

## **AGENDA ITEM 5**

### **PRESENTATION BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

**Keeping it current:**

**NBCOT®**

**National Certification Information  
for**

**OT STATE REGULATORS**

# Our Mission

NBCOT strives to serve the public interest in its diversity by advancing just, equitable, and inclusive client care and professional practice through evidence-based certification practices and the validation of knowledge essential for effective and safe practice in occupational therapy.





# Board of Directors Composition

**OTR**®

Public  
Members

**COTA**®

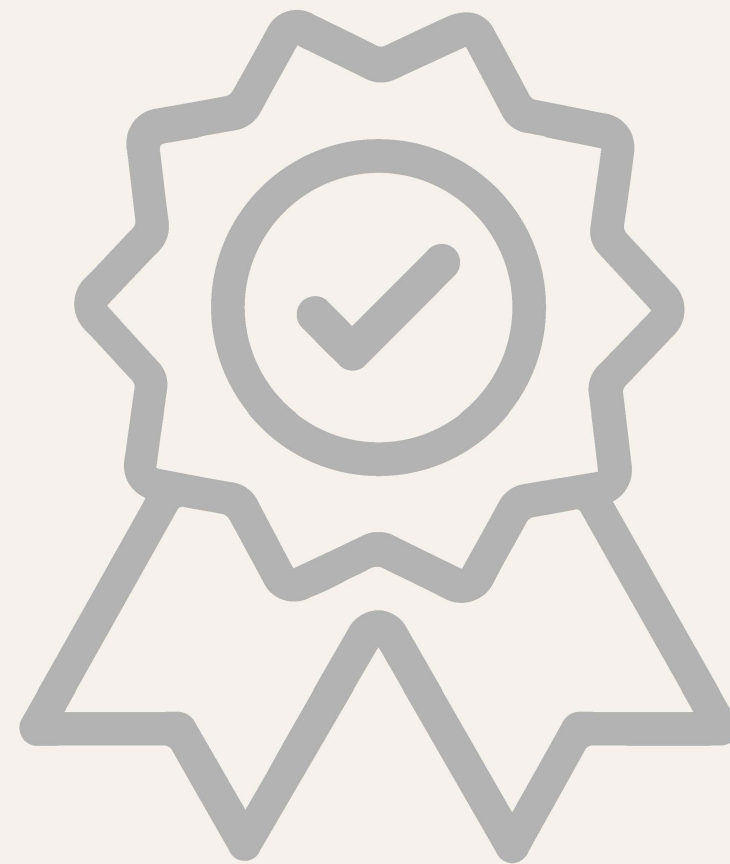
# JEDI

Justice/Equity/Diversity/Inclusion



Students

Certificants



Regulators

# Students

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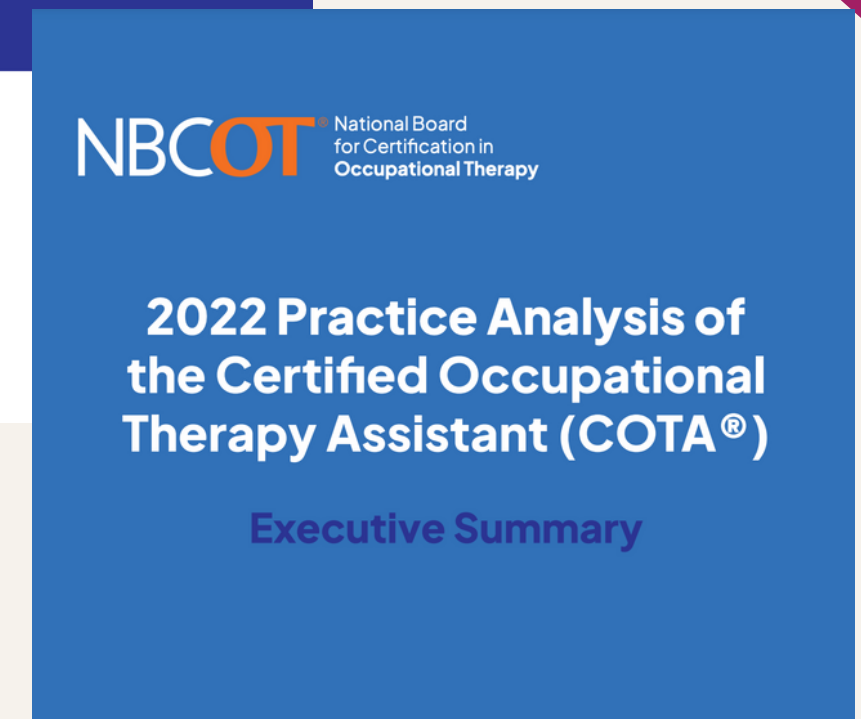
# Entry-Level OTR & COTA

## Practice Analysis Studies

Provide content validity that the exams assess knowledge for job-related activities required for entry-level OTR and COTA practice

# Entry-Level OTR & COTA Practice Analysis Studies

Studies were completed in 2022 and updated content outlines are available on our website. The updated content outlines are being used for all exams in January 2024 onwards.







