communities. Therefore, in each Community there is a NARIC centre.

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — Belgium has a federal state structure and education belongs to the exclusive competences of the Communities. Therefore, in each Community there is a NARIC centre.

Recognition of a "non-EU certificate of qualification/diploma" to work in the:

Flemish Community: <https://www.naricvlaanderen.be/en/naric-vlaanderen>

French Community: <http://www.enseignement.be/index.php?page=0&navi=2087>

German-speaking Community: <http://www.ostbelgienbildung.be>

NARIC also decides who can get a "visum" (= license to practice) for non-EU certificate of qualification/diploma.

It is compulsory to join the Ergotherapie Belgium in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Dutch (Flemish), French, German — Dutch in Dutch-speaking region. More information:

<https://ergotherapie.be/NL/>

French in French-speaking region. More information: www.ergo-upe.be

In Brussels: Dutch and French - German is a small Eastern part of the country

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Regional employment offices such as VDAB, Le FOREM, ACTIRIS, schools, websites of regional associations (www.ergo-upe.be in French and www.ergotherapie.be in Dutch).

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

https://www.belgium.be/en/work/coming_to_work_in_belgium

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Belgium:

No

Bermuda Occupational Therapy Association

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Bermuda:

37

Main Language(s) spoken in Bermuda:

English

Other languages commonly spoken in Bermuda:

English, Portuguese

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Board of Occupational Therapists, PO Box HM 380, Hamilton HMBX, Telephone: 278-4921, Email: OfficeofCMO@gov.bm, <https://healthcouncil.bm/>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No — Bermuda does not have states or regions.

It is compulsory to join the Bermuda Occupational Therapy Association in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

- Proof of eligibility to work in Bermuda is required when applying for initial and re-registration Qualification certificate(s) or letter of proof of qualification (graduation) from relevant learning institution
- Proof of professional standing from the jurisdiction in which you were last or currently registered

- Proof of competency to practice in the jurisdiction in which you were trained i.e. national certification exam certificates, where applicable. For example, this is usually required in the USA, but not in the UK (College transcripts or letter)
- Proof of registration (aka licensure) in current jurisdiction of practice
- For a new graduate, an official letter of eligibility to register is required from the regulatory authority in that jurisdiction
- Birth certificate or passport
- Marriage certificate, including nationality or Spousal Letter (where applicable)
- Two letters of professional references, all references must be current (dated within the last 12 months). They must be from two employers/supervisors (most current and discipline specific)
Resume or C.V
- Professional association membership card or certificate (if applicable)
- Registration fee payments
- Bermudians who do not have a certificate will need to provide a letter from their institution attesting to their practical experience
- One Headshot (passport style) in PDF format.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — Bermuda has challenges with staff retention in key settings of practice. Typically once a job becomes available it will be offered to a qualified Bermudian per immigration policy. However, if a suitable Bermudian has not been identified, overseas recruitment will continue. If successful, that position is held by a work permit holder until their contract is due to be renewed. There is also decreased awareness of the profession in the public which increases the difficulty for more positions to be petitioned for and created as well as already established positions being available for new graduates.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Bermuda Job Board

Bermuda Government - Department of Health

Bermuda Hospitals Board

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<https://www.gov.bm/department/immigration>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Bermuda:

No

Publications

Journal of Bermuda College

Voices in Education: Journal of Bermuda College (ISSN: 2059-0695) is a multidisciplinary peer reviewed journal published annually. The aim is to heighten awareness of current trends, to encourage discourse & practice, to challenge thinking, and to widen & strengthen the scope of research in education.

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: English

Frequency: Annual

Link: <https://www.college.bm/index.php/bcjournal>

Bhutan

Bhutan Association of Occupational Therapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Bhutan:

4

Main Language(s) spoken in Bhutan:

Dzongkha, English

Other languages commonly spoken in Bhutan:

Dzongkha

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes – Occupational Therapy practitioners should register with Bhutan Medical and Health council, which is a composite body created under statutory order of the Royal Government of Bhutan to regulate Medical and Health Profession in the Kingdom of Bhutan.

<https://www.bmhc.gov.bt/>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes – The registration is mandatory for practicing in the country and the registration license is to be renewed every 5 years.

It is compulsory to join the Bhutan Association of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No – Preferred but not required, the practitioner should pass the Royal Civil Service Examination.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Dzongkha, English — Being fluent in local dialects like Shar chop and Lotsam is a bonus.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

Fulfil the criteria of Bhutan Medical and Health council.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes – With just 4 Occupational Therapists in the country and without the degree program within the country, the profession is in high demand.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Employment is strictly through government agencies (Ministry of Health), Private practices are not allowed. Occupational Therapist Volunteers overseas are allowed practices under the government agencies and NGOs.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

To work in Bhutan as a foreign professional, you'll need both an Employment Visa and a Work Permit
https://www.doi.gov.bt/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/IRRs_11_Nov_2023.pdf.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Bhutan:

No

Association of Occupational Therapists in Bosnia and Herzegovina

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Bosnia & Herzegovina:

70

In Bosnia & Herzegovina, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Radni terapeut or Okupacioni terapeut

Main Language(s) spoken in Bosnia & Herzegovina:

Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian.

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://vladars.rs/sr-SP-Cyrl/Vlada/Ministarstva/mzsz/Pages/default.aspx>
<https://www.fmoh.gov.ba/>

It is compulsory to join the Association of Occupational Therapists in Bosnia and Herzegovina in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian — Any of three, as previously mentioned, official languages are required for practice.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

After internship, one has to take a professional exam at the Ministry of Health.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

No

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Primary, secondary and tertiary level of health care

<http://www.zzrs.org/>

<https://www.fzzz.ba/>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

http://msb.gov.ba/inf_zastupanje/default.aspx?id=14555&langTag=en-US

https://www.mvp.gov.ba/konzularne_informacije/vize/default.aspx

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Bosnia & Herzegovina:

No

Botswana Occupational Therapy Association

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Botswana:

31

In Botswana, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Tshidilo

Main Language(s) spoken in Botswana:

English

Other languages commonly spoken in Botswana:

Setswana

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — All therapists register with Botswana Health Professionals Council. Renewal of practice licence is done annually.

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Botswana Occupational Therapy Association in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

Private Practice Practitioners are required to have Professional Indemnity Insurance, which protects against legal liability from their professional activities. This is a mandatory condition for private practice registration.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — There is a significant shortage of therapist's workforce in Botswana. Due to the geographical location of facilities, and low number of therapists in the regions, many occupational therapists experience burnout as a result of heavy workloads, administrative burdens, and complex caseloads.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Occupational Therapists can find jobs through Newspaper advertisements and social media pages (e.g. Ministry of Health, BW Graduate Jobs, Botswana Occupational Therapy Association Facebook pages). Government jobs provide public service to the general population at a free cost. Private practice practitioners operate from their own clinics or private hospitals.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

To work as an occupational therapist in Botswana, you must apply for registration with the Botswana Health Professionals Council (BHPC) and possibly a visa through the Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs. All applicants must complete a registration examination through BHPC. Registration fees apply for successful applicants.

More details can be found through Botswana Occupational Therapy Association.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Botswana:

No

Brazil

Associação Brasileira dos Terapeutas Ocupacionais (ABRATO)

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Brazil:

25,000

Main Language(s) spoken in Brazil:

Portuguese

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://www.coffito.gov.br/nsite/?p=6272>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://www.coffito.gov.br/nsite/?p=6272>

It is compulsory to join the Associação Brasileira dos Terapeutas Ocupacionais (ABRATO) in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No — There are curriculum guidelines approved by the Ministry of Education. These guidelines, however, contemplate the minimum standards recommended by the WFOT.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Portuguese

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

https://www.coffito.gov.br/nsite/?page_id=8884

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<http://www.pf.gov.br/servicos-pf/imigracao/cedula-de-identidade-de-estrangeiro/documentos-necessarios-para-registro/tipos-de-registro>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Brazil:

No

Publications

Brazilian Journal of Occupational Therapy

It is intended for the dissemination of unpublished work from original scientific research in the field of Occupational Therapy, in dialogue with the areas of Health, Education, Culture and Social Service, as well as Occupational Science.

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: English, Portuguese, Spanish

Frequency: 4-Weekly

Link: <https://www.scimagojr.com/journalsearch.php?q=21100899904&tip=sid&clean=0>

Bulgaria

Association of Bulgarian Ergotherapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Bulgaria:

263

In Bulgaria, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Ergotherapist

Main Language(s) spoken in Bulgaria:

Bulgarian

Other languages commonly spoken in Bulgaria:

English, Turkish

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Association of Bulgarian Ergotherapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Bulgarian

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

No

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — The number of qualified occupational therapists in the country is well below the European average. Although the shortage is not recognised as a government policy, the need is increasing while the number of graduates is decreasing. For this reason, occupational therapy is developing mainly in one area - paediatrics - because of the active involvement of parents.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Job vacancies, including occupational therapists, are published on the website of the National Employment Agency: https://www.az.government.bg/bg/ejobs/view_prl/.

There are also several websites that specialise in job vacancies: <https://jobs.bg>, <https://jobtiger.bg>, www.zaplata.bg.

Local information can be found on municipal websites.

The ABET Facebook group provides job vacancies for occupational therapists that are known to the members.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

General conditions for employment of foreigners in Bulgaria can be found here:

<https://www.gli.government.bg/en/node/6347>.

Practical information about coming to the European Union for work and other reasons can be found on the EU immigration portal: https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/migration-and-asylum/eu-immigration-portal_en.

Foreigners coming to Bulgaria usually contact ABET and receive personalised information about job opportunities in the country.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Bulgaria:

No

Canada

Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists / Association canadienne des ergothérapeutes

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Canada:

20,609

In Canada, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Ergothérapeute

Main Language(s) spoken in Canada:

English, French

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No — Registration in national organization (CAOT) is mandatory only in the Northern Territories where there are no regulatory organizations.

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://acotro-acore.org/registering-in-canada/were-you-educated-outside-of-canada/>

It is compulsory to join the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists / Association canadienne des ergothérapeutes in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No — The criteria is to have graduated from a CAOT accredited program. CAOT standards are based on WFOT standards so indirectly all programs meet the WFOT Education Standards.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English, French — English in most parts of Canada. French in the province of Quebec, English or French in Ontario, New Brunswick, Manitoba and other provinces where there are francophone minorities.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

All provincially licensed occupational therapists in Canada must hold a minimum of \$5M in professional liability insurance. There are a number of other requirements set out by each regulatory body that differ from province to province.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — <https://occupations.esdc.gc.ca/sppc-cops/occupationsummarydetail.jsp?tid=113><https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/marketreport/outlook-occupation/4168/ca>

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

http://www.caot.ca/client/relation_roster/clientRelationRosterView.html?clientRelationRosterId=56

http://www.jobbank.gc.ca/occupation_search-eng.do

visit provincial association websites: <http://caot.in1touch.org/site/ctcs/provterOTprofassoc?nav=sidebar>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/>

Please contact the SEAS program at <https://acotro-acore.org/seas/>

<https://caot.in1touch.org/site/ieot/intleducatedot?nav=sidebar>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Canada:

Yes

Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists / Association canadienne des ergothérapeutes has a membership category for occupational therapy assistants:

Yes

It is compulsory to join the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists / Association canadienne des ergothérapeutes in order to practice as an occupational therapy assistant:

No

Occupational therapy assistants require formal training in occupational therapy to work as such in Canada:

No — there is formal training available, but many are trained on the job.

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a federal/national organisation to practice in Canada:

No

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a state/regional organisation to practice in Canada:

No — That is the reason we do not know how many occupational therapy assistants are in Canada.

Publications

Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy

The Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy fosters advancement and growth in occupational therapy scholarship. Its mission is to provide a forum for leading-edge occupational therapy scholarship that advances theory, practice, research, education, and policy.

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: English, French

Frequency: Other

Link: <https://journals.sagepub.com/home/cjo>

Occupational Therapy Now (OT Now)

OT Now is CAOT's practice magazine providing information to meet the challenges of day-to-day occupational therapy practice. Articles encourage discussion and debate of occupational therapy issues and appeal to anyone with an interest in occupation and its impact on health: from workers to policy to consumers.

Type: Magazine

Language: English, French

Frequency: Quarterly

Link: <https://caot.ca/site/prac-res/periodics/OTNow>

Chile

Colegio de Terapeutas Ocupacionales de Chile A.G

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Chile:

20,187

In Chile, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Terapeuta Ocupacional

Main Language(s) spoken in Chile:

Spanish

Other languages commonly spoken in Chile:

Spanish

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://www.superdesalud.gob.cl/>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No — All health professionals have to be enrolled in the Superintendencia de Salud to have a contract in public and private practice.

It is compulsory to join the Colegio de Terapeutas Ocupacionales de Chile A.G in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No — It is necessary to carry out a recognition process with the University of Chile. <https://uchile.cl/revalidacion>

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Spanish

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

No — In Chile, occupational therapy is not formally recognised as a “shortage occupation” by the government, unlike countries such as Australia or the United Kingdom, which maintain official lists of in-demand occupations for migration or labour purposes.

However, there are significant challenges that indicate a growing need for occupational therapists in certain areas of the country. For example, disparities in access to occupational therapy services have been identified due to geographic, socioeconomic, and cultural factors, which limit the reach of these benefits for those who need them most.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

<https://www.empleospublicos.cl/>

Linkedin

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Letter from your Chilean employer, directed to the Chilean Consul, that has to justify the contract. Contract Job (With Notario Signature), Legalized and translated (if it is necessary) . Bachelor Degree or equivalent (If it is necessary). Certify of Penal antecedents and Medical certification. Passport, 4 photos Passport size.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Chile:

No

Publications

Revista chilena de terapia ocupacional

ReChTO has published research in Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science since 2001. It promotes interdisciplinary dialogue and accepts articles in Spanish, Portuguese, and English. Since 2023, it operates with continuous publication via the University of Chile’s OJS platform.

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: Spanish

Frequency: Bi-Annual

Link: <https://revistaterapiaocupacional.uchile.cl>

China

China Occupational Therapy Association

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in China:

573

In China, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Rehabilitation Therapist

Main Language(s) spoken in China:

Mandarin

Other languages commonly spoken in China:

Cantonese

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No — <https://www.carm.org.cn>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://www.carm.org.cn>

Qualification review and filing by local medical and health departments is required.

It is compulsory to join the China Occupational Therapy Association in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No — Graduates from programmes that meet or don't meet the WFOT Education Standards, but those graduates from programmes that meet the WFOT Education Standards are preferred. But here we only count graduates who have completed programmes that meet/met the WFOT Education Standards.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Mandarin — Some ethnic minority areas may require knowledge of dialects to facilitate communication with service recipients.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

Graduates must pass the national unified examination and obtain the qualification of rehabilitation therapist before they can work as occupational therapists.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — Especially at the county level and in remote areas, as well as in psychiatry and paediatrics field. There is a shortage of occupational therapists.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Official recruitment websites in various provinces, cities and regions.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Working Visa is needed.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in China:

No

Publications

THE CHINESE OT e-Newsletter

Different regions of the country take turns to be responsible for selecting different topics and publish one issue every quarter.

