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Registration Data Report

College of Occupational Therapists of Manitoba



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Introduction

The Fair Registration Practices Office (FRPO) issues this report as part of its mandate and oversight responsibility under The Fair Registration Practices in Regulated Professions Amendment Act (Act). Section 14(2b) stipulates the Director of Fair Registration Practices is responsible to conduct research and analysis regarding the registration of internationally educated applicants (IEAs). This report presents registration data for the College of Occupational Therapists of Manitoba (COTM) for the period of 2011 to 2021. There is no discussion of fairness issues or matters of compliance to fairness duties under the Act.

Manitoba self-regulated professions supply registration data to the FRPO in accordance with section 15(2) of the Act. Each year, regulated professions subject to the legislation provide records on the key steps in the assessment and registration process for IEAs, and less detailed, aggregate application and outcome information for domestic applicants (DAs). Regulated professions have been providing IEA data since 2011; DA data has been supplied since 2012.

COTM received a small number of IEAs over the 2011 to 2021 reporting period, less than 20. A cautious reading of the data is needed. The impact of individual circumstance on registration outcome and timeline figures may be more significant than it would be with larger application numbers, providing a potentially unrepresentative statistical picture. Additionally, data presentation is limited by the need to address privacy concerns of this small sample size.

Reading the numbers

Occupational therapy practice in Canada differs from many regions of the world with its emphasis on autonomous practice and the need for patient consent and attention to privacy rights.

COTM's licensure process for internationally educated occupational therapists underwent a significant transition in 2015 with the introduction of the Association of Canadian Occupational Therapy Regulators Organizations' (ACOTRO) Substantial Equivalency Assessment System. ACOTRO now conducts the initial assessment of an applicant's academic eligibility formerly conducted by COTM. As a result, from 2015 onward, the IEA data set includes only those who completed this national first-step and then applied to COTM.

The quality of COTM's IEA registration data is strong, capturing key application, assessment and registration dates and outcomes. There is no need at this time to introduce new elements to capture missing events or dates in the assessment and registration pathway.

Registration Data



Registered Members:

874

As of December 2021

Applications

internationally educated applicants



2012-2021

domestic applicants



2013-2021

Registrations

internationally educated applicants (2012-2021)



63%

domestic applicants (2013-2021)



98%



IEA median time to provisional registration:

187 days

registration:

1.4 years



countries of education:

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