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# Content Outlines

## OTR Domain Descriptions % of Exam

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 Domain 01	Evaluation and Assessment	23%
 Domain 02	Analysis and Interpretation	23%
 Domain 03	Intervention Management	38%
 Domain 04	Competency and Practice Management	16%

## COTA Domain Descriptions % of Exam

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 Domain 01	Collaborating and Gathering Information	28%
 Domain 02	Selecting and Implementing Interventions	55%
 Domain 03	Upholding Professional Standards and Responsibilities	17%

# Exam Scoring Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	Score Day	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	Score Day	18
19	20	21	Score Day	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

# Cheating and Violating Copyright Law

**24,133**

# **Score Transfers in 2023**

**11,617**

**Eligibility  
Confirmation  
Notices in 2023**

# From Student

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# to Practitioner



**NBCOT**  
**NAVIGATOR**  
Competency Assessment Platform



**Employer-Sponsored Courses**

**Third-Party Provider Courses**

**AOTA-Approved Activities**

**College/University Courses**

**State Association Meetings**

# 200+ Tools!

included in the

NBCOT NAVIGATOR®

Case Simulations

Orthotic Builder

Mini Practice Quizzes

OT Knowledge Library

PICO—Evidence-Based Research Game

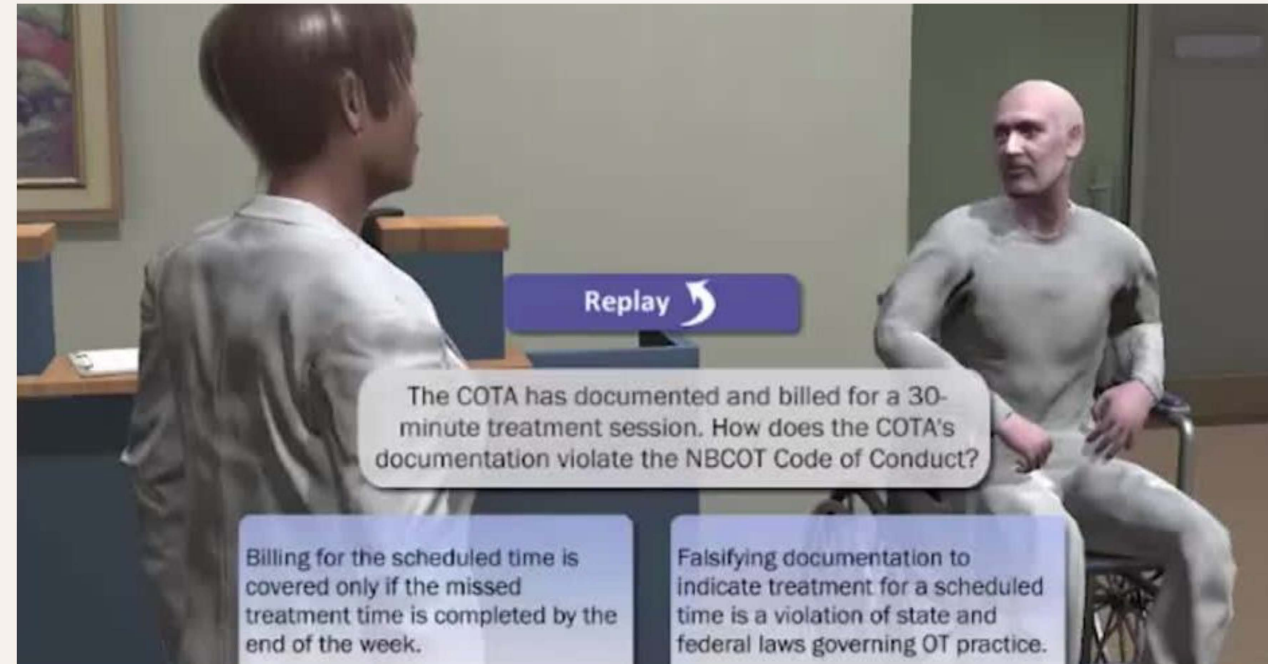
PAMs (Physical Agent Modalities)

# Ethics

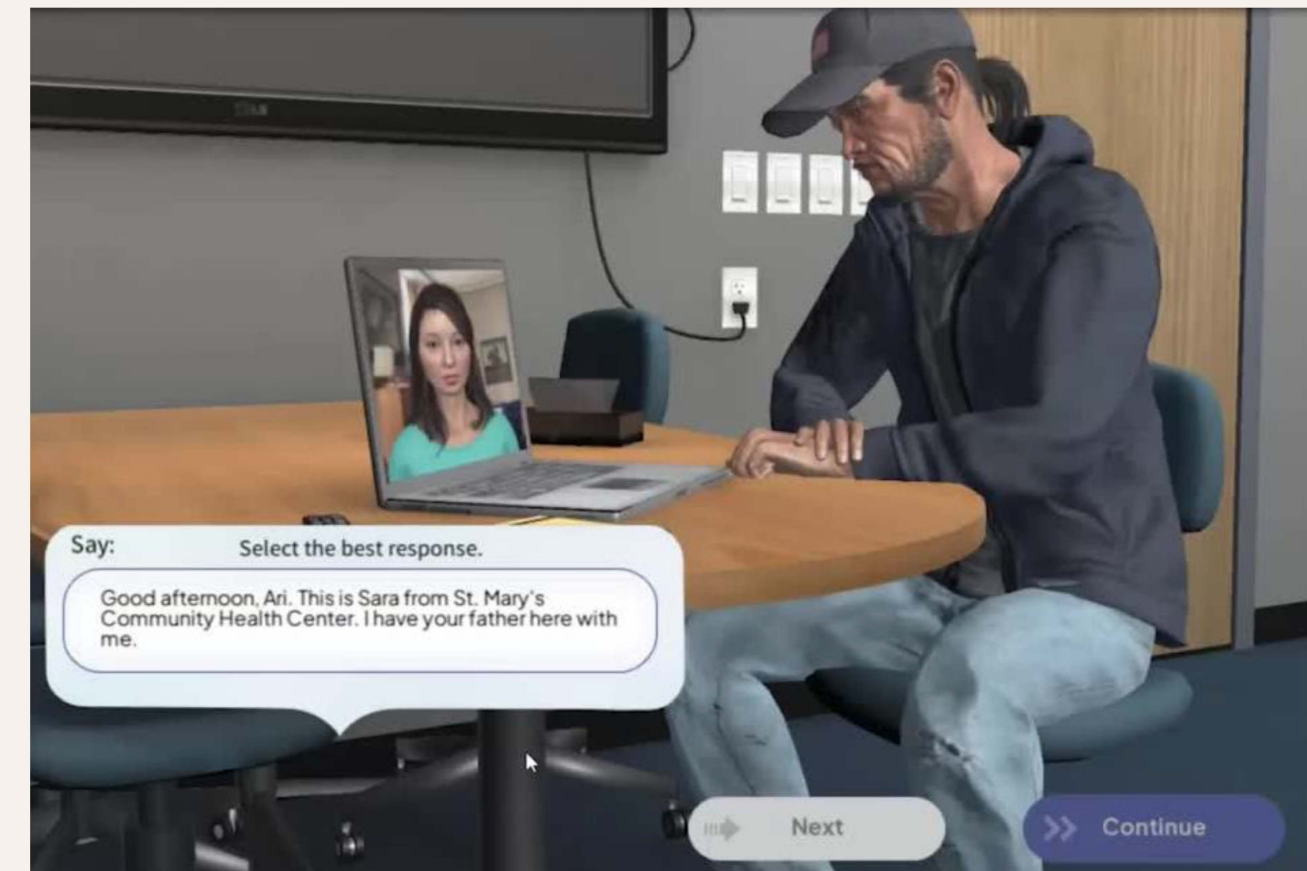
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## Case Simulations