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: Chinese

Frequency: Quarterly

Colegio Colombiano de Terapia Ocupacional

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Colombia:

8,475

Main Language(s) spoken in Colombia:

Spanish

Other languages commonly spoken in Colombia:

Other Regional/Local Dialects

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://www.tocolombia.org/servicios/primera-vez/38.html>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Colegio Colombiano de Terapia Ocupacional in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No — Preferred but not required. Graduation from a Colombian Ministry of Education–approved program is required to register to practice.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Spanish, Other Regional/Local Dialects, English — Spanish is required, but Indigenous languages may be required or preferred depending on the population. Some job descriptions with international NGOs or multinationals require occupational therapists to be fluent in English in order to practice.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

To legally practice as an Occupational Therapist in Colombia, graduates from Colombian Higher Education Institutions must register with the Colombian College of Occupational Therapy (CCTO) in the Single Registry of Human Talent in Health (ReTHUS), as required by Law 1164 of 2007 and Decree 4192 of 2010. Those who graduated

after October 9, 2018, must also obtain a national professional card through the CCTO.

Foreign-trained Occupational Therapists must have their qualifications validated by the Ministry of National Education, secure a transitional work permit, and obtain a professional liability policy provided by their employer. The transitional permit, necessary for those entering Colombia on scientific, humanitarian, social, or investigative missions, must be requested through the CCTO and managed by the relevant higher education institutions or entities where the service will be provided.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Employment opportunities are not centralized or broadly advertised. Members of the CCTO do receive the postings, but non-members will need to inquire directly from employers' sites.

Other sources of information:

Colegio Colombiano de Terapia Ocupacional: info@tocolombia.org

Portal de empleo y bolsa de trabajo: <https://co.computrabajo.com>

Servicio Público de empleo: <https://serviciodeempleo.gov.co>

LinkedIn: <https://co.linkedin.com>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

For immigration: https://www.cancilleria.gov.co/tramites_servicios/visa

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Colombia:

No

Publications

Revista de la Ocupación Humana

The journal serves as a platform for disseminating research, theoretical discussions, and practical advancements in Occupational Therapy, with an emphasis on topics relevant to Latin American contexts.

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: English, Spanish, Portuguese

Frequency: Quarterly

Link: <https://latinjournal.org/index.php/roh/index>

Cuidado y Ocupación

Scientific journal published biannually in the process of indexing, founded in the second half of 2012 as a proposal of the Nursing and Occupational Therapy programs of the University of Pamplona.

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: Spanish

Frequency: Quarterly

Link: https://www.unipamplona.edu.co/unipamplona/portallG/home_253/publicacion/publicado/index.htm

Croatia

Hrvatska udruga radnih terapeuta

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Croatia:

670

In Croatia, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

"Radni terapeut" if it is male, "Radna terapeutkinja" if it is a female.

Main Language(s) spoken in Croatia:

Croatian

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Hrvatska komora zdravstvenih radnika (Croatian health professional chamber)

Strukovni razred za djelatnost radne terapije (Professional class for occupational therapy)

P.P.263, 10 000 Zagreb, Croatia.

E-mail: radna.terapija@drt.hkzr.hr URL: <http://drt.hkzr.hr/>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — Hrvatska komora zdravstvenih radnika (Croatian health professional chamber)

Strukovni razred za djelatnost radne terapije (Professional class for occupational therapy)

P.P.263, 10 000 Zagreb, Croatia.

E-mail: radna.terapija@drt.hkzr.hr URL: <http://drt.hkzr.hr/>

It is compulsory to join the Hrvatska udruga radnih terapeuta in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Croatian

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Most employment opportunities are publicized at the web page of the CROATIAN EMPLOYMENT SERVICE - <https://www.hzz.hr/en/>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

The competent body for the recognition of foreign professional qualifications for healthcare workers in the field of occupational therapy, in accordance with the Act on Regulated Professions and Recognition of Foreign Professional Qualifications (NN124/2009, NN45/2011), is Hrvatska komora zdravstvenih radnika (Croatian health professional chamber) – more information here <https://drt.hkzr.hr/priznavanje-inozemnih-strucnih-kvalifikacija/>.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Croatia:

No

Cyprus Association of Occupational Therapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Cyprus:

400

In Cyprus, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Ergotherapeytis/Ergotherapeytria

Main Language(s) spoken in Cyprus:

Greek

Other languages commonly spoken in Cyprus:

English, Turkish

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Registration Board of Occupational Therapists and Cyprus Association of Occupational Therapists.

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes

It is compulsory to join the Cyprus Association of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

Yes

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Greek

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

The person needs to be a citizen of the country, to have an occupational therapy degree awarded by a university or other equivalent educational institution recognized in accordance with the provisions of the Law on the Recognition of Higher and Tertiary Education Qualifications and Provision of Relevant Information, and in

accordance with the Council's criteria in force, which comply with the applicable guidelines of the European Union.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<http://www.mfa.gov.cy/>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Cyprus:

No

Czech Association of Occupational Therapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Czech Republic:

1,200

In Czech Republic, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

ergoterapeut

Main Language(s) spoken in Czech Republic:

Czech

Other languages commonly spoken in Czech Republic:

English, Russian

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Czech Association of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Czech — We have several places where also English-speaking occupational therapists could work, but main language is Czech.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

<https://www.ergoterapie.cz>, <https://www.jobs.cz>, <https://www.sprace.cz>, <https://www.neziskovsky.cz>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

http://www.mzv.cz/jnp/en/information_for_alien/index.html

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Czech Republic:

No

Danish Association of Occupational Therapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Denmark:

14,800

In Denmark, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Ergoterapeut

Main Language(s) spoken in Denmark:

Danish

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — They have to have a authorisation.

<https://stps.dk/sundhedsfaglig/autorisation/autorisationsregistret>

It is compulsory to join the Danish Association of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Danish — You must participate in Danish lessons and pass at a certain level, so that you can speak and write in Danish, understandable to colleagues and patients.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

You must have a Danish authorisation to practice as an occupational therapist.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — There is no unemployment across the country, and in some regions, it is difficult to hire enough occupational therapists.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

"Ergoterapeuten" - <http://www.etf.dk/ergoterapeuten>
jobzonen.dk
ofir.dk

All municipalities and regions post all positions on their websites.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

http://www.nyidanmark.dk/en-us/coming_to_dk/coming_to_dk.htm

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Denmark:

No

Publications

Ergoterapeuten

Magazine for members of Ergoterapeutforeningen.

Type: Magazine

Language: Danish

Frequency: Other

Link: <https://www.etf.dk/Fagblads-Forside>

Forskning - ergoterapeuten

A Danish practice-oriented research magazine, published to all members of the Danish Association of Occupational Therapists and sent to all directors in municipalities and regions

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: Danish

Frequency: Annual

Link: <https://www.etf.dk/Fagblads-Forside>

Dominican Republic

Dominican Republic Society of Occupational Therapy (SODTEO)

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Dominican Republic:

109

In Dominican Republic, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Terapeuta Ocupacional

Main Language(s) spoken in Dominican Republic:

Español

Other languages commonly spoken in Dominican Republic:

English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No — En la República Dominicana, los terapeutas ocupacionales, tanto extranjeros como dominicanos, deben obtener el exequátur, que es la autorización oficial para ejercer su profesión.

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No — Los terapeutas ocupacionales aún no están obligados a registrarse en una organización federal o nacional para ejercer, ya que la regulación no tiene carácter de obligatoriedad en este momento.

It is compulsory to join the Dominican Republic Society of Occupational Therapy (SODTEO) in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No — Actualmente, no es necesario graduarse de un programa aprobado por la WFOT para registrarse y ejercer como terapeuta ocupacional. Sin embargo, el único programa que existe actualmente en la República Dominicana está aprobado por la federación.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Spanish — Ninguno

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

Por el momento no.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

No — En la República Dominicana, la terapia ocupacional no está oficialmente clasificada como una ocupación con escasez. Sin embargo, la demanda de profesionales en esta área ha aumentado debido a una mayor conciencia sobre la importancia de la rehabilitación y la mejora de la calidad de vida de personas con discapacidades o condiciones que afectan su capacidad para llevar a cabo actividades diarias.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Los profesionales recién graduados buscan oportunidades laborales en centros privados y en instituciones públicas.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Dominican Republic:

Yes

Number of occupational therapy assistants in Dominican Republic:

8

Dominican Republic Society of Occupational Therapy (SODTEO) has a membership category for occupational therapy assistants:

Yes

It is compulsory to join the Dominican Republic Society of Occupational Therapy (SODTEO) in order to practice as an occupational therapy assistant:

No

Occupational therapy assistants require formal training in occupational therapy to work as such in Dominican Republic:

No — Estos asistentes realizaron un técnico superior en una academia de educación superior. En nuestro país le llaman técnico en lugar de asistente.

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a federal/national organisation to practice in Dominican Republic:

No — Sin embargo, algunos de estos técnicos son miembros de la organización.

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a state/regional organisation to practice in Dominican Republic:

No — Ninguno

Estonian Association of Occupational Therapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Estonia:

160

In Estonia, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Tegevusterapeut

Main Language(s) spoken in Estonia:

Estonian

Other languages commonly spoken in Estonia:

Russian, English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — To work in social or work rehabilitation system you need to go through Sotsiaalkindlustusamet (Social Insurance Board). You can read about qualification approving from here: <https://harno.ee/en/recognition-qualifications/qualifications/professional-recognition#regulated-profession>. Occupational Therapist would be classified as Specialist in a rehabilitation team. The competent authority is Sotsiaalkindlustusamet (Social Insurance Board): info@sotsiaalkindlustusamet.ee. In medical rehabilitation or other systems employer decides if a person is suitable.

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Estonian Association of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No — Depends on employer.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Estonian — Estonian language on B2 level is mandatory by the law. Some clients speak mostly Russian. In some rehabilitation centres English is usable.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

No

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

<https://www.cvkeskus.ee/> <https://www.cv.ee/et> <https://www.tootukassa.ee/et>
<https://www.ttk.ee/et/kuulutused> Hospital/ rehabilitation facilities homepages tegevusteraapia@gmail.com.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<https://vm.ee/en> <https://www.politsei.ee/en/questions-about-crossing-the-border/> <https://www.ti.ee/en>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Estonia:

No

Ethiopia

Ethiopian Association of Occupational Therapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Ethiopia:

20

Main Language(s) spoken in Ethiopia:

Amharic

Other languages commonly spoken in Ethiopia:

Oromo, Tigre

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — In Ethiopia, occupational therapists must register with the Ministry of Health to legally practice. This requirement applies to both locally trained and foreign-trained professionals. The Ministry of Health, through its Health Professionals Licensing Directorate, is the national authority responsible for regulating and issuing professional licenses for all health workers, including occupational therapists. For the most up-to-date information, visit the official Ministry of Health page: <https://www.moh.gov.et/en>.

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — Check with regional health bureaus for most up-to-date information about state registration.

It is compulsory to join the Ethiopian Association of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Amharic, English — Yes, to practice as an occupational therapist in Ethiopia, Amharic and English are commonly required. However, depending on the region, local languages such as Afaan Oromo, Tigrinya, or others may also be important for effective communication with clients and families.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

No — Although occupational therapy is not officially listed as a “shortage occupation” by the Ethiopian government, in practice, there is a severe shortage. The profession is still relatively new in the country, with the first occupational therapy program established only in 2016 at the University of Gondar, in collaboration with Queen’s University and the Mastercard Foundation. As a result, the number of trained occupational therapists remains extremely limited.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Occupational therapists in Ethiopia can explore job opportunities through several key channels. One of the most effective ways is through job search websites commonly used in Ethiopia such as EthioJobs.net, Dereja.com, Reporter Jobs, and EmployEthiopia.com often list openings. Government institutions like hospitals, and universities with rehabilitation programs may also advertise academic or public sector occupational therapy roles through their official websites or internal networks.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<https://www.evisa.gov.et/>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Ethiopia:

No

Faroe Islands

Ergoterapeutfelagid / Faroese Occupational Therapists Association

General Information

Main Language(s) spoken in Faroe Islands:

Faroese, Danish

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — The National Board of Health Islands Brygge 67 DK-2300 Kbh. S. Denmark

Tel: +45 72 22 74 00

Fax +45 72 22 11

Email: sst@sst.dk

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Faroese, Danish

Employment Opportunities

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

There is no central place for occupational therapists. You need to follow some public pages, where jobs in general are announced: <http://portal.fo/storv.html>, <http://www.starvsportal.fo> or you can contact our association for information.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

http://www.nyidanmark.dk/en-us/coming_to_dk/faroe-islands/

Suomen Toimintaterapeuttiliitto ry

General Information

Main Language(s) spoken in Finland:

Finnish, Swedish

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Occupational therapists are licenced professionals. See: <https://lvv.fi/tervetuloa>

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

- If the employee has graduated from a programme not meeting the WFOT Education Standards, she/he will not be accepted to The Finnish Association of OT (TOI). However, employers are free to employ graduates from any occupational therapy programme.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Finnish, Swedish — Employer defines. Normally either Finnish / Swedish are required. There are Swedish-speaking areas in Finland where Swedish is usually required. Otherwise normally Finnish is sufficient.

Employment Opportunities

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

<https://tyomarkkinatori.fi/henkiloasiakkaat>

<https://valtiolle.fi/>

<https://kuntarekry.fi/>

<https://kuntarekry.fi/en/>

Web-sites of municipalities, etc:

<https://www.hel.fi/rekry/fi/>,

<https://duunitori.fi/tyopaikat/selaa>,

<https://www.monster.fi/>,

<https://tyopaikat.oikotie.fi/>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

The nearest Finnish Consulate or Embassy. For more information: <https://um.fi/frontpage> – in English – Services – Foreign nationals arriving in Finland: <https://migri.fi/en/working-in-finland>

France

Association Nationale Francaise des Ergotherapeutes (ANFE)

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in France:

16,000

In France, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Ergotherapeute

Main Language(s) spoken in France:

French

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — There are two different processes depending if the degree was obtained in an country from the EU/EAA or not.

In French: <https://anfe.fr/exercer-en-france-ou-a-letranger/>

In English: <https://anfe.fr/en/practicing-in-france-or-abroad/>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — Occupational Therapists need to register in the "Repertoire ADELI" of the region where they wish to work once the authorisation from the DREETS is obtained. <https://esante.gouv.fr/securite/annuaire-sante/rpps-adelj>

It is compulsory to join the Association Nationale Francaise des Ergotherapeutes (ANFE) in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes — Yes, for people from European Union. No, for the others but all need to have an official registration

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

French

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

https://anfe.fr/emploi_consulter/

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/coming-to-france/requesting-a-visa/>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in France:

No

Publications

FJOT - French Journal of Occupational Therapy

The French Journal of Occupational Therapy (FJOT) is a peer-reviewed scientific journal. It publishes articles in French or English to advance occupational therapy research, practice and education. It is published by the French National Association of Occupational Therapists (ANFE).

