



# TAMILNADU BRANCH OF AIOTA

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## CIRCULAR

### Subject: To identify Fake Occupational Therapist in the state of Tamilnadu

TNAIOTA has taken strict & stringent measures to identify fake Occupational Therapist and halt malpractices in the state, within the field of habilitation, restoration and rehabilitation.

Further, Zonal and District Co-ordinators are informed to collect the names of qualified Occupational Therapist employed (**fill with Annexure 2**) in the Special school, Developmental Centre, NGOs, Therapy Clinics, Private inclusive school, SSA centre, Vocational Rehabilitation centres, Private hospitals, etc.

In addition, Members of TNAIOTA and Clinic Practitioner are asked to co-ordinate with Zonal/District Co-ordinator to identify the fake therapist around your Clinical Practice.

In- Particular, any organization in the state which indulges in malpractices (Occupational Therapy intervention rendered by fake therapist) is liable under law.

Subsequently, Legal committee will cross check with the organization and summon the notice to the particular organization to give proper explanation for the unlawful activity. Unsatisfactory explanation, will lead to legal consequences (Court proceeding under Criminal Law).

As an Occupational Therapist it is our duty to educate all the organizations involved in habilitation, restoration and rehabilitation about on **“Who is a qualified and registered Occupational Therapist?”** read with **Annexure 1**.



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## Note:

1. Always read “Fake Therapist” as “Misrepresented Occupational Therapist and Unqualified Occupational Therapist providing illegal OT service or Non-Occupational Therapy professionals practicing Occupational Therapy”
2. Read “Malpractice/ Illegal Practice/ unlawful” as “service provided in the name Occupational Therapy by a fake Therapist”.

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## Annexure- 1

**“Who is a qualified and registered Occupational Therapist?”**

### **1. Occupational Therapy Definition (WFOT):**

World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT) defines Occupational Therapy as a “client-centered health profession concerned with promoting health and well being through occupation. The primary goal of Occupational Therapy is to enable people to participate in the activities of everyday life. Occupational Therapist achieve this outcome by working with people and communities to enhance their ability to engage in the occupations they want to, need to, or are expected to do, or by modifying the occupation or the environment to better support their occupational engagement” (World Federation of Occupational Therapists [WFOT], 2010, para. 1

### **2. Qualification:**

Qualified Occupational Therapist is with a under graduate or post graduate or Doctor of philosophy degree in Occupational Therapy (BOT, MOT, and Phd-OT) obtained either from a state or central government recognized educational institution in India.

### **3. Registration(Tamilnadu):**

Registered Occupational Therapist is the member of Tamilnadu All India Occupational Therapists' Association (TNAIOTA) and All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA) and also a Occupational Therapy graduate in recognized university in India.

### **4. Setups:**

Occupational Therapist works in various setups like Hospitals, Special Schools, normal stream schools, Private practice, Rehabilitation centre, Non-governmental organization, Psychiatric homes, Vocational rehabilitation centre, Industries, etc.



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## Annexure 2

### To be filled by Zonal/District Co-ordinator

Name of the Organization	
Name of the Proprietor	
Whether the organization is Registered	Yes/No
If Yes, Registration Number	
Address of Organization	
Do Occupational Therapist is Employed in	Yes/ No
If Yes, Name of the Occupational Therapist	
If No, Name of the fake therapist	

### Attachment (In case of Illegal Practice):

- \*Photocopy of Organization(Name Board/Banner & Front view of Organization)
- \*Compliant Letter from the Client (Care taker) who received Occupational therapy service from the fake therapist.

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Zonal Co-ordinator/District Co-ordinator