## Veteran Experiencing Homelessness



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# Case Simulations



Public Health Crisis



Pediatric Mental Health



Middle School Autism

# OTR<sup>®</sup>

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# COTA<sup>®</sup>



**NEW**  
Microcredentials

Certificants

# NBCOT NAVIGATOR®

**249,000+**  
CAU earned!

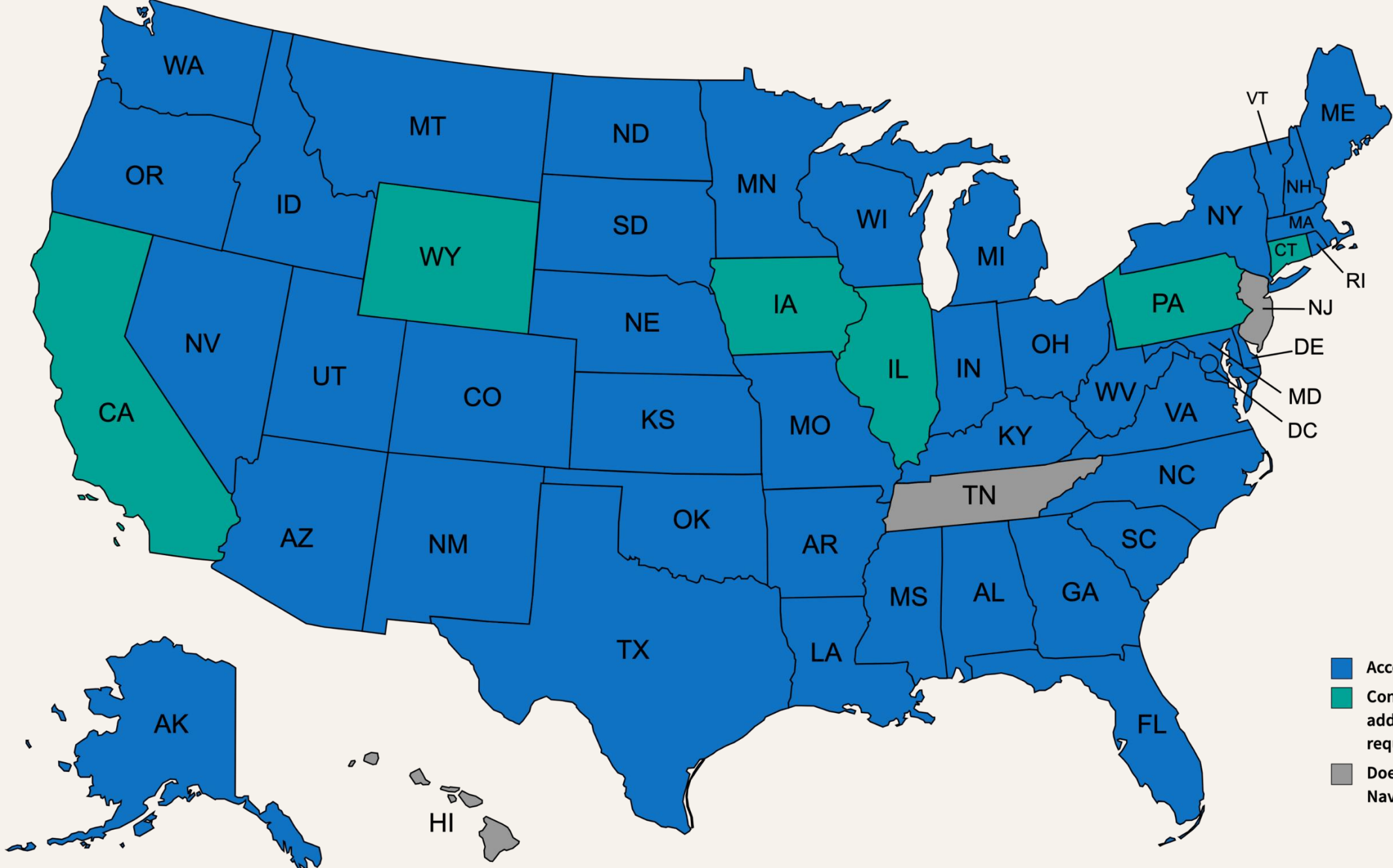
**515,000+**  
tools played

# States Accepting

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- Accepts Navigator
- Contingent on additional requirements
- Does not accept Navigator

