

To restore the use of OT and OTA as consistent with the OT Practice Act

**§371.2, Retired Status**

(a) The Retired Status is available for an occupational therapy practitioner whose only practice is the provision of voluntary charity care without monetary compensation.

(1) "voluntary charity care" means occupational therapy services provided as a volunteer with no compensation, for a charitable organization as defined in Section §84.003 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code. This includes any bona fide charitable, religious, prevention of cruelty to children or animals, youth sports and youth recreational, neighborhood crime prevention or patrol, or educational organization (excluding fraternities, sororities, and secret societies), or other organization organized and operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare by being primarily engaged in promoting the common good and general welfare of the people in the community, including these type of organizations with a Section 501(c) 3 or (4) exemption from federal income tax, some Chambers of commerce, and volunteer centers certified by the Department of Public Safety.

(2) "compensation" means direct or indirect payment of anything of monetary value.

(3) The designation used by the retired status licensee is Occupational Therapist Registered, Retired (OTR, Ret) or [Licensed] Occupational Therapist, Retired, (~~OT~~ ~~LOTF~~, Ret), or Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, Retired (COTA, Ret) or ~~Licensed~~ Occupational Therapy Assistant, Retired (~~OTA~~ ~~LOTA~~, Ret).

(b) – (h) no change.