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: English, French

Frequency: Daily

Link: <https://fjot.anfe.fr/index.php/fjot>

ergOThérapies

The journal ergOThérapies is published by ANFE to support the development of the profession of occupational therapist in France: original scientific articles, literature reviews, articles on professional practice or opinion, experience feedback, and in the form of sections reading sheets, interviews

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: French

Frequency: Quarterly

Link: <https://anfe.fr/revue/>

Georgia

Georgian Occupational Therapists' Association

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Georgia:

57

Main Language(s) spoken in Georgia:

Georgian

Other languages commonly spoken in Georgia:

Abkhazian, Azerbaijani, Armenian

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Georgian Occupational Therapists' Association in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practising Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Georgian

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

<https://www.jobs.ge/>

<https://www.hr.ge/>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

http://psh.gov.ge/index.php?sec_id=347&lang_id=ENG

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Georgia:

No

Germany

German Association of Occupational Therapy e.V.

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Germany:

56,752

In Germany, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Ergotherapeutin / Ergotherapeut

Main Language(s) spoken in Germany:

German

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — Please find the right authority for the state (Bundesland) you want to work in: <https://www.erkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/en/index.php>

It is compulsory to join the German Association of Occupational Therapy e.V. in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

German — Proficiency in German at least on level B2 (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

In some areas of practice, a certificate of good conduct/ criminal record check is required

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — According to German statistics agency, Occupational Therapy is regarded under shortage (score 2.7 in 2023)

<https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/en/press/2024-25-qualified-specialists-urgently-required-shortages-in-183-occupations>

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

OT-publications: Journal of the German Association of Occupational Therapists, DVE "Ergotherapie & Rehabilitation", Journal "ergoscience"

OT-websites:

<https://www.dve.info/service/stellenboerse>,

<https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/en/index.php>

<http://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en>,

<https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

'Occupational Therapist (OT)' is a regulated profession. To work as a certified and state-approved occupational therapist in Germany, you need an official allowance of the responsible German federal state ("Bundesland"). You will find relevant information on the following website: www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/en/index.php.

If you would like to have more information about working and living in Germany, please take a look at the following website: <http://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/>.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Germany:

No

Publications

Ergotherapie & Rehabilitation

It covers professional practice, research, therapeutic methods, and case studies. The journal is a key resource for practitioners, educators, and researchers, offering insights into trends and evidence-based practices.

Type: Magazine

Language: German

Frequency: Monthly

Link: <https://www.skvshop.de/ergotherapie/fachzeitschriften/ergotherapie-und-rehabilitation/>

ergoscience

The scientific journal for occupational therapy is aimed at German-speaking occupational therapists and contains original research papers, second publications, reader-friendly study summaries, announcements from university degree and research groups, reports on events, a calendar of congresses.

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: German

Frequency: Quarterly

Link: <https://www.skvshop.de/ergotherapie/fachzeitschriften/ergoscience/>

Occupational Therapy Association of Ghana

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Ghana:

98

Main Language(s) spoken in Ghana:

English

Other languages commonly spoken in Ghana:

Ga, Twi, Akan, Ewe

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — <http://ahpc.gov.gh/>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — <http://ahpc.gov.gh/>

It is compulsory to join the Occupational Therapy Association of Ghana in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English, Other Regional/Local Dialects — Local Ghanaian language is an added bonus.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

To qualify to register or renew your pin, practitioners would need certain amount of CPD points.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — Although recognized as a shortage occupation, the government generally has limited financial clearance to employ every qualified occupational therapist.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Ghana Health Service Daily Graphic/ Daily Guide newspapers.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Applicants should be legally resident in the country where Ghana's Mission is sited. Applicant's passport photographs should have been taken not more than three months prior to the date of submission. Applicant should attach a copy of a return ticket or print-out of travel itinerary. An international certificate of vaccination for Yellow Fever Applicant's passport must have validity of at least six (6) months.

For further information, visit <https://gis.gov.gh/visas/>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Ghana:

Yes

Number of occupational therapy assistants in Ghana:

90

Occupational Therapy Association of Ghana has a membership category for occupational therapy assistants:

Yes

It is compulsory to join the Occupational Therapy Association of Ghana in order to practice as an occupational therapy assistant:

No

Occupational therapy assistants require formal training in occupational therapy to work as such in Ghana:

Yes — <http://ahpc.gov.gh/>

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a federal/national organisation to practice in Ghana:

Yes — <http://ahpc.gov.gh/>

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a state/regional organisation to practice in Ghana:

Yes — <http://ahpc.gov.gh/>

Publications

Health Sciences Investigation Journal

Occupational therapists play a major role in the healthcare team in the provision of holistic care to patients. Successful healthcare depends on collaboration and understanding among health professionals and recognition of each health professional roles in a team.

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: English

Frequency: Bi-Annual

Link: <http://dx.doi.org/10.46829/hsjournal.2021.6.2.1.189-195>

Panhellenic Association of Ergotherapists

General Information

Main Language(s) spoken in Greece:

Greek

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — 1. The occupational therapist with a Degree from the Greek occupational therapy school: From the Social Welfare Department of the Prefecture of the place / city they live.

2. The occupational therapist with a degree from other European countries schools: From the Ministry of National Education and Religious Affairs: DOATAP and SAEP departments: college@minedu.gov.gr; srpq@minedu.gov.gr

Practicing Requirements

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Greek

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

1. For positions in the Public sector, from the Ministries of Health and Education:

Ministry of Health: <https://www.moh.gov.gr/articles/newspaper/proslhpseis-diorismoj>

Ministry of Education: <https://www.minedu.gov.gr/>

2. For positions in the Private sector:

The Unemployment office: <https://www.oaed.gr>

The Hellenic Association of Ergotherapists: <https://pse.org.gr/>

From classified ads in the newspapers

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

For the EU citizens, work and residence permits are not required. For the non-EU citizens residence and work permit requirements vary and details should be obtained from the Greek Embassy or Consul in the applicant's own country.

Guyana Association of Occupational Therapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Guyana:

17

Main Language(s) spoken in Guyana:

English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Contact needs to be made to the Allied Health Professions Council at the Ministry of Health.

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — Contact needs to be made to the Allied Health Professions Council at the Ministry of Health.

It is compulsory to join the Guyana Association of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

Yes

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

No ethical misconduct
BSc or higher education

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

No — Not at all levels.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Ministry of Health, Government of Guyana

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<https://www.embassyofguyana.be/index.php>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Guyana:

No

Haitian Association of Occupational Therapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Haiti:

12

In Haiti, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Ergothérapeute / Ergoterapet

Main Language(s) spoken in Haiti:

Haitian Creole, French

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Haitian Association of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Haitian Creole, French

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — There are not enough occupational therapists available in the country for the amount of Rehabilitation centres and projects that need occupational therapists. Some of the occupational therapists and students left the country because of socio-political conditions and lack of study opportunities.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Individuals from majority of other countries planning on staying longer than 3 months should obtain a Permis de Sejour (a permanent residency visa).

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Haiti:

No

Hong Kong Occupational Therapy Association

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Hong Kong SAR China:

3,334

In Hong Kong SAR China, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

職業治療, OT

Main Language(s) spoken in Hong Kong SAR China:

Cantonese, Mandarin, English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — https://www.smp-council.org.hk/ot/en/content.php?page=reg_reg

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — https://www.smp-council.org.hk/ot/en/content.php?page=reg_appreg

It is compulsory to join the Hong Kong Occupational Therapy Association in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Cantonese, English, Chinese, Mandarin — Written in English and Chinese.

Spoken in Cantonese, English and Mandarin.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

Professional indemnity insurance not a must but preferable. Big organizations will cover basic insurance for their employees. Private practitioner will have this to cover any possible cost related to their practice.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Newspaper, website of NGOs, annual central recruitment of Hospital Authority Hong Kong.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Immigration Department of Hong Kong at <https://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/>.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Hong Kong SAR China:

Yes

Hong Kong Occupational Therapy Association has a membership category for occupational therapy assistants:

No

It is compulsory to join the Hong Kong Occupational Therapy Association in order to practice as an occupational therapy assistant:

No

Occupational therapy assistants require formal training in occupational therapy to work as such in Hong Kong SAR China:

No

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a federal/national organisation to practice in Hong Kong SAR China:

No

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a state/regional organisation to practice in Hong Kong SAR China:

No

Publications

Hong Kong Journal of Occupational Therapy (HKJOT)

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: English

Frequency: Bi-Annual

Iceland

Icelandic Occupational Therapy Association

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Iceland:

420

In Iceland, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

lǫju_jálfi

Main Language(s) spoken in Iceland:

Icelandic

Other languages commonly spoken in Iceland:

English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://island.is/en/o/directorate-of-health>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes

It is compulsory to join the Icelandic Occupational Therapy Association in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Icelandic

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

On IOTA's website announcements are listed in Icelandic. <https://www.ii.is/thjonusta/laus-storf/> and on IOTA's Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/idjuthjalfafelag>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<https://island.is/s/utlendingastofnun>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Iceland:

Yes

Icelandic Occupational Therapy Association has a membership category for occupational therapy assistants:

No

It is compulsory to join the Icelandic Occupational Therapy Association in order to practice as an occupational therapy assistant:

No

Occupational therapy assistants require formal training in occupational therapy to work as such in Iceland:

No

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a federal/national organisation to practice in Iceland:

No

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a state/regional organisation to practice in Iceland:

No

Publications

Iðju_jálfinn - fagblað iðju_jálfa

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: Icelandic

Frequency: Annual

Link: <https://www.ii.is/idjuthjalfun/idjuthjalfinn/>

India

All India Occupational Therapists Association

General Information

Main Language(s) spoken in India:

Hindi, English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Members of AIOTA need to Register with Academic Council of Occupational Therapy of AIOTA to practice anywhere in India. But it is not mandatory for qualified occupational therapists to become members of AIOTA.

Enactment for National Council of Occupational Therapy is in final shape.

AIOTA website: www.aiota.org

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — 1. Maharashtra State Council for Occupational Therapy & Physiotherapy

www.msotptcouncil.org

Address: DMER Office, 4th floor, St. George Hospital, Mumbai

Tel No: 022-22620408

2. The Delhi Council for Physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy dcptotcouncil@yahoo.com

Address: 1st floor, Govt. of NCT Dispensary, Ber Sarai, New, Delhi 110016

Tel Nos: 011-26517159, 011-26536981

3. Chhattisgarh Council for Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy

<http://www.bareactslive.com/Ch/cg259.htm>

4. Odisha State Council for Physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy

<http://dmetodisha.gov.in/Physiotherapy.htm>

Address: Directorate of Medical Education & Training, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

- Every Internationally Graduated Occupational Therapist, only from programmes that meet/met the WFOT Education Standards, requesting to practice anywhere in India must complete the following process for IOTR (Indian Occupational Therapy Registration) issued by Academic Council of Occupational Therapy (ACOT) & Membership of All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA)
 1. Minimum of University Bachelor Degree from a programme that meet/met the WFOT Education Standards

2. Reviewing of academic credentials (RAC): Screening & Assessment of occupational therapy Graduation Documents to determine whether the education & competencies are substantially equivalent to those of occupational therapy graduation in India
3. IOTRE (Indian Occupational Therapy Registration Examination): Once the requirements of RAC are met, the person has to appear and qualify IOTRE
4. Clinical Experience: It is mandatory to have minimum 2-3 months experience of clinical practice under supervision of a member of AIOTA in India)
5. Language: It is emphatically advised to learn Hindi and/or regional local language where Hindi language is not much used to converse. IOTR (Indian Occupational Therapy Registration) & Membership of AIOTA (All India Occupational Therapist's Association) will be issued to an occupational therapy Graduate after fulfilling the above specified requirements (1-4) to practice Occupational Therapy in India.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Hindi, English, Other Regional/Local Dialects — Hindi, English and regional language of the State where he/she opts to practice.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Newspapers, AIOTA Website, Social Networking sites, Advertisements from Institutions on their websites etc.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

In accordance to national policy.

Indonesia

Indonesian Occupational Therapists Association

General Information

Main Language(s) spoken in Indonesia:

Indonesian

Other languages commonly spoken in Indonesia:

Javanese

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes

It is compulsory to join the Indonesian Occupational Therapists Association in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

Yes

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English, Bahasa

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Ministry of Health and Ministry of Labour

Iran

Iranian Occupational Therapy Association

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Iran:

4,000

In Iran, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Kar Darmni

Main Language(s) spoken in Iran:

Persian

Other languages commonly spoken in Iran:

Arabic, Turkish, Kurdish, Turkmen

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes

It is compulsory to join the Iranian Occupational Therapy Association in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Persian

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Ministry of Health website, Welfare Organization website.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Iran:

No

Association of Occupational Therapists of Ireland

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Ireland:

3,690

Main Language(s) spoken in Ireland:

Irish, English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — The registration body, CORU, is contactable at <http://www.coru.ie/>

CORU, Joyce House, 8-11 Lombard Street, Dublin 2, D02 Y729 Telephone: 01 2933160, Fax: 01 2933170

Email: registration@coru.ie

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Association of Occupational Therapists of Ireland in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No — Occupational therapists must have attained their qualifications from an educational programme that has been accredited by CORU (The Health and Social Care Regulator). Graduates from outside Ireland or those returning to practice must seek recognition of their qualifications from CORU before being eligible to practice. Applicants must satisfy CORU that they are eligible to practice occupational therapy in the country where they received their qualification and that their educational programme meets all the Standards of Proficiency required by the programmes that meet/met WFOT Education Standards in Ireland www.coru.ie.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English — Occupational Therapists who hold approved qualifications (graduates, those who have been practising abroad or those returning to the profession) must satisfy the Registration Board (CORU) that they have sufficient knowledge of the English language necessary to practice the profession in Ireland.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

All occupational therapists must satisfy CORU that they are a fit and proper person to engage in the practice of the profession so must undergo a vetting process.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — Yes, according to the Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment, Occupational Therapists are on the Critical Skills Occupations List in Ireland. This list includes all employments where there is a recognised shortage (correct as of December 2023).

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

www.careersinhealthcare.ie www.hse.ie www.healthcarejobs.ie

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Please refer to the Citizens Information website at www.citizeninformation.ie/en/moving_to_ireland for information on visa requirements. For information on Employment Permits, please refer to the website of Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation at www.djei.ie.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Ireland:

Yes

Association of Occupational Therapists of Ireland has a membership category for occupational therapy assistants:

Yes

It is compulsory to join the Association of Occupational Therapists of Ireland in order to practice as an occupational therapy assistant:

No

Occupational therapy assistants require formal training in occupational therapy to work as such in Ireland:

No — Formal training is strongly recommended to attain employment as an occupational therapy assistant in Ireland.

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a federal/national organisation to practice in Ireland:

No

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a state/regional organisation to practice in Ireland:

No

Publications

Irish Journal of Occupational Therapy

Irish Journal of Occupational Therapy is the official peer reviewed journal of the Association of Occupational Therapists of Ireland. IJOT publishes quality articles, on a biannual basis, that further debate and evidence-based practice within occupational therapy, both in Ireland and worldwide.

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: English

Frequency: Bi-Annual

Israeli Union of Occupational Therapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Israel:

8,500

Main Language(s) spoken in Israel:

Hebrew, Arabic

Other languages commonly spoken in Israel:

English, Russian, Amharic

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Ministry of health health profession department: <https://practitioners.health.gov.il>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No — In Israel, occupational therapy graduates are obligated to take the national government licence test and pass it to be able to get the license and practice in the occupational therapy profession.