Certificants

# Regulators



# Certification Databook California OTR<sup>®</sup>

13,259 Total OTRs

14.1 Average Years Certified

3.40 OTR Ratio per 10,000

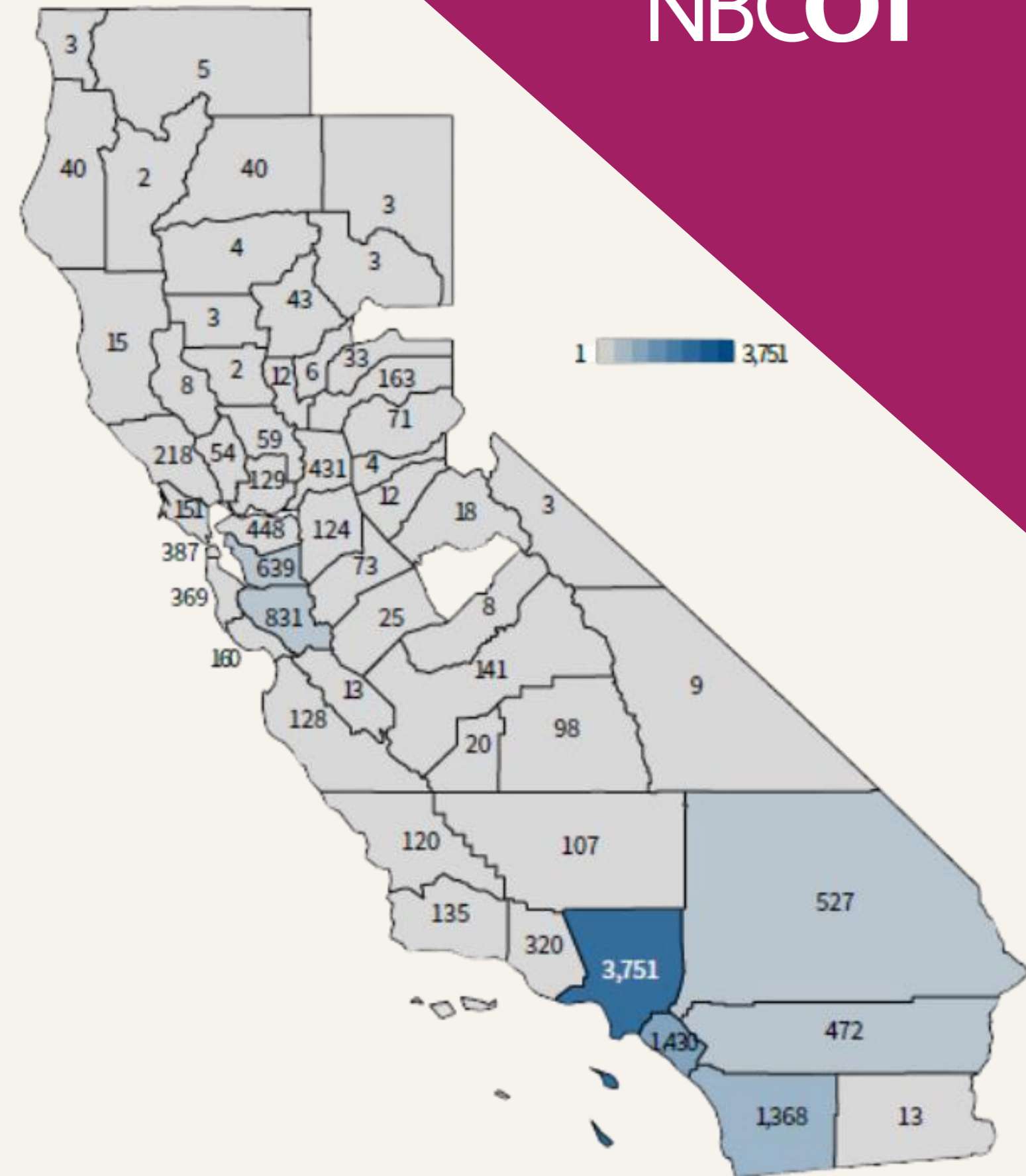
## Top 5 Practice Areas

1. Adult Rehabilitation
2. Pediatrics
3. Older Adult
4. Schools
5. Musculoskeletal/Orthopedics

## Most Popular NAVIGATOR<sup>®</sup> Tool

Mini Practice Quiz:  
Pediatrics / Schools

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# Certification Databook California COTA<sup>®</sup>

