

REFERENCE KEY FOR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT TABLES

1. Who a client is will depend on the occupational therapist's practice role (i.e., whether they are a clinician, consultant, researcher, educator or administrator).
2. If a complaint about your practice is filed, an investigation will be conducted based on the legislation, regulations, standards and code of ethics for the province of primary registration. You are also expected to be aware of the applicable legislation, regulations, standards and code of ethics in the jurisdiction where your client is located (either temporarily or permanently) and from where you are temporarily providing services.
3. You should confirm with your insurance provider that your coverage extends beyond your jurisdiction of registration.
4. The three territories do not have regulatory bodies. Although registration is not required if practicing within the territories to clients physically situated in the territories, some employers require registration in one (or more) of the bordering provinces. The territories are not subject to the Remote Practice MOU. If you are providing services to clients physically situated in any of the Canadian provinces, you will need to be registered with at least one of the Canadian provinces for the Remote Practice MOU to apply.
5. Occupational therapists who registered in good standing elsewhere in Canada still need to register on with ACOT if they are providing occupational therapy services (including teaching or supervision) in-person in Alberta or are providing a restricted activity virtually to a client who is physically situated in Alberta. See the [Registration page](#) on the ACOT website for information on how to apply or re-apply for the General, Provisional, or Courtesy Register.
6. British Columbia has not signed the Remote Practice MOU at this time.
7. According to the [Quebec Professional Code](#) (QPC - article 37.1), occupational therapists wanting to provide services to a client physically located in QC require special authorization to practice in QC if they are providing any of the reserved activities outlined in [article 37.1\(4\)\(a\)-\(h\)](#) – whether those activities are conducted in-person or virtually. As per correspondence with the Ordre des ergothérapeutes du Québec (OEQ) in March 2024 – *“If you do not intend to carry out the activities reserved for occupational therapists to a client who is physically located in Quebec, you do not need to get any authorization to practise from OEQ. However, it is your responsibility to be aware of the limits of your interventions (no reserved activities, and if you designate yourself as an OT, you must specify that you are a registrant of your regulatory organization).”*
8. The new Remote Practice MOU permits an occupational therapist registered in a signatory province to provide occupational therapy services virtually to clients physically situated in the province of registration, from another province temporarily without needing to be registered in that other province.

9. Regulatory legislation for occupational therapists varies from state to state and country to country. When providing virtual services outside of Canada you are advised to contact the regulatory body of the state/country you/your client is physically situated to confirm whether registration is required or not in that jurisdiction (see the [WFOT International Practice Guide](#)). If registration is required, do so prior to providing services. If registration is not required, document this appropriately in the client file and ensure your client is aware you are providing services from Alberta, Canada.

10. **IMPORTANT:** For occupational therapists registered outside of Canada wishing to provide occupational therapy services virtually to Albertans – registration with ACOT is required and application paperwork must be received and approved (including completion of the [ACOTRO SEAS process](#)) prior to delivering services.