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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY IN THE PHILIPPINES POST-PANDEMIC





STATUS OF OT PRACTICE IN THE PHILIPPINES

**NUMBER OF
OTs:**

859

**DISTRIBUTION
BY REGION:**

- 1 NCR (45.4%)
- 2 Central Visayas (20.6%)
- 3 CALABARZON (13.96%)

**AREA OF
PRACTICE:**

Pediatrics





UPDATES

The Philippine OT Law of 2018 (RA 11241)

- approved and enacted into law January 2023
- strengthened professional autonomy for OTs:
 - provision on referral process
 - recognition of OT diagnosis



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UPDATES

PAOT Organizational Agenda and Systems Review





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Collaboration with Government and Non-Government Agencies

- consultant for RA 11650 Instituting a Policy of Inclusion and Services for Learners with Disabilities in Support of Inclusive Education Act (Inclusive Education Act)
- recognized partner of the National Council for Disability Affairs (NCDA)
- consultant for Community Based Inclusive Development initiatives



UPDATE

Continuation of Hybrid Set-Up in Practice

- widely-implemented in different educational insitutions
- in-person for association activities
- continutation of telehealth as a form of service delivery under review



UPDATE

Steady Migration of OTs to other countries

- shortage of OTs throughout the country
- increase in illegal practices affecting OTs

THANK YOU