3,324 Total COTAs

8.5 Average Years Certified

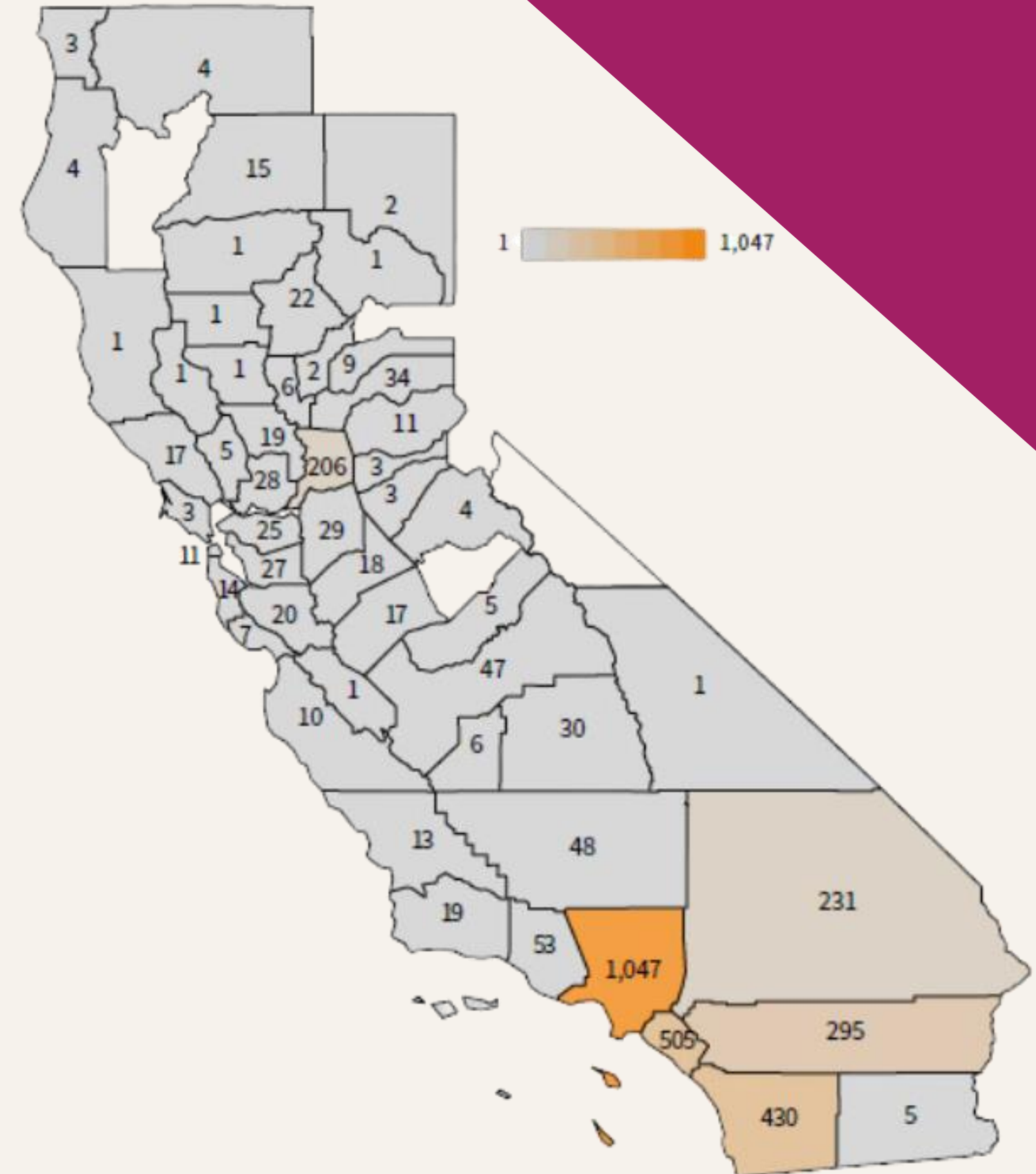
0.85 COTA Ratio per 10,000

## Top 5 Practice Areas

1. Adult Rehabilitation
2. Older Adult
3. Pediatrics
4. Schools
5. Musculoskeletal/Orthopedics

**Most Popular**  
NAVIGATOR<sup>®</sup> Tool  
OT Knowledge Library:  
Pediatric ADL Skills

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# NBCOT® National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy

Welcome to the NBCOT Certification Portal for State Regulatory Administrators

This site provides state regulatory administrators with a host of information, reports, and services in support of their mission of public protection. In addition to allowing administrators to update contact information, this site includes the following:



Official Score Transfers



VCVC Reports



Eligibility Confirmation Notices



Verification of Certification



OT Action Exchange

## Administrator's Portal

Fullname	City	State	Credential	Cert #	Initial Date	Expiration Date
GREG BURNETT	GILROY	CA	OT	1043704	25 Apr 2001	31 Mar 2006

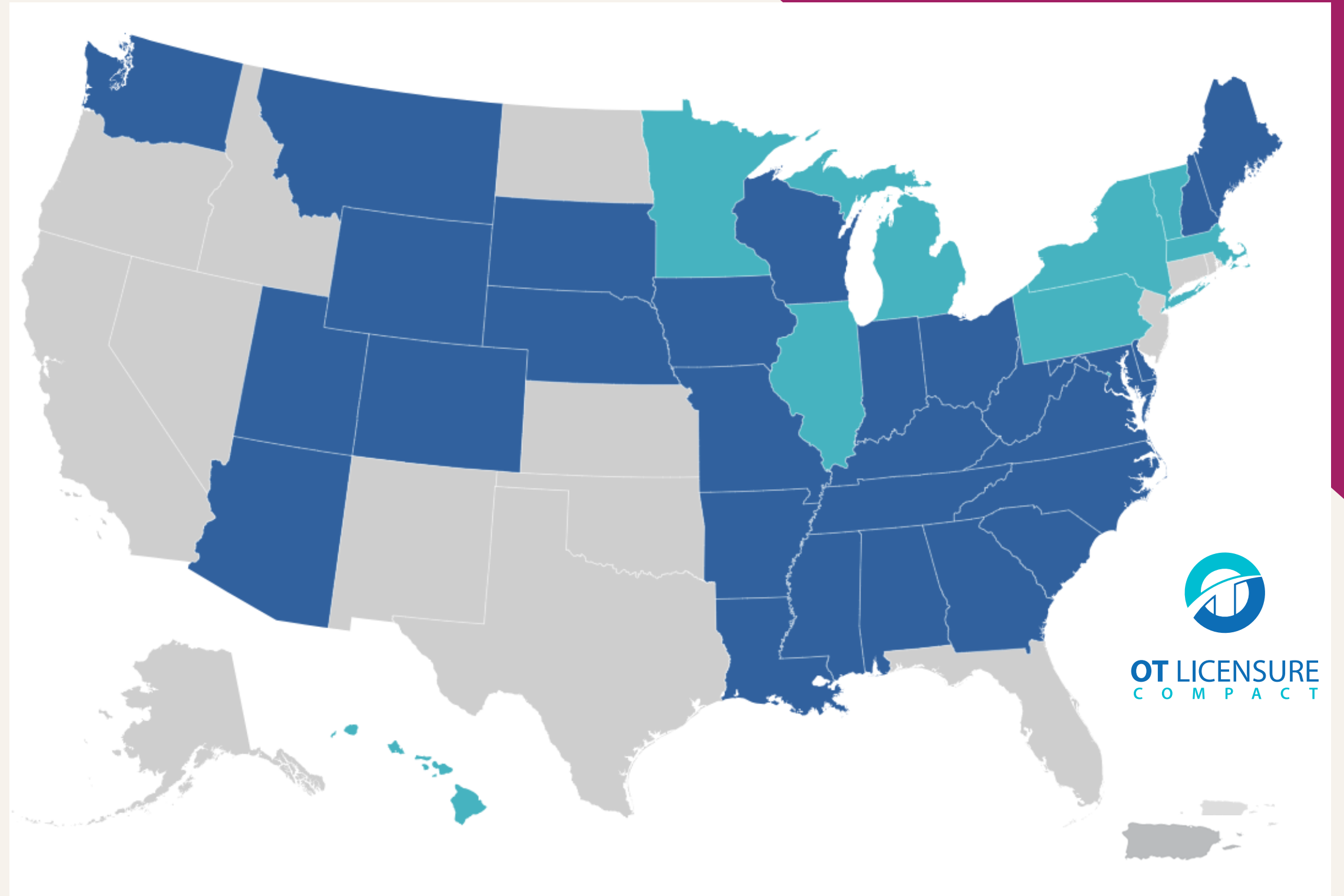
# States that accept NBCOT® as an option for Licensure Renewal