It is compulsory to join the Israeli Union of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Graduation from a WFOT approved programme is required to register to practice:

Yes — Graduates from occupational therapy programmes overseas are also required to obtain the licence.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Hebrew — The national and most spoken language is Hebrew.

In the Arab villages occupational therapists practice in Arabic so there is a language adaptive approach.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

Continuing education

Insurance in private facilities

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

No — In the long run it is expected to be due to reduced rate in academic registration in the last years and professional shifting carriers.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

<http://www.health.gov.il>

http://www.clalit.co.il/HE-IL/clalit_jobs

Facebook related groups

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<https://www.gov.il/he/pages/licensing-medical-occupational-therapy>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Israel:

No

Italy

Italian Association of Occupational Therapy (A.I.T.O.)

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Italy:

2,600

Main Language(s) spoken in Italy:

Italian

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Ministry of Health. It has to be recognised the foreign degree, there are two different processes depending if your degree was obtained in Europe or out of Europe. Here is the link for the papers and documents required and the Ministry of Health explanation

European degree:

http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/ministro/p4_8_0.jsp?lingua=italiano&label=servizionline&idMat=PROFS&idAmb=RTEC&idSrv=SB9&flag=P

Non-European degree:

http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/ministro/p4_8_0.jsp?lingua=italiano&label=servizionline&idMat=PROFS&idAmb=RTENC&idSrv=D2.11&flag=P

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — In Italy, to practice and work as an occupational therapist, it is now mandatory to register with the "Federazione nazionale Ordini dei Tecnici sanitari di radiologia medica, delle professioni sanitarie tecniche, della riabilitazione e della prevenzione (FNO TSRM PSTRP)".

They can be contacted at: federazione@tsrm.org and federazione@pec.tsrm.org.

It is compulsory to join the Italian Association of Occupational Therapy (A.I.T.O.) in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Italian — Italian is compulsory, and German mother tongue in a little part of Trentino Alto Adige territory.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — Occupational therapy is one of the eight recognized healthcare professions in the field of rehabilitation. Among these are professional health educators, psychiatric rehabilitation therapists, and developmental neuro-psychomotor therapists. The role of the occupational therapist overlaps with other professionals. In Italy, occupational therapists are few due to the limited number of degree programs and overlapping roles. Compared to physiotherapists, the ratio is 1:34.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Facebook (AITO), albalauris, AITO website (only for members), Gazzetta Ufficiale –Concorsi.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<http://www.poliziadistato.it/articolo/1076-stranieri/>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Italy:

No

Occupational Therapy Association of Jamaica

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Jamaica:

8

Main Language(s) spoken in Jamaica:

English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — All Occupational Therapists must be registered with The Council for Professions Supplementary to Medicine.

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Occupational Therapy Association of Jamaica in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Japanese Association of Occupational Therapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Japan:

118,471

Main Language(s) spoken in Japan:

Japanese

Other languages commonly spoken in Japan:

Japanese

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — For further information, please inquire of the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (MHLW):

<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/index.html>

Medical Professions Division of Health Policy Bureau is in charge of occupational therapy license and registration procedures.

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Japanese Association of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Japanese

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Public Employment Security Office (managed by MHLW): https://jsite.mhlw.go.jp/hyogo-roudoukyoku/riyousha_mokuteki_menu/english/info_hellowork.html,
<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/000673003.pdf>

Websites of some prefectural associations of occupational therapists

Recruitment agencies' websites and some major companies are as follows:

Recruit Holdings: <https://recruit-holdings.com/en/>

Persol Group: <https://www.persol-group.co.jp/en/index.html>

Mynavi Corporation: <https://www.mynavi.jp/eng/company/>

PT-OT-ST.Net: <https://www.pt-ot-st.net/>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Immigration Service Agency, <https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/applications/status/qaq5.html>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Japan:

No

Publications

Asian Journal of Occupational Therapy

AsJOT provides opportunities for researchers from Asia and other regions/countries to publish their influential research articles and reviews covering occupational therapy and its fundamental academic disciplines relevant to occupational therapy.

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: English

Frequency: Other

Link: <https://www.jaot.or.jp/asjot/>

Jordanian Society for Occupational Therapy

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Jordan:

1,500

Main Language(s) spoken in Jordan:

Arabic

Other languages commonly spoken in Jordan:

English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Recently a licensure to practice occupational therapy was approved by the Jordanian Government. Occupational Therapists currently need to register at the Jordanian Society for Occupational Therapy (JSOT) and get their licensure through our Ministry of Health. <http://www.jsot-jo.org/>.

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes

It is compulsory to join the Jordanian Society for Occupational Therapy in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

Yes

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Arabic, English

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

No

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

<https://www.jsot-jo.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Jordanian-Society-For-Occupational-Therapy-JSOT/195531410473047?ref=bookmarks>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<https://international.visitjordan.com/>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Jordan:

No

Kazakhstan Ergotherapy Association

General Information

In Kazakhstan, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Ergotherapist

Main Language(s) spoken in Kazakhstan:

Kazakh, Russian

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Yes, if working for government health care organisation. Registration is almost impossible at the moment because the government doesn't recognise occupational therapy.

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — Yes, if working for government health care organisation. Registration is almost impossible at the moment because the government doesn't recognise occupational therapy.

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Russian, Kazakh, English — English possible using translators into the local language.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Please be in contact with the Association about opportunities.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

For official work activities a (work) visa is required, including registration at the local police immigration office. Application for residency is available for certain parts of the country. Visa free rule for many countries, up to 30 days. For updated visa information, check the MFA website: <http://mfa.gov.kz/en/visa/index> Note: visa laws are being reviewed twice a year – important to check updated information regularly!

Kenya

Kenya Occupational Therapists Association

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Kenya:

200

Main Language(s) spoken in Kenya:

Swahili, English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — The Kenya Occupational Therapists Association <http://www.kotakenya.org/>.

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — The Kenya Occupational Therapists Association <http://www.kotakenya.org/>.

It is compulsory to join the Kenya Occupational Therapists Association in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Kenya Occupational Therapists Website: <http://www.kotakenya.org/>.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Kenya Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Ministry of Immigration

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Kenya:

No

Kosovo

Instituti Kosovar i Ergoterapise / Kosovo Institute of Ergotherapy

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Kosovo:

130

In Kosovo, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

English: Ergotherapist Albanian: Ergoterapeut

Main Language(s) spoken in Kosovo:

Albanian

Other languages commonly spoken in Kosovo:

Turkish, English, Serbian

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes An Occupational Therapist/Ergotherapist should be registered in The Kosova Chamber of Nurses and Other Health Professions, to be licensed and start practicing.

Address: Holger Petersen, Prishtinë 10000

<https://www.oik-ks.org/>

It is compulsory to join the Instituti Kosovar i Ergoterapise / Kosovo Institute of Ergotherapy in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

Yes

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Albanian

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Occupational Therapists/Ergotherapists that want to be employed in Kosovo, can contact our Institute for more information about employment through our email: info.inket@gmail.com.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

For most of the countries there are no visa requirements, however if an Occupational Therapist/ Ergotherapist wants to start working/practicing in Kosovo they must contact the Ministry of Internal Affairs for further information, which documents they need, and for how long they'll be working in Kosovo.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Kosovo:

No

Kuwaiti Occupational Therapy Association

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Kuwait:

230

In Kuwait, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

No

Main Language(s) spoken in Kuwait:

Arabic

Other languages commonly spoken in Kuwait:

English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes

It is compulsory to join the Kuwaiti Occupational Therapy Association in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Arabic, English

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Ministry of Health

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

NA

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Kuwait:

No

Latvia

Latvian Association of Occupational Therapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Latvia:

256

In Latvia, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Ergoterapeits

Main Language(s) spoken in Latvia:

Latvian

Other languages commonly spoken in Latvia:

English, Russian

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — <http://vi.gov.lv/en>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Latvian Association of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes — A Bachelor / Diploma from a programme accredited by the National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency is required.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Latvian

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

<http://ergoterapija.lv/>

<https://cvvp.nva.gov.lv/#/pub/>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<http://www.pmlp.gov.lv/en>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Latvia:

Yes

Number of occupational therapy assistants in Latvia:

1

Latvian Association of Occupational Therapists has a membership category for occupational therapy assistants:

No

It is compulsory to join the Latvian Association of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapy assistant:

No

Occupational therapy assistants require formal training in occupational therapy to work as such in Latvia:

No

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a federal/national organisation to practice in Latvia:

Yes

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a state/regional organisation to practice in Latvia:

No

Lebanon

Lebanese Occupational Therapists Syndicate

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Lebanon:

250

In Lebanon, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Occupational therapist or ergotherapist

Main Language(s) spoken in Lebanon:

Arabic

Other languages commonly spoken in Lebanon:

French

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://www.moph.gov.lb>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — Must register with the Ministry of Health

It is compulsory to join the Lebanese Occupational Therapists Syndicate in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes — Must be graduates of either Lebanese University or Saint Joseph University

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Arabic, French — English is a plus

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

Registered with the Ministry of Health

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

No — Unfortunately, many occupational therapy positions are often given to psychomotor therapists.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Through the national association what's app group or via email and recruiting agencies.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<https://www.general-security.gov.lb/en/posts/38>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Lebanon:

No

Lithuania

Lithuanian Association of Occupational Therapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Lithuania:

900

In Lithuania, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Ergoterapeutas

Main Language(s) spoken in Lithuania:

Lithuanian

Other languages commonly spoken in Lithuania:

Lithuanian, Ukrainian

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://licencijavimas.vaspvt.gov.lt/license/publicspecialistindex>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://licencijavimas.vaspvt.gov.lt/license/publicspecialistindex>

It is compulsory to join the Lithuanian Association of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Lithuanian

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

No

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

<https://sam.lrv.lt/lt/karjeros-galimybes-1/darbo-pasiulymai-sveikatos-prieziuros-specialistams-nauja/>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<https://sam.lrv.lt/lt/karjeros-galimybes-1/darbo-pasiulymai-sveikatos-prieziuros-specialistams-nauja/>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Lithuania:

No

Luxembourg

Association Luxembourgeoise des Ergothérapeutes Diplômés (ALED)

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Luxembourg:

330

In Luxembourg, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Ergotherapeut

Main Language(s) spoken in Luxembourg:

Luxembourgish, French, German

Other languages commonly spoken in Luxembourg:

English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No — <https://men.public.lu/fr.html> <https://santesecu.public.lu/fr.html>

Every practising occupational therapist must first apply for a licence to practise the profession. But you do not have to register with an organisation.

It is compulsory to join the Association Luxembourgeoise des Ergothérapeutes Diplômés (ALED) in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes — Schools for occupational therapy: <https://mengstudien.public.lu/en/etudes-metiers/medecine-professions-sante/ergotherapeute.html>

<https://guichet.public.lu/en/citoyens/famille-education/enseignement-secondaire/jeune-recemment-arrive-pays/reconnaissance-etudes/reconnaissance-equivalence-diplome.html>

After successfully completing your degree in occupational therapy, you must first apply for homologation of your diploma (for all diplomas that were not issued in Luxembourg). Only then can the authorisation to practice can be requested (Autorisation d'exercer).

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Luxemburgish, German, French, English — It varies depending on the workplace. French is often used to get by in everyday life. Basically, German/English/Luxembourgish and French are important. Often 2-3 languages are required.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

1. Application for recognition of equivalence of professional qualifications:

<https://guichet.public.lu/en/citoyens/famille-education/enseignement-secondaire/jeune-recemment-arrive-pays/reconnaissance-etudes/reconnaissance-equivalence-diplome.html>

2. Authorisation to practice: <https://m3s.gouvernement.lu/en/services-en-ligne/services-en-ligne-sante/autorisation-exercer.html>

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

No

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

<https://www.jobs.lu>

<https://www.jobfinder.lu/de/jobs>

<https://mediation.lu>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<http://www.guichet.public.lu>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Luxembourg:

No

Macau Occupational Therapists Association

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Macau SAR China:

160

Main Language(s) spoken in Macau SAR China:

Chinese

Other languages commonly spoken in Macau SAR China:

English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://www.cps.gov.mo>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://www.cps.gov.mo>

It is compulsory to join the Macau Occupational Therapists Association in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practising Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes — <https://www.cps.gov.mo>

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Cantonese, English — Portuguese or English may required.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

No

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Newspaper, website of NGOs

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Macau Public Security Force – Immigration Service <http://www.fsm.gov.mo/psp/eng/main.html>

Human Resources Office [http://www.grh.gov.mo/.](http://www.grh.gov.mo/)

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Macau SAR China:

No

Madagascar

Association Malgache Pour L'Ergotherapie (AMET)

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Madagascar:

92

In Madagascar, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Ergothérapeute

Main Language(s) spoken in Madagascar:

Malagasy, French

Other languages commonly spoken in Madagascar:

English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Association Malgache Pour L'Ergotherapie (AMET) in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Malagasy, French — Malagasy is the National language

French is the second language

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

None

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — In Madagascar, occupational therapy is officially recognized within the healthcare system, and training is provided by the University of Antananarivo through the Faculty of Medicine. However, despite this formal recognition, there is a significant shortage of occupational therapists in the country. The number of qualified professionals remains very low compared to the needs of the population, especially in rural areas where access to rehabilitation services is extremely limited. Health facilities that include occupational therapy services are still scarce.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

<https://growingthenationstherapyprogrammes.site/>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Any foreign national coming to work in Madagascar requires a letter of employment / letter of volunteering. This is to be submitted in the home-country, together with proof of identification of the employing company. If coming over for less than 3 months, one can immediately apply for a courtesy visa, which will be granted by the embassy in the home-country.

