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LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board

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Quick look...

- > The Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers (OTPTAT) Board licenses about 37,000 professionals.
- > The Board is governed by 20 members appointed by the Governor with daily operations overseen by an executive director.
- The Board is fully supported by fees and receives no GRF funding.
- > The Board receives a total appropriation of about \$2.8 million over the biennium.

| FY 2022 Actual | FY 2023 Actual | FY 2024 Actual | FY 2025 Actual | FY 2026 Appropriation | FY 2027 Appropriation | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| Fund 4K90 ALI 890609, Operating Expenses | | | | | | | |
| \$1,196,772 | \$1,208,997 | \$1,172,020 | \$1,299,110 | \$1,352,852 | \$1,434,859 | | |
| % change | 1.0% | -3.1% | 10.8% | 4.1% | 6.1% | | |

Agency overview

The Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers (OTPTAT) Board licenses occupational and physical therapists, athletic trainers, orthotists, prosthetists, and pedorthists. OTPTAT is responsible for licensing applicants, renewing licenses, investigating complaints, determining appropriate disciplinary actions, and ensuring licensees meet educational standards. OTPTAT's governing authority consists of a joint board composed of 16 members, as well as a Physical Therapy Section, Occupational Therapy Section, and an Athletic Trainers Section. The joint board consists of four physical therapists, four occupational therapists, four athletic trainers, one physical therapy assistant, one occupational therapy assistant, one physician, and one public member. These members also sit on the applicable section. An additional four members sit on the Physical Therapy Section, which brings OTPTAT's total members to 20. There is also an Orthotics, Prosthetists, and Pedorthics (OPP) Advisory Council, which has five members.

The Board's daily operations are the responsibility of an executive director appointed by the governing authority. Including the Executive Director, the Board had ten full-time employees at the end of June 2025.

Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget

The Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers (OTPTAT) Board's operations are funded by Dedicated Purpose Fund (Fund 4K90) line item 890609, Operating

Expenses. The line item is appropriated about \$1.35 million in FY 2026 and about \$1.43 million in FY 2027.

Licenses and fees

All OTPTAT's revenue comes from fees that are deposited into the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90). Many occupational licensing and regulatory boards and commissions, including OTPTAT, use Fund 4K90 as an operating account. Each licensing board or commission is generally expected to be self-sufficient, generating enough revenue to cover its expenses.

OTPTAT's license fees are included in the table below. All licenses are renewed biennially. OTPTAT also offers the Physical Therapist Compact Privilege.¹ This allows licensed physical therapists from other compact states an expedited path to obtaining the authority to practice in Ohio.

| OTPTAT License Fees by Type | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| License Type | Fee | | | |
| Initial Application | \$100 | | | |
| Renewal | \$70 | | | |
| Physical Therapist Compact Privilege* | \$50 | | | |
| 3-D Printing Authority | \$25 | | | |

^{*}An additional \$45 is paid to the Physical Therapy Compact Commission.

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¹ Ohio joined the Physical Therapy Compact due to S.B. 5 of the 134th General Assembly. S.B. 7 of the 134th General Assembly joined Ohio into the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact as well. As of July 2025, however, the OT Compact is not operational.