<b>Alaska</b>	<b>New Hampshire</b>
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>New Mexico</b>
<b>Maine</b>	<b>Oregon</b>
<b>Maryland</b>	<b>South Carolina*</b>
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>South Dakota</b>
	<b>Vermont</b>

\*Current NBCOT certification is a requirement for licensure renewal in South Carolina

# Compact Map

- Legislation Enacted
- Legislation Pending
- Legislation Not Introduced



a joint initiative of



Information current as of February 13, 2024



# Create one seamless experience for CE compliance

- Track and report CE to board
- Store CAU/PDU
- Manage renewal requirements
- Take courses and reach compliance
- Find continuing education
- Renew Licensure
- Track requirements for NBCOT and state

September 10-11, 2024

# OT State Regulatory Leadership Forum

Provides a national platform to promote greater awareness and understanding of current and emerging issues and trends in occupational regulation and certification

# Ambassadors

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Strengthen the relationship between NBCOT and our stakeholders

Increase the presence of NBCOT at the state level and promote information exchange

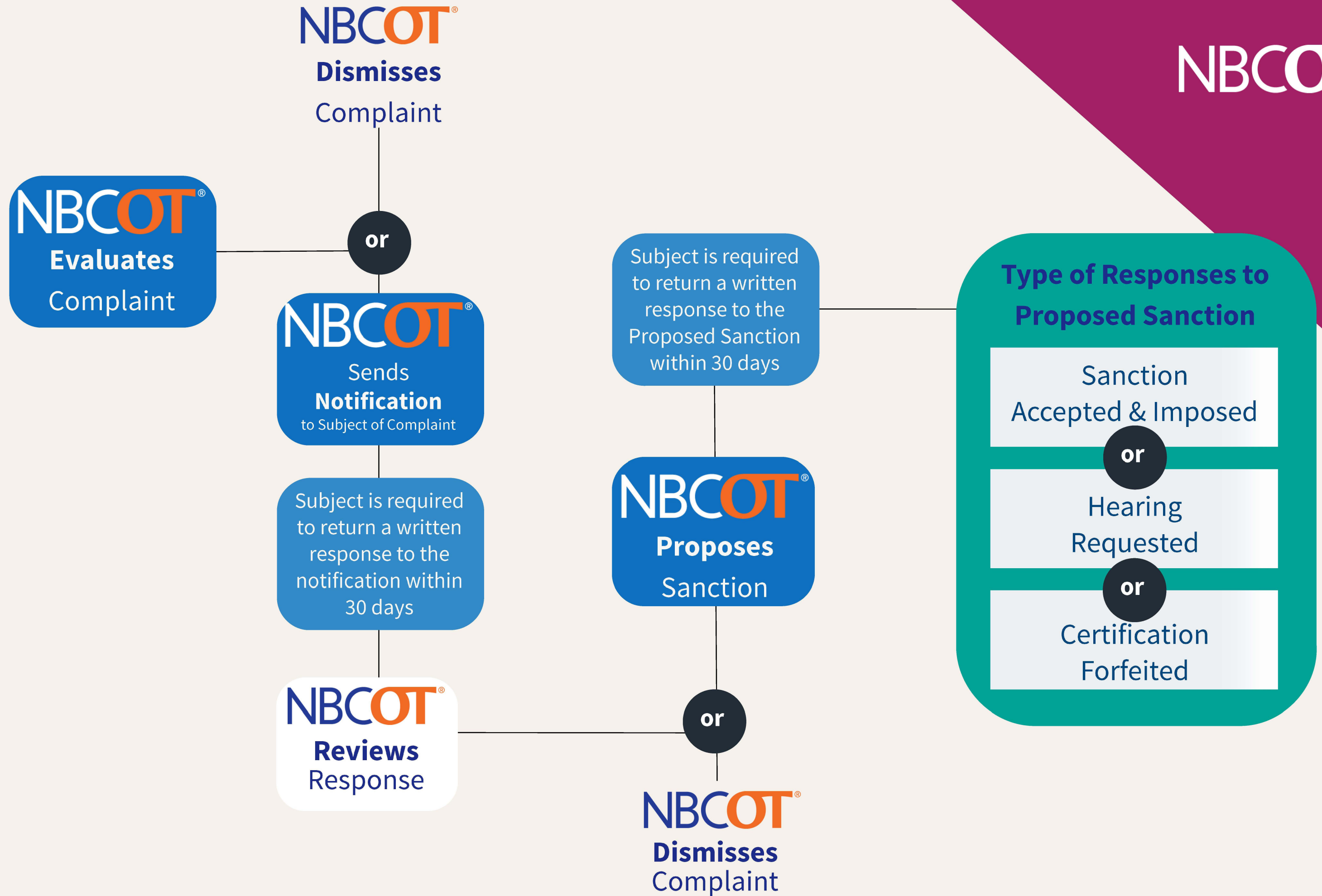
Enhance access to NBCOT certification-related information and services