<https://www.diplomatie.gov.mg/index.php/le-ministere/passeport-et-visa/visa/29-visas-immigrant>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Madagascar:

No

Occupational Therapy Association of Malawi

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Malawi:

15

Main Language(s) spoken in Malawi:

English, Chichewa

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Medical Council of Malawi (MCM)

Occupational Therapy Association of Malawi (OTAM)

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Occupational Therapy Association of Malawi in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

Yes

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No — OTAM is working with Medical Council of Malawi to ensure that only graduates of programmes that meet/met the WFOT Education Standards can register with them as occupational therapists.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English, Chichewa — Though most people can communicate in English, most hospitals have patients who do not speak English, so it is preferable for occupational therapists to be able to speak Chichewa.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

Professional Indemnity Insurance is preferable

Vaccinations - Yellow fever, Hepatitis B, BCG, Polio, Diptheria, Tetanus

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — Malawi has a population of 20 million people and there are only 15 qualified occupational therapists in the country.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

OTARG website: <https://www.otarg.org/>

OTAM website: <https://otamalawi.wordpress.com/>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<https://www.immigration.gov.mw/visa/>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Malawi:

Yes

Number of occupational therapy assistants in Malawi:

60

Occupational Therapy Association of Malawi has a membership category for occupational therapy assistants:

Yes

It is compulsory to join the Occupational Therapy Association of Malawi in order to practice as an occupational therapy assistant:

No

Occupational therapy assistants require formal training in occupational therapy to work as such in Malawi:

Yes — Malawi against physical disability (Kachere Rehabilitation)

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a federal/national organisation to practice in Malawi:

Yes — Medical Council of Malawi

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a state/regional organisation to practice in Malawi:

No

Malaysia

Malaysian Occupational Therapy Association

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Malaysia:

2,736

Main Language(s) spoken in Malaysia:

Malay, English

Other languages commonly spoken in Malaysia:

Mandarin, Tamil

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://hg.moh.gov.my/alliedhealth/index.php/ms/site-mahpc/info-mahpc>
https://mhps.moh.gov.my/mhps/index.php/auth/register_user

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Malaysian Occupational Therapy Association in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No — Preferred

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English, Malay

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

<https://ot-malaysia.my/>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<https://www.imi.gov.my/index.php/en/home/>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Malaysia:

No

Malta Association of Occupational Therapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Malta:

130

In Malta, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Occupational Therapists

Main Language(s) spoken in Malta:

Maltese, English

Other languages commonly spoken in Malta:

Italian

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — Council for the Professional Supplementary to Medicine

<https://deputyprimeminister.gov.mt/>

It is compulsory to join the Malta Association of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Maltese, English — Occupational therapists coming to work in Malta from a foreign country need to be English speaking, and need to show proof of learning the Maltese language within 1 year of employment, when applying for work within the public sector.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

Professional liability insurance is required for private practice.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — There is shortage of occupational therapists in all areas within the public sector - physical rehabilitation, mental health rehabilitation, paediatric practise, acute care practice etc.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

<https://www.gov.mt/en/Government/DOL/Government%20Gazette/Employment%20Opportunities/Pages/default.aspx>

Jobsplus Malta - <https://jobsplus.gov.mt/>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<https://identitymalta.com/>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Malta:

Yes

Number of occupational therapy assistants in Malta:

30

Malta Association of Occupational Therapists has a membership category for occupational therapy assistants:

Yes

It is compulsory to join the Malta Association of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapy assistant:

No

Occupational therapy assistants require formal training in occupational therapy to work as such in Malta:

Yes — Health Sciences Course (Level 4) - offered by MCAST - <https://mcast.edu.mt/>

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a federal/national organisation to practice in Malta:

No

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a state/regional organisation to practice in Malta:

No

Occupational Therapists' Association of Mauritius

General Information

In Mauritius, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Ergotherapeute

Main Language(s) spoken in Mauritius:

English, French

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English, French — or local language

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Local NGO's websites, newspapers, social media networking sites.

Mexico

Asociacion de Profesionales en Terapia Ocupacional AC

General Information

Main Language(s) spoken in Mexico:

Spanish

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Directorate General of Professions Registro Nacional de Profesionistas, administrada por la Dirección General de Profesiones (DGP), adscrita a la Subsecretaría de Educación Superior (SES)

http://www.sep.gob.mx/wb/sep1/sep1_Registro_de_Titulo_y_Ex_cedula#.VZNb1FxViko

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Asociacion de Profesionales en Terapia Ocupacional AC in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Spanish

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

<https://www.facebook.com/APTOMX/> http://apto.org.mx/Bolsa_de_Trabajo.html

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

http://www.inm.gob.mx/index.php/page/Paises_Visa

http://www.inm.gob.mx/index.php/page/Solicitud_de_Estancia

<https://www.gob.mx/tramites/ficha/visa-por-oferta-de-empleo/INM73>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Mexico:

No

Occupational Therapy Association of Moldova

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Moldova:

100

In Moldova, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Psychopedagog, Kinetotherapist

Main Language(s) spoken in Moldova:

Romanian, Russian

Other languages commonly spoken in Moldova:

English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No — Ongoing efforts are in place to develop national regulations and promote compliance with standards of practice.

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Occupational Therapy Association of Moldova in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No — Students with a psychopedagog degree from Ion Creangă State Pedagogical University and students graduating with a combined physical therapy and occupational therapy degree from the State University of Physical Education and Sport may practice as an Occupational Therapist. Ongoing efforts are in place to develop an Occupational Therapy program at Nicolae Testemițanu State University of Medicine and Pharmacy.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Romanian — Romanian is the official language of the Republic of Moldova.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

At this time, there are no governing agencies, continuing education requirement, liability insurance, national examination, or membership to any organizations required to practice as an Occupational Therapist.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — Occupational Therapists in Moldova mostly practice in the paediatric outpatient setting. Efforts are being made to create positions for Occupational Therapists in inpatient hospital settings and with various adult populations.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

1. The Tony Hawks Center offers outpatient paediatric occupational therapy services in the capital of Chisinau. This clinic offers a longstanding relationship with the community and has been influential in developing Occupational Therapy throughout Moldova. <https://tonyhawkscentru.md/index.php/en/home/>
2. Meraki Therapy offers outpatient paediatric occupational therapy services in the capital of Chisinau. They are dedicated to helping individuals build the skills they need for everyday life, independence, and overall well-being. https://www.instagram.com/meraki__therapy/reels/

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Foreigners can enter Moldova for up to 90 days within a 180-day period without a visa if they are citizens of allowed countries (including EU, USA, UK, Canada), typically requiring a valid passport. For stays longer than 90 days, for work, study, or family reunification, you must apply for a provisional or permanent residence permit through the Inspectoratul General pentru Migrație.

<https://mfa.gov.md/en/content/types-visas-requirements>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Moldova:

No

Mongolian Occupational Therapy Association

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Mongolia:

58

In Mongolia, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

The term "occupational therapist" is called "хөдөлмөр засалч" (khudulmor zasalch) in Mongolia.

Main Language(s) spoken in Mongolia:

Mongolian

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Occupational therapists must be registered with the Health Development Centre of Mongolia, and must pass the Professional Licensing Examination, in order to practice in Mongolia. <https://hr.hdc.gov.mn/>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Mongolian Occupational Therapy Association in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

Yes

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Mongolian

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

A bachelor's or master's degree in Occupational Therapy from a program accredited by the Mongolian National Council for Education Accreditation (MNCEA) is required. Registered occupational therapists must fulfil ongoing Continuing Professional Development requirements, involving a minimum of 3 credits of professional development activities annually.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — “Occupational therapists with bachelor’s degrees have only been working in Mongolia since 2018, so there is a severe shortage of occupational therapists. In 2021, Order No. A/749 MoH approved the “Direction and Plan for the Development of Rehabilitation Services requiring healthcare institutions to implement evidence-based, team-based rehabilitation practices. This directive ensures that hospitals with rehabilitation departments employ occupational therapists, which increased job opportunities and raised the profession’s profile.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

To work as an occupational therapist in Mongolia, you must be registered with the Health Development Centre of Mongolia and must pass the Professional Licensing Examination. Successful applicants must apply for C8 visa permission via <https://immigration.gov.mn/en/vizijn-zvshrl/tr-iregch/hudulmur/c8/>.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Mongolia:

No

Publications

Mongolian Occupational Therapy Journal

The journal aims to disseminate research and service evidence that informs, influences, and shapes occupational therapy policies, systems, and practices across Mongolia. It is published in Mongolian language.

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Frequency: Annual

Хөдөлмөр заслыг хүн бүрд

The magazine aims to provide and support citizens and the public with professional advice, news, new products, and technological information written by occupational therapists, teachers, researchers, and students working in the health and education sectors. It is published in Mongolian language.

Type: Magazine

Frequency: Annual

Namibian Association of Occupational Therapists

General Information

Main Language(s) spoken in Namibia:

English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Allied Health Professions Council of Namibia (AHCNA)

<https://hpcna.com/>

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Facebook: Namibian Occupational Therapists

NAOT Website: <https://naotnam.org/>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration in Namibia

<https://mha.gov.na/>

Nepal

Association of Nepal Occupational Therapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Nepal:

8

In Nepal, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

No

Main Language(s) spoken in Nepal:

Nepali

Other languages commonly spoken in Nepal:

Maithili, Bhojpuri

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Occupational therapists must be registered with the Nepal Health Professional Council and meet the Board's registration standards, in order to practice as registered therapist in Nepal.

<https://webapp.nhpc.org.np>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Association of Nepal Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes — It is preferred to have graduated from a program that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards but it is not a requirement.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Nepali — We have 122 major languages however Nepali is spoken by 78% of the population either as first or second language and has official language status, depending upon which part of Nepal you are going to work ,it is better to consult with the organization you wish to come to.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

No

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — Nepal has a shortage of occupational therapists driven by several key factors:

Nepal doesn't have its own Occupational Therapy Program.

The increasing population of children diagnosed with autism, Down Syndrome, Cerebral palsy and other disabilities account to the need of more occupational therapy practitioners.

The number of graduates isn't keeping pace with demand, leading to shortages and we are unable to retain the graduate therapists who come back from their studies abroad.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Since we have a very limited number of occupational therapists it rarely happens that job postings occur.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

To work as an occupational therapist in Nepal you have to apply to the Nepal Health Professional Council for registration. Working Visa is issued by the Department of Immigration (Non Tourist Visa section) only upon the recommendation from the line agency (concerned Ministry of Government of Nepal), Labour Permit from the Department of Labour and Work Agreement (excluding few exceptions) from the Ministry of Home Affairs. Applicants should go through various Government agencies and finally apply at the Department of Immigration for the Visa.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Nepal:

Yes

Number of occupational therapy assistants in Nepal:

6

Association of Nepal Occupational Therapists has a membership category for occupational therapy assistants:

Yes

It is compulsory to join the Association of Nepal Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapy assistant:

No

Occupational therapy assistants require formal training in occupational therapy to work as such in Nepal:

No — We already have very scarce manpower; our Occupational Therapy Assistants are generally either someone who has 3 months PRT (physical rehabilitation training) or someone who has done a one year Rehabilitation Training Assistant program.

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a federal/national organisation to practice in Nepal:

No

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a state/regional organisation to practice in Nepal:

No

Netherlands

Ergotherapie Nederland

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Netherlands:

6,400

In Netherlands, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Ergotherapeut

Main Language(s) spoken in Netherlands:

Dutch

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No — <https://ergotherapie.nl/working-in-the-netherlands-2507-2/>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — [BIG-register](#) BIG-information service: 0900 – 89 98 225 (€ 0,10 per minute) International: 00 31 70 340 66 00 Office hours: 08.30 to 17.00hrs E-mail: info@bigregister.nl Twitter: Ask your question via @BIGregister or Twitter.

It is compulsory to join the Ergotherapie Nederland in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes — It is required is to graduate at an Univeristy of applied science in Occupational Therapy, a 4 years education programme.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Dutch (Flemish) — Since many articles and books we use are written in English, this is more or less also a required language

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

Especially for occupational therapists working in a private practise, it is obliged to prove, every five years that you have attended courses, have been working as an occupational therapist and have done other tasks to contribute to occupational therapy. Only when you have earned enough points you can be/ stay a registred

occupational therapist see the following website for more information:
<https://www.kwaliteitsregisterparamedici.nl/>

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — The need for occupational therapy is growing and we have many job opportunities. Few students choose to study occupational therapy.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

The central sites are: [Vacaturebank Ergotherapie](#) [Ergobaan.nl](#)

There are also many agencies to be found via the internet advertising vacancies.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Permission to work in the Netherlands: If you do not hold the nationality of one of the European Union member states, you will require a Residency Permit ('Verblijfsvergunning').

BSN Number: An employer will ask for a BSN number (Burger Service Number); a central tax number. This is obtained by contacting one of the many Tax offices.

To work in the Netherlands a Visa verblijfsvergunning is obtained as well as a Certificate of good conduct (Verklaring Omtrent Gedrag); that shows that you have no criminal convictions or behavior that would present a risk to your work as an occupational therapist.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Netherlands:

No

New Zealand

Occupational Therapy New Zealand / Whakaora Ngangahau Aotearoa

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in New Zealand:

3,100

Main Language(s) spoken in New Zealand:

English, Māori

Other languages commonly spoken in New Zealand:

New Zealand Sign Language

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://www.otboard.org.nz/>
<https://www.otboard.org.nz/immigrant/>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Occupational Therapy New Zealand / Whakaora Ngangahau Aotearoa in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No — There are only two Occupational Therapy Schools in New Zealand. Both of these schools meet the WFOT Education Standards and so all Occupational Therapists graduate from programmes that meet the WFOT Education Standards, because there are no programmes that do not meet the WFOT Education Standards.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English — If an overseas Occupational Therapist from a non-English speaking country wishes to register in NZ, they will be required to take an English test (IELTS).

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

The Occupational Therapy Board of New Zealand requires overseas practitioners to complete an Assessment of competence. Occupational Therapists in New Zealand are required to demonstrate their ability to meet Competencies for Registration and Continuing Practice.

This consists of:

- Completing the Compliance with Te Tiriti o Waitangi requirements in Ngā Paerewa Health and Disability Services Standard NZS8134: 2021- online course.
- Supplying a copy of your current curriculum vitae/resume detailing your work history.
- A written assessment to demonstrate your understanding of the competencies. Information about the desktop assessment is available here. This is completed from within your applicant portal following your initial application.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — Occupational Therapy is on the Green List in New Zealand, specifically in Tier 1, according to Te Whatu Ora. This means that skilled occupational therapists are eligible for a fast-tracked Straight to Residence Visa. The increasing demand for occupational therapy services in New Zealand, particularly for an aging population, is also contributing to this.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

OT Insight and the New Zealand Journal of Occupational Therapy – both OTNZ- Whakaora Ngangahau Aotearoa publications

<https://nz.seek.com/>

Google New Zealand District Health Board careers and DHB career websites will be listed.

Sometimes Trade Me is used to advertise jobs- <http://www.trademe.co.nz>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Sources/links to information regarding immigration/visa requirements: <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in New Zealand:

Yes

Occupational Therapy New Zealand / Whakaora Ngangahau Aotearoa has a membership category for occupational therapy assistants:

No

It is compulsory to join the Occupational Therapy New Zealand / Whakaora Ngangahau Aotearoa in order to practice as an occupational therapy assistant:

No

Occupational therapy assistants require formal training in occupational therapy to work as such in New Zealand:

No

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a federal/national organisation to practice in New Zealand:

No

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a state/regional organisation to practice in New Zealand:

No

Publications

The New Zealand Journal of Occupational Therapy

This is a peer-reviewed publication detailing current and emerging research and evidenced based practice from Aotearoa / New Zealand

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: English

Frequency: Quarterly

OT Insight Magazine

The OT Insight magazine is used to share practice stories and experiences.

Type: Magazine

Language: English

Frequency: Quarterly

Nigeria

Occupational Therapist Association of Nigeria (OTAN)

General Information

Main Language(s) spoken in Nigeria:

English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://www.mrtb.gov.ng/>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes

It is compulsory to join the Occupational Therapist Association of Nigeria (OTAN) in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

Yes

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<https://portal.immigration.gov.ng>, <https://www.nigeriaembassyusa.org> (US), <https://www.nigeriahc.org.uk> (UK)

Norway

Norwegian Association of Occupational Therapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Norway:

3,287

In Norway, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Ergoterapeut

Main Language(s) spoken in Norway:

Norwegian

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Information and application from Direktorat of Health:

<https://helsedirektoratet.no/english/authorisation-and-license-for-health-personnel>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://www.helsedirektoratet.no/tema/statistikk-registre-og-rapporter/helsedata-og-helseregistre/helsepersonellregisteret-hpr>

It is compulsory to join the Norwegian Association of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes — Usually. However, all occupational therapists educated in EU-countries are accepted due to agreements by European ministers of education and research.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Norwegian — Ability to speak Norwegian is not required by the national authorities, although in practice employers normally require speaking and /or written knowledge of Norwegian.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

Yes, there are some additional requirements for occupational therapists who wish to practice in Norway. Besides being authorized by the Norwegian Directorate of Health, it may be necessary to have professional liability

insurance, especially if operating a private practice. This ensures that both the therapist and the patients are protected in case of malpractice or accidents.

