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National Certification – Our professional field requires you to pass a National Exam. Candidates applying for the NBCOT® Certification Examination for CERTIFIED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT COTA® (COTA) must answer each of the following questions on the examination application:

- Have you ever been charged or convicted of a felony? (NOTE: Candidates must answer affirmatively even if records, charges, or convictions have been pardoned, expunged) released or sealed.)
- Have you ever had any professional license, registration, or certification revoked, suspended or subject to conditions by a regulatory authority or certification board?
- Have you ever been found by any court, administrative, or disciplinary proceeding to have committed negligence, malpractice, recklessness, or willful or intentional misconduct which resulted in harm to another?
- Have you ever been suspended and/or expelled from a college or university?

If the answer to any of these questions is “yes,” the candidate must submit the following information to NBCOT®’s Regulatory Affairs Department:

- An explanation of events of the incident(s) to which the candidate answered “yes”;
- Copies of official documentation related to the incident(s); and
- Any additional information or documentation the candidate may wish to include, such as remedial measures taken since the incident.

NBCOT® will review the information submitted on an individual basis and determine whether the incident(s) has a direct relationship to a potential violation(s) of the [Candidate/Certificant Code of Conduct](#). NBCOT®’s Qualifications and Compliance Review Committee may impose sanctions, **including barring a candidate from becoming certified** by NBCOT® either indefinitely or for a designated period of time. See www.NBCOT.org for more information.