# Disciplinary Action

# NBCOT Code of Conduct Procedures for Enforcement

Receipt of the proposed sanction letter  
Prior to the hearing  
At the hearing



# Cases by Source

	2021	2022	2023
<b>Complaint</b>	8%	4%	5%
<b>Early Determination Review</b>	4%	2%	1%
<b>Exam Applicant</b>	13%	18%	12%
<b>Self-Report</b>	4%	6%	6%
<b>State Board</b>	42%	47%	64%
<b>Renewal Application (New)</b>	29%	23%	12%

# Cases by Types of Behavior

## Early Determination Review

	2021	2022	2023
<b>Felony Conviction</b>	46%	50%	33%
<b>Misconduct with harm to another</b>	23%	-	67%

# Cases by Types of Behavior Exam Applicant

	2021	2022	2023
<b>Felony conviction</b>	24%	12%	9%
<b>Misdemeanor conviction</b>	6%	-	15%
<b>Exam security violation</b>	2%	-	-
<b>Misconduct with harm to another</b>	8%	8%	9%
<b>Substance abuse</b>	-	7%	-
<b>Documentation problems</b>	-	7%	-
<b>Felony charge</b>	-	3%	11%
<b>HIPAA Violation</b>	-	-	2%

# Cases by Types of Behavior OT

	2021	2022	2023
<b>Felony conviction</b>	24%	-	7%
<b>Misdemeanor conviction</b>	6%	10%	9%
<b>Exam security violation</b>	2%	-	-
<b>Misconduct with harm to another</b>	8%	-	-
<b>Substance abuse</b>	10%	-	-
<b>Documentation problems</b>	-	-	13%
<b>Felony charge</b>	-	6%	-
<b>Lack of continuing education</b>	-	19%	22%
<b>Practicing with an expired license</b>	-	14%	12%