<https://info.altinn.no/en/forms-overview/The-Norwegian-Directorate-of-Health-approval-of-foreign-professional-qualifications/occupational-therapist-/>

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — Yes, there is a shortage of occupational therapists in Norway. According to Statistics Norway (SSB), this shortage is expected to increase in the future. SSB estimates that there will be a shortage of around 1,100 occupational therapists by 2040. This is due to factors such as an aging population and increased demand for occupational therapy services.

<https://ergoterapeutene.org/nyheter/ssb-forventer-enda-storre-mangel-av-ergoterapeuter-frem-mot-2040/>

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

<https://www.ergoterapeuten.no/>

<https://www.nav.no/>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Norwegian Directorate of Immigration

Telephone: +47 23 35 16 00

E-mail: ots@udi.no

Web-page: <http://www.udi.no>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Norway:

No

Publications

Ergoterapeuten

Ergoterapeuten is the professional journal published by the Norwegian Occupational Therapy Association. It is released six times a year, both in print and as an e-magazine. The journal focuses on occupational therapy-related content, organizational matters, and health and social policy.

Type: Magazine

Language: Norwegian

Frequency: Bi-Monthly

Link: www.ergoterapeuten.no

Pakistan

Pakistan Occupational Therapy Association

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Pakistan:

1,200

Main Language(s) spoken in Pakistan:

English, Urdu

Other languages commonly spoken in Pakistan:

Pushto, Panjabi, Sindhi, Baluchi

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Pakistan Occupational Therapy Association in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No — It is preferred that the therapist register to the national occupational therapy association.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Urdu, Panjabi, Sindhi, Pushto, Baluchi, English — Urdu, English and all the regional language as per circumstances.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Newspapers

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Embassies, High Commissions and Diplomatic Missions

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Pakistan:

No

Publications

Pakistan Journal of Rehabilitation

Pakistan Journal of Rehabilitation is one of the pioneer rehabilitative journals that invites manuscripts from the field of allied health professions. Its aim is to promote and disseminate scientific knowledge in the field of rehabilitation in Pakistan.

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: English

Frequency: Bi-Annual

Link: <https://pjr.zu.edu.pk/>

Peru

Asociacion Profesional de Terapeutas Ocupacionales del Peru

General Information

Main Language(s) spoken in Peru:

Spanish, Quechua, Aymara

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — National Health Ministry <http://www.minsa.gob.pe/>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — Medical Technologist Association of Peru www.ctmperu.org.pe/ Board of Occupational Therapy Peru, is the body that directs the Association of Occupational Therapists of Peru (PAOTP). We belong to the College of Medical Technologist Peru licensor exercise of the profession. You can contact the Board of PAOTP, for questions and concerns related to enrolment in Peru.

It is compulsory to join the Asociacion Profesional de Terapeutas Ocupacionales del Peru in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

Yes

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Spanish

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/aptop.peru>

Mailing list: terapiaocupacionalperu@gmail.com

Job seeker online: <http://www.computrabajo.com.pe/>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Consulate General of Peru. Migration National Superintendency of Peru <https://www.migraciones.gob.pe/>

Philippines

Philippine Academy of Occupational Therapists Inc.

General Information

Main Language(s) spoken in Philippines:

Filipino, English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Professional Regulation Commission, P. Paredes St., Sampaloc, Manila, Philippines:

<https://www.prc.gov.ph>

It is compulsory to join the Philippine Academy of Occupational Therapists Inc. in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

Yes

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English, Filipino

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<https://www.immigration.gov.ph/>

Polish Occupational Therapy Association

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Poland:

550

Main Language(s) spoken in Poland:

Polish

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — One of the most pivotal developments in Poland concerning the profession of occupational therapy is the enactment of the Act on Certain Medical Professions. Signed into law in 2023, this legislation came into force in the current year. Among the dozen or so medical professions outlined in the act, occupational therapy is included. The act establishes a Central Register of Persons Authorized to Practice Medical Professions.

https://orka.sejm.gov.pl/proc9.nsf/ustawy/3183_u.htm

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Polish Occupational Therapy Association in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Polish — Ethnically, Poland is very homogeneous.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

Obtaining BA degree in occupational therapy or completing a public or non-public post-secondary occupational therapy school with public school authorization.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — For many years occupational therapy in Poland had been associated mainly with art therapy. Moreover, for many years there was a lack of laws and regulations defining the status of occupational therapists in healthcare facilities in particular, and establishing the number of occupational therapists per patient in healthcare and social care facilities. Only now have the long-awaited changes in legislation taken place.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

There is no national job offer database for occupational therapists. Therapists look for employment at job centres or directly at facilities.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<https://www.gov.pl/web/mswia/warunki-wjazdu-i-pobytu-cudzoziemcow-w-polsce>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Poland:

Yes

Number of occupational therapy assistants in Poland:

6900

Polish Occupational Therapy Association has a membership category for occupational therapy assistants:

Yes

It is compulsory to join the Polish Occupational Therapy Association in order to practice as an occupational therapy assistant:

No

Occupational therapy assistants require formal training in occupational therapy to work as such in Poland:

Yes — https://orka.sejm.gov.pl/proc9.nsf/ustawy/3183_u.htm

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a federal/national organisation to practice in Poland:

Yes — Act on Certain Medical Professions signed into law in 2023 establishes a Central Register of Persons Authorized to Practice Medical Professions. https://orka.sejm.gov.pl/proc9.nsf/ustawy/3183_u.htm

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a state/regional organisation to practice in Poland:

No

Portugal

Associação Portuguesa de Terapeutas Ocupacionais

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Portugal:

2,880

In Portugal, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Occupational Therapist (Terapeuta Ocupacional)

Main Language(s) spoken in Portugal:

Portuguese

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://www.acss.min-saude.pt/>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Associação Portuguesa de Terapeutas Ocupacionais in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practising Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No — We have 5 schools and 4 have Educational Programmes that meet the WFOT Education Standards.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Portuguese — It is mandatory to speak Portuguese.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

To have the bachelor in one of the Portuguese schools or to have submitted the register and be approved by the Central Health Service Administration- ACSS.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — There are few occupational therapists available for the vacancies.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

<https://www.bep.gov.pt/>

<http://www.net-empregos.com/registar2.asp>

<http://expressoemprego.pt/>

<http://emprego.sapo.pt/>

<https://www.sns.gov.pt/>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<http://comoemigrar.net/>,

<http://www.dgs.pt/>,

<http://www.seg-social.pt/>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Portugal:

No

Publications

Revista Portuguesa de Terapia Ocupacional

An academic scientific journal for occupational therapy. Research and interventions related to occupations, health, rehabilitation, inclusion, education, etc. It intends to promote and disseminate knowledge related to Occupational Therapy.

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: English, Portuguese

Frequency: Bi-Annual

Link: <https://iconline.ipleiria.pt/handle/10400.8/7835>

Korean Association of Occupational Therapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Republic of Korea:

21,000

Main Language(s) spoken in Republic of Korea:

Korean

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Ministry of Health and Welfare, 13, Doum 4-ro, Sejong, (30113) Korea

<https://www.mohw.go.kr/eng/index.jsp>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes

It is compulsory to join the Korean Association of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No — To Practice as an occupational therapist in Korea, everyone must pass certification exam in Korean and pass it. Internationally-educated occupational therapists must meet National Health Personnel Licensing Examination Board (NHPLEB) eligibility requirements and undergo pre-screening based on the status of their occupational therapy education programmes. For detailed info visit :

<https://www.kuksiwon.or.kr/EngHome/index.do>

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Korean

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

No

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

<https://www.kaot.org/main/index.jsp>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Korean Consulates located in each country

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Republic of Korea:

No

Publications

Korean Journal of Occupational Therapy

The purpose of this journal is to promote the academic development of occupational therapy in Korea (Republic of) through research on various occupational therapy related domains.

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: Korean

Frequency: Quarterly

Link: <http://ksotjournal.kr/>

Romania

Professional Association of Occupational Therapists from Romania

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Romania:

130

In Romania, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Occupational Therapist

Main Language(s) spoken in Romania:

Romanian

Other languages commonly spoken in Romania:

English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No — There is no law or specific legislation for occupational therapists, so the association does not have the right to give the practicing permission. We are still working on this aspect.

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Professional Association of Occupational Therapists from Romania in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Romanian

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

The bachelor degree only, the assurance is optional.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

No — The problem is not the number of occupational therapists, but the working opportunities. Occupational therapists do not work yet in the hospital, so we are struggling with the recognition of the profession.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

www.terapieocupationala.ro Facebook: Prof Assoc of Occup Therap from RO

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (<https://www.mae.ro/en/node/2035>)

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Romania:

No

Russia

Russian Professional Association of Ergotherapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Russia:

200

In Russia, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Ergotherapist

Main Language(s) spoken in Russia:

Russian

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — Only for working in medical organisations.

It is compulsory to join the Russian Professional Association of Ergotherapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Russian

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

No

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

An occupational therapist can find a job in almost any medical and non-medical institution where his services are required:

Military hospital;

Oncological dispensary;

Rehabilitation center;

Sanatorium-preventorium;

Day hospital;

Specialized boarding school;

Specialized preschool educational institution;

The medical room is in production.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Russia:

No

Rwanda Occupational Therapy Association

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Rwanda:

48

In Rwanda, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Occupational therapist

Main Language(s) spoken in Rwanda:

Kinyarwanda, English, French

Other languages commonly spoken in Rwanda:

Swahili

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — application.rahpc@rahpc.org.rw or email: info@rahpc.org.rw

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — Email: info@migration.gov.rw | visa@migration.gov.rw | production@migration.gov.rw. This is applicable for the foreigners who should have a work permit.

It is compulsory to join the Rwanda Occupational Therapy Association in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No — It is preferred but not mandatory.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English, Kinyarwanda, French — Kinyarwanda is mostly spoken language by the citizens, both clients and Rwandan occupational therapists. English is known by the local Rwandan occupational therapists and is used for some clients who are comfortable with it for communication, while French is used by few clients.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

There are no additional requirements, just a degree in occupational therapy and license for practice are requirements, plus personal commitment.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — Occupational therapists are few in the country, only 48 are expected to serve the people in need of the services. Therefore, there is a need to employ occupational therapists in different practice areas (hospitals, rehabilitation centres, special schools, non-governmental organisations, among others).

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

In the teaching and referral hospitals, rehabilitation centres, special schools, private clinic sectors, academia, industries, among others.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

E mail: info@migration.gov.rw | visa@migration.gov.rw | production@migration.gov.rw

<https://www.migration.gov.rw/our-services/foreigners-id-cards>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Rwanda:

No

Saudi Occupational Therapy Association

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Saudi Arabia:

1,270

Main Language(s) spoken in Saudi Arabia:

Arabic

Other languages commonly spoken in Saudi Arabia:

English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Saudi Commission for Health Specialities <https://scfhs.org.sa/en>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Saudi Occupational Therapy Association in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Arabic, English — Clients speak mainly Arabic language, however the healthcare system and management is in English Language.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

King Faisal Specialist Hospital (<https://www.kfshrc.edu.sa/en/home>)

King Fahad Medical city (<https://www.kfmc.med.sa/EN/Pages/Home.aspx>)

Prince Sultan Military Medical City (<https://www.psmmc.med.sa/EN/Pages/default.aspx>)

Saudi National Guard Health Affairs and Medical City (<https://ngha.med.sa/English/Pages/default.aspx>)

Sulaiman Dr.Salman AlHabib Hospital (<https://hmq.com/en/pages/home.aspx>)

Sultan bin Abdulaziz Humanitarian City (<https://sbahc.org.sa>)

Dallah Hospital

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

This is arranged by the sponsor/employer. For further information you can check: Ministry of Foreign Affairs
<https://visa.mofa.gov.sa/>

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Visa

<https://ksavisa.sa/>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Saudi Arabia:

No

Association of Occupational Therapists of Serbia

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Serbia:

200

In Serbia, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Radni terapeut

Main Language(s) spoken in Serbia:

Serbian

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://kmszts.org.rs/>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — The regional organisation is part of federal organisation so when we enter the federal organisation we are then divided to regional regarding the address of living or work place.

It is compulsory to join the Association of Occupational Therapists of Serbia in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Serbian — The only specific situation about this is that we use both cyrilic and latin letters to write. Cyrilic is official but latin is wide-spread as well.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

No

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Since occupational therapists are a medical profession in our country, the Ministry of Health website for job opportunities is the only relevant structure when someone wants to be informed about new positions.

Immigration**Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:**

<https://www.mfa.gov.rs/en/citizens/travel-serbia/visa-requirements>

Occupational Therapy Assistants**Occupational therapy assistants exist in Serbia:**

No

Seychelles

Seychelles Occupational Therapy Association

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Seychelles:

3

Main Language(s) spoken in Seychelles:

Seychellois Creole, English, French

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Register with Health Professional Council - chairpersonhpc@health.gov.sc

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — Register with Health Professional Council - chairpersonhpc@health.gov.sc

It is compulsory to join the Seychelles Occupational Therapy Association in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes — Graduates with various work experiences, such as working with children, adults, older generation, different conditions such as physical, mental, sensory etc.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English, Creole, French

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — There is need for more occupational therapists to cope with the demand across the different level of health, primary, secondary and third level of care.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Ministry of Health

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<https://www.egov.sc/>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Seychelles:

Yes

Number of occupational therapy assistants in Seychelles:

15

Seychelles Occupational Therapy Association has a membership category for occupational therapy assistants:

Yes

It is compulsory to join the Seychelles Occupational Therapy Association in order to practice as an occupational therapy assistant:

No

Occupational therapy assistants require formal training in occupational therapy to work as such in Seychelles:

Yes — Register with Health Professional Council chairpersonhpc@health.gov.sc.