# Cases by Types of Behavior OTA

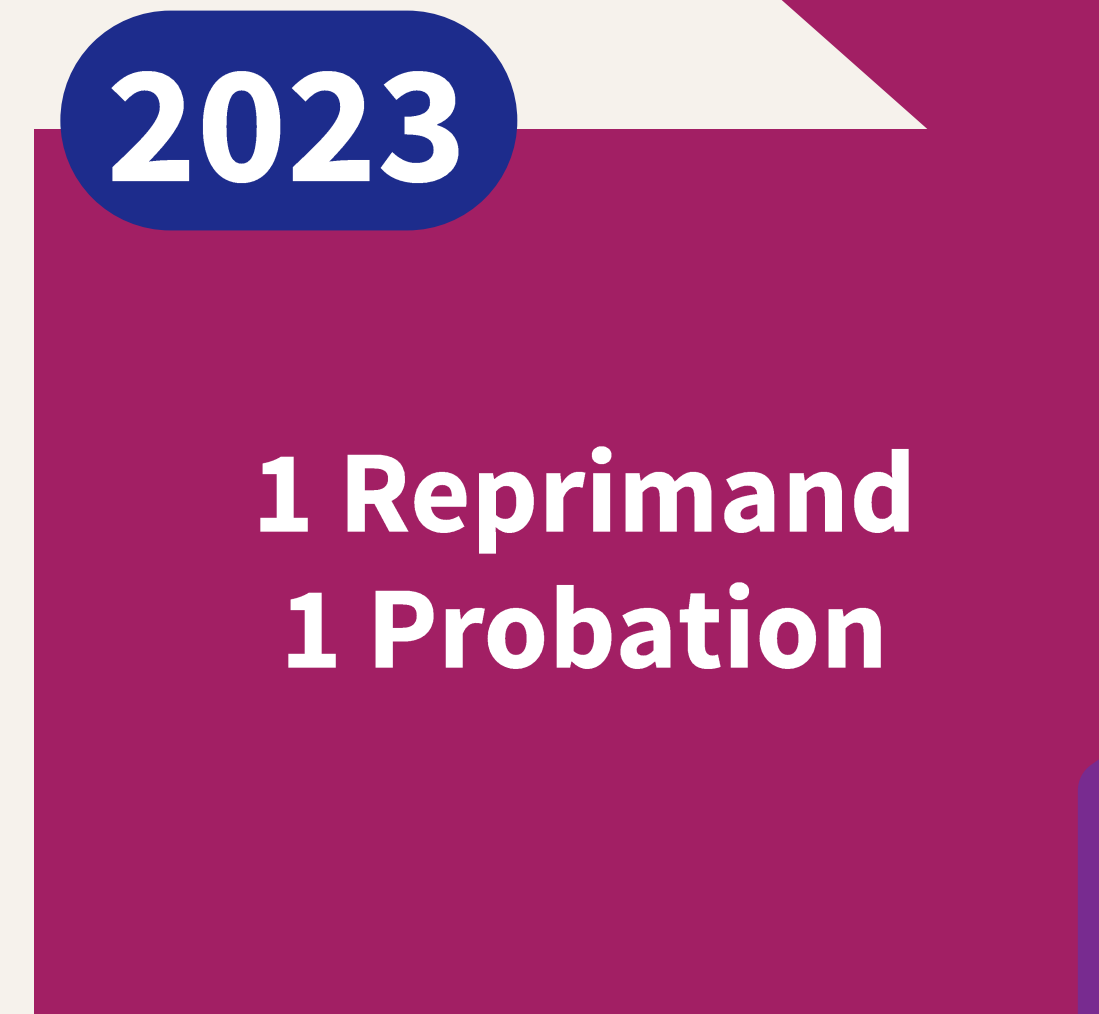
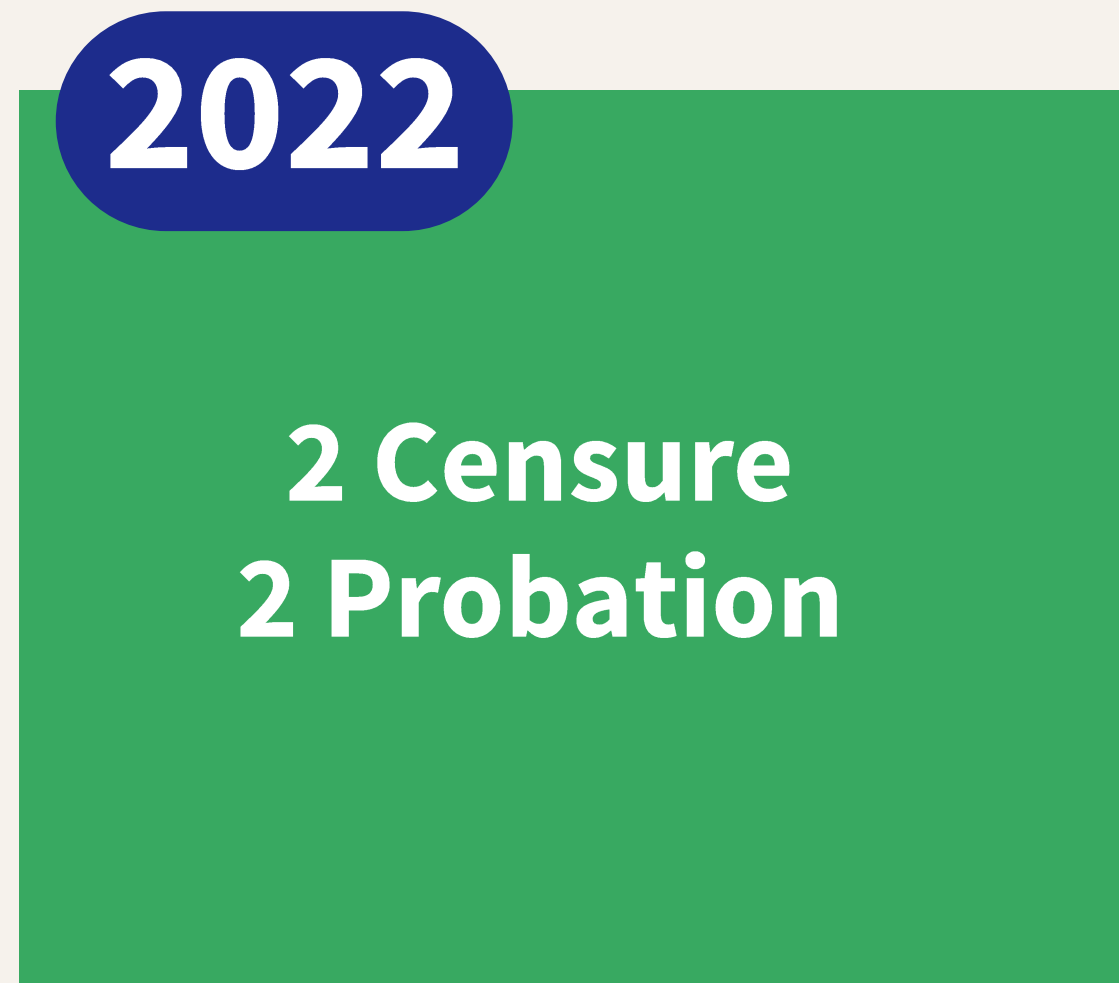
	2021	2022	2023
<b>Documentation problems</b>	12%	15%	17%
<b>Lack of continuing education</b>	10%	20%	29%
<b>Practicing with an expired license</b>	-	6%	7%
<b>Misdemeanor conviction</b>	12%	10%	7%
<b>Failure to comply with state sanction</b>	-	6%	-
<b>Unprofessional conduct</b>	-	11%	-
<b>Fraudulent billing</b>	-	-	9%



# Sanctions Imposed

## Early Determination Review

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# Sanctions Imposed Exam Candidate

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2022

4 Reprimand  
2 Censure  
1 Probation

3 Reprimand  
1 Censure  
1 Probation

2023

4 Reprimand  
3 Censure  
1 Ineligibility  
followed by  
probation

# Sanctions Imposed OTA

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2022

7 Reprimand  
6 Censure  
2 Probation  
2 Suspension  
1 Ineligible  
4 Voluntary  
Surrender

7 Reprimand  
4 Censure  
0 Probation  
5 Suspension  
0 Voluntary  
Surrender

2023

11 Reprimand  
6 Censure  
1 Probation  
5 Suspension  
2 Emergency  
Suspension  
2 Voluntary  
Surrender

# Sanctions Imposed OT

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**2022**

**7 Reprimand  
6 Censure  
2 Probation  
2 Suspension  
1 Ineligible  
4 Voluntary  
Surrender**

**6 Reprimand  
3 Censure  
1 Probation  
2 Suspension  
1 Voluntary  
Surrender**

**2023**

**10 Reprimand  
6 Censure  
1 Probation  
3 Suspension  
1 Voluntary  
Surrender**

Our efforts to serve the public interest are stronger because of the partnership that exists between state OT regulatory entities and NBCOT.

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