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a federal/national organisation to practice in Seychelles:

Yes — Register with Health Professional Council - chairpersonhpc@health.gov.sc

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a state/regional organisation to practice in Seychelles:

Yes — Register with Health Professional Council - chairpersonhpc@health.gov.sc

Singapore Association of Occupational Therapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Singapore:

1,634

Main Language(s) spoken in Singapore:

English, Malay, Mandarin, Tamil

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://www.healthprofessionals.gov.sg/ahpc>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Singapore Association of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes — With the implementation of the Allied Health Professions Bill in May 2013, graduates must be from the Singapore's Ministry of Health's recognised list of qualifications for registration without the need for certification examination:

https://isomer-user-content.by.gov.sg/81/5838df1c-b514-422d-afb3-1d4f9aa6d416/OT%20List%20of%20Recognised%20Qualifications_May%202025.pdf

Those occupational therapy qualifications not on the list will need to sit for and pass the certification examination (called occupational therapy qualifying examination) to register.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

1. Have an offer of employment as an occupational therapist in Singapore.
2. Be of good standing/reputation/character through certificate of good standing provided by a country's registration board or educational institution awarding the occupational therapy qualification.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

The following are links to the health and social sectors under the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Social and Family Development respectively. There are other smaller private establishments for which we do not keep a comprehensive list:

<https://www.ncss.gov.sg/careers/>

<http://www.caretogobeyond.sg/ahp>,

<http://www.saot.org.sg>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<http://www.mom.gov.sg>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Singapore:

Yes

Singapore Association of Occupational Therapists has a membership category for occupational therapy assistants:

Yes

It is compulsory to join the Singapore Association of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapy assistant:

No

Occupational therapy assistants require formal training in occupational therapy to work as such in Singapore:

No

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a federal/national organisation to practice in Singapore:

No

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a state/regional organisation to practice in Singapore:

No

Occupational Therapy in Sint Maarten

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Sint Maarten:

5

In Sint Maarten, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Ergotherapist

Main Language(s) spoken in Sint Maarten:

English, Dutch

Other languages commonly spoken in Sint Maarten:

French, Spanish, Papiamentu

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://www.sintmaartengov.org/Pages/default.aspx>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Occupational Therapy in Sint Maarten in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

No

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

None at the moment.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<https://www.sintmaartengov.org/Ministries/Departments/Pages/Immigration-and-Border-Protection-Services.aspx>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Sint Maarten:

No

Slovenian Association of Occupational Therapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Slovenia:

650

In Slovenia, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Delovni Terapevt

Main Language(s) spoken in Slovenia:

Slovenian

Other languages commonly spoken in Slovenia:

English, German, Hungarian, Italian

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/ministrstva/ministrstvo-za-zdravje/>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/ministrstva/ministrstvo-za-zdravje/>

It is compulsory to join the Slovenian Association of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes — <https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/ministrstva/ministrstvo-za-zdravje/>

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Slovenian

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

Completed internship and professional exam.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

No

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

<https://www.ess.gov.si/en/jobseekers>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Ministry of Foreign affairs – department for “visa information” <http://www.mzz.gov.si/en/>.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Slovenia:

No

Publications

Slovenska revija za delovno terapijo

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: Slovenian

Frequency: Annual

Link: <https://www.zdts.si/index.php/revija>

South Africa

Occupational Therapy Association of South Africa

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in South Africa:

6,597

Main Language(s) spoken in South Africa:

English

Other languages commonly spoken in South Africa:

Afrikaans, Zulu, Sotho

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Health Professions Council of South Africa – <http://www.hpcs.co.za>, 553 Corner Hamilton and Madiba Streets, Arcadia, Pretoria; Postal address: P O Box 205, Pretoria, 0001.

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Occupational Therapy Association of South Africa in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No — All South African education programs meet WFOT Education Standards, but it is not a requirement for practice.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English — There are 11 official languages recognised in South Africa. Some practices employ therapists who speak local languages for easy communication with clients.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

All occupational therapists, after qualification, have to complete a year's community service in the public health system. Once this has been completed, they can register with the HPCSA as an independent practitioner. All

occupational therapists have to pay an annual fee to re-register and have to be compliant with the HPCSA's CPD regulations.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — We have stringent austerity measures in the public sector, which have resulted in posts in the public sector being frozen. This is especially problematic in the more rural provinces. Jobs are being advertised in the private sector more regularly since the COVID-19 pandemic, when posts in the private sector were hard to come by. The exact unemployment rate of occupational therapists is uncertain at this stage, although there are increasing reports of this.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Occupational Therapy Association of South Africa Website - <http://www.otasa.org.za>.

Government websites of the departments employing occupational therapists.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<https://www.dha.gov.za/>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in South Africa:

Yes

Number of occupational therapy assistants in South Africa:

404

Occupational Therapy Association of South Africa has a membership category for occupational therapy assistants:

Yes

It is compulsory to join the Occupational Therapy Association of South Africa in order to practice as an occupational therapy assistant:

No

Occupational therapy assistants require formal training in occupational therapy to work as such in South Africa:

Yes — There is no training at present.

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a federal/national organisation to practice in South Africa:

Yes — Health Professions Council of South Africa - <http://www.hpcsa.co.za>, 553 Corner Hamilton and Madiba Streets, Arcadia, Pretoria; Postal address: P O Box 205, Pretoria, 0001.

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a state/regional organisation to practice in South Africa:

No

Publications

South african Journal of Occupational therapy

This is the official peer-reviewed, open access journal of the South African Association of Occupational Therapy and is the leading publication for research on Occupational Therapy in Africa.

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: English

Frequency: 3 Per Annum

Link: <https://journals.assaf.org.za/index.php/sajot/about>

Focus

Focus, the official magazine of the Occupational Therapy Association of South Africa (OTASA), features practice-based articles across a range of occupational therapy fields along with national news, updates, tributes and OTASA committee report backs.

Type: Magazine

Language: English

Frequency: 3 Per Annum

Link: <https://www.otasa.org.za/focus-public/>

Spain

Consejo General de Colegios de Terapeutas Ocupacionales

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Spain:

15,000

In Spain, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Terapeuta Ocupacional

Main Language(s) spoken in Spain:

Spanish

Other languages commonly spoken in Spain:

Catalan, Galician, Basque

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No — It is mandatory only in a few regions.

It is compulsory to join the Consejo General de Colegios de Terapeutas Ocupacionales in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Spanish

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

No — It is a little-known profession in some regions and in high demand in others within the same country.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

INAEM

PUBLIC SYSTEM HEALTH

CONSEJO GENERAL DE TERAPEUTAS OCUPACIONALES DE ESPAÑA Y COLEGIOS AUTONÓMICOS

Private employment agencies

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<https://www.inclusion.gob.es/>

<https://www.sanidad.gob.es/areas/profesionesSanitarias/profesiones/especialistasComunitarios/home.htm>

<https://www.sanidad.gob.es/areas/profesionesSanitarias/profesiones/reconocimientoTitulos.htm>

<https://consejoterapiaocupacional.org/>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Spain:

No

Sri Lanka Society of Occupational Therapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Sri Lanka:

225

In Sri Lanka, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

No

Main Language(s) spoken in Sri Lanka:

Tamil, English, Sinhala

Other languages commonly spoken in Sri Lanka:

Malayalam, Divehi

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No — But as Sri Lanka Society of Occupational Therapists we request them to register with our organisation.

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — Sri Lanka Medical Council, No 31 Norris Canal Road, Colombo, 01000

It is compulsory to join the Sri Lanka Society of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No — The Sri Lanka Medical Council independently assesses the requirements to register to practice as an occupational therapist in Sri Lanka. Their criteria do not include anything about programmes being required to meet WFOT Standards or SLSOT membership.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English, Sinhala, Tamil — No restrictions based on language for practice. All the state service employees should pass the second language examination (Sinhala for Tamil speakers or vice versa) once they are appointed to the state service.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

Should be registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council, which is the medical regulatory body for all medical practitioners.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — Sri Lanka is facing a critical shortage of occupational therapists, creating significant challenges for individuals in need of rehabilitation and support services. The current workforce is inadequate to meet the increasing demand for occupational therapy across the country.

While career opportunities in the government sector remain limited due to a lack of approved positions, the private sector offers greater potential for employment. A new cohort of occupational therapists is expected to graduate by late 2026 through the recently established BSc degree program.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Deputy Director General (Administration) II
Ministry of Health
Suwasiripaya No. 385,
Rev. Baddegama Wimalawansa Thero Mawatha.
Colombo 10, Sri Lanka
Phone: 0112674967
Email: ddgadmin2@health.gov.lk

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<https://www.eta.gov.lk/slvisa>

https://www.immigration.gov.lk/index_e.php

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Sri Lanka:

No

Sweden

Swedish Association of Occupational Therapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Sweden:

16,821

In Sweden, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Arbetsterapeut

Main Language(s) spoken in Sweden:

Swedish

Other languages commonly spoken in Sweden:

English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://www.arbetsterapeuterna.se/foerbundet/occupational-therapy-in-sweden/about-occupational-therapy-in-sweden/licence-to-practice/>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Swedish Association of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes — As member of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT), the Swedish Association of Occupational Therapists recommends that you have your exam from programme that meets the WFOT Education Standards.

<https://www.arbetsterapeuterna.se/foerbundet/occupational-therapy-in-sweden/study-in-sweden/>

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Swedish — In order to obtain a Swedish license to practice you need to prove you have sufficient language skills in Swedish, Danish or Norwegian.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

In order to obtain a Swedish license to practice you need to prove you have the correct professional qualifications and have a Swedish personal identity number or coordination number.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — <https://www.socialstyrelsen.se/en/apply-and-register/apply/licence-to-practise/>
<https://www.arbetsterapeuterna.se/foerbundet/occupational-therapy-in-sweden/>

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

EURES (EUROpean Employment Services): https://eures.europa.eu/index_en

Swedish Public Employment Service (Arbetsförmedlingen): <https://arbetsformedlingen.se/other-languages/english-engelska>

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Swedish Migration Board (Migrationsverket): http://www.migrationsverket.se/info/start_en.html
Swedish Embassy or Consulate in different countries: <https://www.swedenabroad.se/en/>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Sweden:

No

Ergotherapie-Verband Schweiz

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Switzerland:

3,500

In Switzerland, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Ergotherapist

Main Language(s) spoken in Switzerland:

German, French, Italian, Romansh

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Swiss Red Cross (SRK), <https://www.redcross.ch/de/unsere-angebote/gesundheitsberufe-erkennung-und-registrierung/erkennung-auslaendischer-diplome>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — if self-employed:

Occupational therapy diploma or BSc in occupational therapy, registration by the canton plus registration by Swiss Red Cross: <https://www.redcross.ch/de/unsere-angebote/gesundheitsberufe-erkennung-und-registrierung/erkennung-auslaendischer-diplome>

plus professional experience of 2 years full time employment under supervision of an acknowledged Occupational Therapist

if employed:

Occupational therapy diploma or BSc in occupational therapy, plus depending on the type of Institution registration by Swiss Red Cross: <https://www.redcross.ch/de/unsere-angebote/gesundheitsberufe-erkennung-und-registrierung/erkennung-auslaendischer-diplome>

It is compulsory to join the Ergotherapie-Verband Schweiz in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No — All occupational therapy programmes in Switzerland meet the WFOT Education Standards. Programmes that meet the WFOT Education Standards are generally preferred but not required.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

German, French, Italian — Language skills of the working area (German, French or Italian).

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — There are very good job opportunities in various fields of Occupational Therapy and in various language regions.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Website: <https://www.ergotherapie.ch/job-angebote> (Stellenangebote)
“ERGO” monthly magazine of EVS-ASE (Swiss OT Association)

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Look at Swiss Embassy in your own country/territory.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Switzerland:

No

Publications

ERGO

ERGO, monthly Magazine of the Swiss OT Association (EVS/ASE) that reaches around 3000 professionals in Switzerland.

Type: Magazine

Language: German, French, Italian

Frequency: Monthly

Taiwan

Taiwan Occupational Therapy Association

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Taiwan:

4,798

In Taiwan, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

職能治療師

Main Language(s) spoken in Taiwan:

Mandarin Chinese

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Ministry of Health and Welfare: <https://www.mohw.gov.tw/mp-2.html>.

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — Every occupational therapist needs to register with the Bureau of Health of the local government to get the valid license before practice.

It is compulsory to join the Taiwan Occupational Therapy Association in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No — Preferred but not required.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Mandarin, Tâi-oân-ōe, Hakka

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

<https://www.oturoc.org.tw/index.php?action=recruit> (Mandarin only)

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

1. Foreigners who graduate from an occupational therapy program in Taiwan are eligible to sit for national occupational therapy licensure examination.
2. Foreigners with an occupational therapy degree in other countries need firstly complete the authentication of education certificate through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to make sure your university is among the list of the Ministry of Education database. Attend the "Senior Professional and Technical Personnel Examinations" conducted by the Ministry of Examination for OTR certificate.
3. Occupational therapists need to join the local occupational therapy union and register to local Bureau of Health before starting a work.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Taiwan:

No

Publications

Journal of Taiwan Occupational Therapy Association

The Journal of Occupational Therapy Association is a professional academic journal published by the Taiwan Occupational Therapy Association. Submission types include original articles, case reports, special reports, review articles, brief reports, and letters to the editor.

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: English, Mandarin Chinese

Frequency: 3 Per Annum

Link: <https://www.ipress.tw/J0244?pWebID=1494&pType=4&mSeq=1>

Tanzania Occupational Therapy Association

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Tanzania:

230

In Tanzania, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Occupational Therapist

Main Language(s) spoken in Tanzania:

Swahili, English

Other languages commonly spoken in Tanzania:

Other Regional/Local Dialects

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — They need to register and pay association fees as associate member for the period they will be practicing.
totatz1@yahoo.com

It is compulsory to join the Tanzania Occupational Therapy Association in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

Yes

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English, Swahili, Other Regional/Local Dialects — Therapists should also be motivated to learn local languages depending on the geographical location.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — 1. High demand for services 2. Limited workforce

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Tanzania Occupational Therapy Association, The School of Occupational Therapy, KCMC, P.O. Box 3010, Moshi, Tanzania. Tel: + 255 27 2754377 Extn. 430 Email: totatz1@yahoo.com and Further information about occupational therapy works in Tanzania can be obtained from NGO's and other organisations that works PWDs within Tanzania.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Visit Tanzania Ministry of Foreign Affairs/ Immigration web site for details. You may need a letter of invitation from inviting organisation.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Tanzania:

No

Thailand

Occupational Therapists Association of Thailand (OTAT)

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Thailand:

1,849

Main Language(s) spoken in Thailand:

Thai

Other languages commonly spoken in Thailand:

English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Occupational Therapists Association of Thailand (OTAT) in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Thai

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

Applying for a license to practice as an occupational therapist.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — Especially in the Ministry of Public Health, occupational therapists are considered a shortage profession.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

- General job search websites.
- Specialized healthcare and OTAT website.
- Government agencies and Ministries of Public Health in country.
- Professional networking and professional conferences/seminars.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<https://www.thaievisa.go.th/>

<https://www.mfa.go.th/en/publicservice/5d5bcc2615e39c306000a31a>

<https://www.immigration.go.th/>

<https://www.doe.go.th/prd/main/law/param/site/1/cat/5/sub/0/pull/module/view/list-label>

Specific Requirements for Occupational Therapists

- Professional Registration
- Credential Recognition
- Thai language Proficiency

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Thailand:

No

Trinidad & Tobago

Trinidad and Tobago Occupational Therapy Association

General Information

Main Language(s) spoken in Trinidad & Tobago:

English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Register with OTSLP Board in The Council of Professions Related to Medicine in the Ministry of Health. Occupational Therapy and Speech Language Therapy Board of Trinidad and Tobago, Shop #4 Government Plaza, Richmond St, Port of Spain
Email: OTSLPBoard@gmail.com

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Employment Opportunities can be found at: <https://www.caribbeanjobs.com>, <http://www.ttota.com/>, <https://www.caribbeanot.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/ttota868>.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Immigration Division in the Ministry of National Security <https://nationalsecurity.gov.tt/>.

Association Tunisienne d'Ergothérapie

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Tunisia:

510

In Tunisia, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

أخصائي العلاج الوظيفي , Ergothérapeute

Main Language(s) spoken in Tunisia:

Arabic, French

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — They need to register; occupational therapists need to ask for authorisation from the Ministry of Health to practice in Tunisia if their diploma is not delivered by the ESSTST (Tunis), and they need an authorisation of the Ministry of Employment to have the right to work in Tunisia if they don't have the Tunisian nationality.

It is compulsory to join the Association Tunisienne d'Ergothérapie in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Arabic, French — Arabic and/or French is required, but unknown if this is regulated by law.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

- Authorization to practice professionally as an occupational therapist requires that the candidate is: Holder of a Bachelor in Occupational Therapy delivered by the Higher School of Health Sciences and Techniques of Tunis,

- Holder of the Diploma of higher technician in occupational therapy delivered by the ESSTST (between 2004 and 2010),
- Holder of an occupational therapist diploma obtained in a foreign country and recognized as equivalent by the supervisory authority in Tunisia.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

No

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

In practice, contacting the Association Tunisienne d'Ergothérapie, the National Union of Occupational Therapists in Private Practice, or by social networks in occupational therapy in Tunisia.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Embassy of Tunisia.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Tunisia:

No

Uganda Association of Occupational Therapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Uganda:

244

Main Language(s) spoken in Uganda:

Swahili, English

Other languages commonly spoken in Uganda:

English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://www.uaot.org/>

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://www.ahpc.ug/>

It is compulsory to join the Uganda Association of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes — All acceptable if the procedure is followed.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Print Media Papers such as New Vision and Daily Monitor, Local Adverts by organisations employing occupational therapists, UAOT, Occupational Therapy School in Kampala.

Immigration**Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:**

Passport and clearance by Uganda Embassy in the country of origin. Other documents may be required for coming to Uganda, Educational records and work permit if acquired prior to visa application.

Occupational Therapy Assistants**Occupational therapy assistants exist in Uganda:**

No

Ukrainian Society of Ergotherapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Ukraine:

250

In Ukraine, the term 'occupational therapist' is also referred to as:

Ergotherapist

Main Language(s) spoken in Ukraine:

Ukrainian

Other languages commonly spoken in Ukraine:

Russian

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No — The association has 78 official members, but in practice, there are more. It's currently impossible to provide an exact number. We write 250 as our estimation.

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Ukrainian Society of Ergotherapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No — Absolutely preferred

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Ukrainian

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

No

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — Yes, there are few occupational therapists, but their number is increasing as more educational programs are being introduced.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Currently, there are no specialized resources, so occupational therapists can look for jobs on general websites such as <https://www.work.ua/> or <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/>.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Please consult: <https://mfa.gov.ua>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Ukraine:

Yes

Number of occupational therapy assistants in Ukraine:

100

Ukrainian Society of Ergotherapists has a membership category for occupational therapy assistants:

Yes

It is compulsory to join the Ukrainian Society of Ergotherapists in order to practice as an occupational therapy assistant:

No

Occupational therapy assistants require formal training in occupational therapy to work as such in Ukraine:

Yes — The association has 10 official members (assistants), but in practice, there are more. It's currently impossible to provide an exact number. That's why we estimate approximately 100.

They must obtain a Bachelor's degree in Physical Therapy or Occupational Therapy. However, as education in Ukraine is rapidly evolving, there are exceptions (for now).

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a federal/national organisation to practice in Ukraine:

No

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a state/regional organisation to practice in Ukraine:

No

Emirates Occupational Therapy Working Group

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in United Arab Emirates:

700

Main Language(s) spoken in United Arab Emirates:

English, Arabic

Other languages commonly spoken in United Arab Emirates:

Hindi, Urdu

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

No — There is currently no unified national licensure system for occupational therapists in the UAE. Instead, each Emirate has its own regulatory health authority, with distinct requirements and pathways for professional licensing.

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — Occupational Therapists must obtain licensure from one of three main regulatory authorities depending on the Emirate of practice.

1. Ministry of Health and Prevention (MOHAP)

Covers: Northern Emirates (Sharjah, Ajman, Umm Al Quwain, Ras Al Khaimah, Fujairah)

<https://mohap.gov.ae/en/w/licensing-or-re-licensing-of-health-professional>

2. Dubai Health Authority-Dubai (DHA)

https://dha.gov.ae/en/services/details?id=245&segment=professional_services

3. Department of Health-Abu Dhabi (DOH)

<https://www.tamm.abudhabi/en/life-events/business/healthcare/healthcare-facilities/ManageaHealthcareProfessionalLicence>

It is compulsory to join the Emirates Occupational Therapy Working Group in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

No

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

A minimum of two years of clinical experience is typically required for occupational therapists to obtain licensure. However, this requirement may be waived for graduates from specific countries or recognised jurisdictions, depending on the licensing authority's criteria.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Occupational therapists in the UAE may seek employment through a range of sources, including international job platforms such as LinkedIn and Indeed, regional job portals, and direct applications to healthcare organisations. Recruitment agencies and professional networking also play a significant role in facilitating employment within the UAE context.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Once employed, the visa and residency permit are typically sponsored by the employer through the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs (GDRFA), which manages entry permits and residence visas.

For more information, you may check the website: <https://gdrfad.gov.ae/en>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in United Arab Emirates:

Yes

Emirates Occupational Therapy Working Group has a membership category for occupational therapy assistants:

Yes

It is compulsory to join the Emirates Occupational Therapy Working Group in order to practice as an occupational therapy assistant:

No

Occupational therapy assistants require formal training in occupational therapy to work as such in United Arab Emirates:

Yes — Occupational therapy Assistants in the UAE are required to hold a formal qualification, either a degree as an occupational therapy assistant or a degree in occupational therapy, typically with less than two years of clinical experience.

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a federal/national organisation to practice in United Arab Emirates:

No — There is currently no unified national licensure system for occupational therapy assistants in the UAE. Instead, each Emirate has its own regulatory health authority, with distinct requirements and pathways for professional licensing.

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a state/regional organisation to practice in United Arab Emirates:

Yes — Occupational Therapy Assistants in the UAE obtain professional licensure through Emirate-level regulatory authorities, including:

-The Ministry of Health and Prevention - Covers: Northern Emirates (Sharjah, Ajman, Umm Al Quwain, Ras Al Khaima)(MOHAP): <https://mohap.gov.ae/en/w/licensing-or-re-licensing-of-health-professional>)

-The Dubai Health Authority(DHA): https://dha.gov.ae/en/services/details?id=245&segment=professional_services)

-The Department of Health – Abu Dhabi (DOH): <https://www.tamm.abudhabi/en/life-events/business/healthcare/healthcare-facilities/ManageaHealthcareProfessionalLicence>)

Royal College of Occupational Therapists

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in United Kingdom:

46,424

Main Language(s) spoken in United Kingdom:

English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Registration Department The Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)

Park House, 184 Kennington Park Road, London SE11 4BU, United Kingdom

Tel: +44 (0)845 300 4472 / +44 (0)20 7582 5460

Fax: +44 (0)20 7840 9801 Email: registration@hcpc-uk.org

Application forms and guidance notes can be downloaded from the HCPC website: <http://www.hcpc-uk.org/apply/international/>. Qualifications and English proficiency are taken into account. If you are from a European Economic Area (EEA) or a Swiss national applicant, specific information is also available for you. There is a processing fee.

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

No

It is compulsory to join the Royal College of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes — Details here

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

International recruits require a Tier 2 general work visa once offered employment.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Vacancy listings are available on the RCOT website at www.rcot.co.uk/jobs-0 and in the RCOT member publication OTnews. Work is available in various settings in health and social care, e.g. hospitals and community settings, as well as in the independent sector, education, housing etc. International recruitment and locum agencies may also be helpful for work opportunities. Health sector jobs are advertised in the NHS jobs websites in each UK country: <http://www.jobs.nhs.uk/> (England and Wales) <https://jobs.scot.nhs.uk/> (Scotland) <https://online.hscni.net/current-vacancies/> (Northern Ireland).

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

UK Border Agency, Lunar House, 40 Wellesley Road, Croydon, Surrey CR9 2BY, United Kingdom. Tel: +44 (0) 870 606 7766. Occupational therapists are on the Home Office Shortage Occupations List (HOSOL) for fast tracking and reduced fees. Specific information can be found on the NHS Employers website : <https://www.nhsemployers.org/your-workforce/recruit/employer-led-recruitment/international-recruitment>. Or on : <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-immigration-system-what-you-need-to-know>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in United Kingdom:

Yes

Royal College of Occupational Therapists has a membership category for occupational therapy assistants:

Yes

It is compulsory to join the Royal College of Occupational Therapists in order to practice as an occupational therapy assistant:

No

Occupational therapy assistants require formal training in occupational therapy to work as such in United Kingdom:

No

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a federal/national organisation to practice in United Kingdom:

No

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a state/regional organisation to practice in United Kingdom:

No

Publications

OTnews

Occupational Therapy News (OTnews) is the official monthly magazine of the Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT).

Type: Magazine

Language: English

Frequency: Monthly

Link: <https://www.rcot.co.uk/news/otnews>

British Journal of Occupational Therapy

The British Journal of Occupational Therapy (BJOT) publishes peer-reviewed articles with international relevance that advance knowledge in research, practice, education, and policy in occupational therapy. The journal's international Editorial Board comprises leading figures in occupational therapy.

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: English

Frequency: Monthly

Link: <https://journals.sagepub.com/home/bjo>

American Occupational Therapy Association Inc

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in United States of America:

146,074

Main Language(s) spoken in United States of America:

English

Other languages commonly spoken in United States of America:

Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Arabic

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) is available at <https://www.nbcot.org/>
To work as an Occupational Therapist, you must pass a national exam to obtain the qualification certificate.

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — <https://www.aota.org/-/media/corporate/files/secure/advocacy/licensure/statereqs/qualifications/qualifications-and-licensure-requirements-ot.pdf>

Licensing requirements vary by state or territory.

It is compulsory to join the American Occupational Therapy Association Inc in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes — <https://www.nbcot.org>

Occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants must graduate from a program with accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) if education was in the US, and if from another country, a program that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards.

For information about ACOTE standards for Occupational Therapist education programs, and Occupational Therapy Assistant education programs, go to <https://www.acoteonline.org>

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English — Some job locations may ask for clinicians to speak multiple languages based on area and need.

Additional requirements for occupational therapists to practice:

Note that initial NBCOT certification AND current state licensure are required for practice. Professional liability insurance is recommended and should be explored with employer.

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — Yes, according to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics and it is a growing and in demand field.

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Employment is available in many different areas of occupational therapy practice. Job advertisements and career information are published online by AOTA on OTJoblink: <http://www.otjoblink.org/> Employment advertisements are also published in AOTA's practice magazine, OT Practice. You should make inquiries about employment to the specific employer in the job advertisement. Salaries, benefits, and specifics of employment (e.g., experience required, days and hours of employment, travel required, etc.) vary and are determined by the employer. AOTA does not make placement arrangements.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security issues visas to foreign nationals wishing to work in the United States. In most cases, this will be a category H1B temporary work visa. For further details about Health Care Worker Certification, visit the U.S. Department of Homeland Security website. You must get a visa certificate before applying for a visa. Two organisations are authorised to provide visa certification. National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), Visa Credential Verification Certificate (VCVC).

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in United States of America:

Yes

Number of occupational therapy assistants in United States of America:

53624

American Occupational Therapy Association Inc has a membership category for occupational therapy assistants:

Yes

It is compulsory to join the American Occupational Therapy Association Inc in order to practice as an occupational therapy assistant:

No

Occupational therapy assistants require formal training in occupational therapy to work as such in United States of America:

Yes — Please visit <https://acoteonline.org/> to learn more about the occupational therapy assistant programs and degree levels. Occupational therapy assistants can earn an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree to become an occupational therapy assistant. Then, once graduated from an ACOTE approved program, the occupational therapy assistant needs to take the certification exam, please visit <https://www.nbcot.org/>.

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a federal/national organisation to practice in United States of America:

Yes — Note that initial NBCOT certification AND current state licensure are required for practice. Professional liability insurance is recommended and should be explored with employer.

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a state/regional organisation to practice in United States of America:

Yes — <https://www.aota.org/-/media/corporate/files/secure/advocacy/licensure/stateregs/qualifications/qualifications-and-licensure-requirements-ot.pdf>

Licensing requirements vary by state or territory.

Publications

American Journal of Occupational Therapy

The American Journal of Occupational Therapy (AJOT) is an official publication of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), which represents the professional interests and concerns of more than 230,000 occupational therapists, assistants, and students nationwide.

Type: Journal (Peer-Reviewed)

Language: English

Frequency: Bi-Monthly

Link: <https://research.aota.org/ajot>

OT Practice

This premiere professional magazine features the latest hot topics and emerging practice areas—everything from hands-on techniques to legislative issues, career advice, news, and job opportunities—for occupational therapy practitioners and students.

Type: Magazine

Language: English

Frequency: Monthly

Link: <https://www.aota.org/publications/ot-practice>

Federacion Venezolana de Terapeutas Ocupacionales

General Information

Main Language(s) spoken in Venezuela:

Spanish

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

Spanish

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Facebook

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Venezuelan Consulate in own country.

Zambia Occupational Therapy Association

General Information

Number of occupational therapists in Zambia:

10

Main Language(s) spoken in Zambia:

English

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Health Professions Council of Zambia

Occupational therapists are required to register with a state/regional organisation to practice:

Yes — Health Professions Council of Zambia

It is compulsory to join the Zambia Occupational Therapy Association in order to practice as an occupational therapist:

No

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes — They need to submit qualification documentation to the Zambia qualification authority.

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes — Only two Government hospitals have qualified occupational therapist the other hospital and institutions use other health professions to render services that may need an occupational therapist. Sources of information for occupational therapist employment opportunities:

Government institutions like hospitals and schools. Non-Governmental organisations and private rehabilitation centres.

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

Can be obtained from the Zambia immigration portal.

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Zambia:

Yes

Number of occupational therapy assistants in Zambia:

2

Zambia Occupational Therapy Association has a membership category for occupational therapy assistants:

Yes

It is compulsory to join the Zambia Occupational Therapy Association in order to practice as an occupational therapy assistant:

No

Occupational therapy assistants require formal training in occupational therapy to work as such in Zambia:

No

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a federal/national organisation to practice in Zambia:

No

Occupational therapy assistants need to register with a state/regional organisation to practice in Zambia:

No

Zimbabwe Association of Occupational Therapists

General Information

Main Language(s) spoken in Zimbabwe:

English, Shona, Ndebele

Registration

Occupational therapists are required to register with a federal/national organisation to practice:

Yes — Medical Rehabilitation Practitioners Council of Zimbabwe <https://mrpcz.org.zw/>; Email: mrczimbabwe@gmail.com

Practicing Requirements

Registration to practise requires graduation from a programme that meets/met the WFOT Education Standards:

Yes

Language(s) that are required for occupational therapists to practice:

English

Employment Opportunities

Occupational therapy is recognised as a shortage occupation:

Yes

Immigration

Immigration regulations or visa requirements to practice:

<http://www.zimimmigration.gov.zw/>

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Occupational therapy assistants exist in Zimbabwe:

No

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<https://wfot.org/membership/organisational-membership/member-organisations-profiles>

