

Occupational Licensing Study 50 State Comparison

State Board of Occupational Therapy
Education and Licensure

Occupational Therapist
Occupational Therapy Assistant



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Occupational Therapist

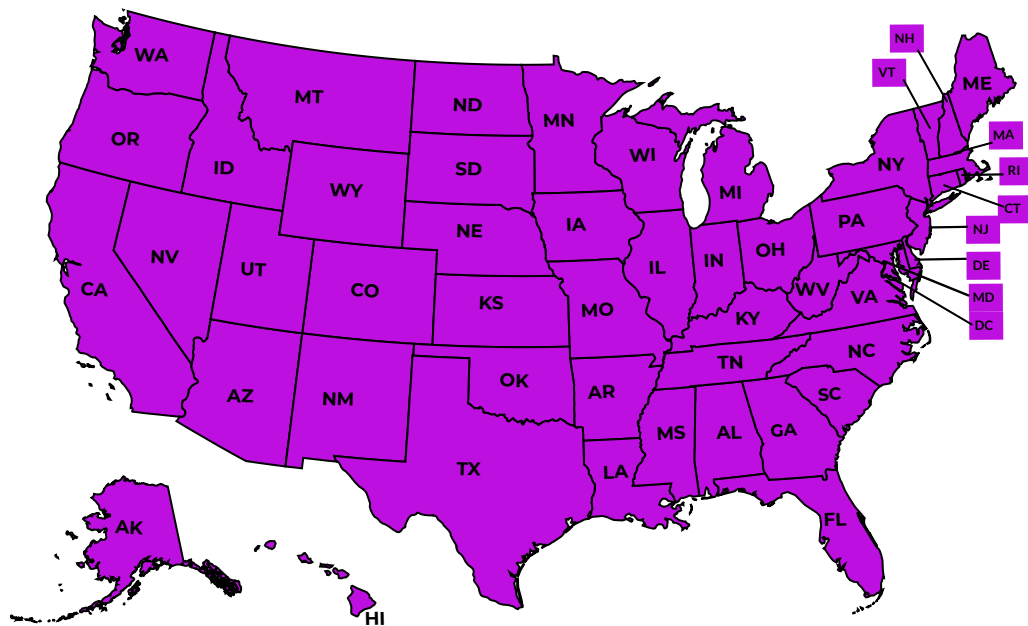
Licensed individuals who treat injured, ill, or disabled patients through the therapeutic use of everyday activities. Occupational therapists help patients develop, recover, improve, as well as maintain the skills needed for daily living and working.

Occupational Therapy Assistant

A person licensed to assist in the practice of occupational therapy, under the supervision of an occupational therapist.

Occupational Therapist

Degree Requirement

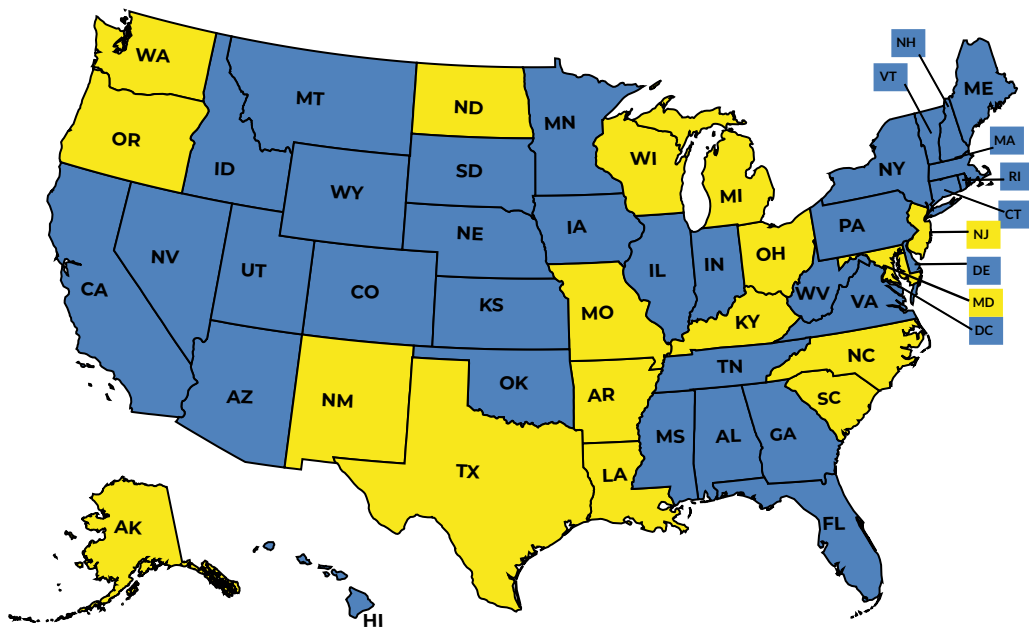


Degrees:

- Graduate from an ACOTE-accredited OT educational program

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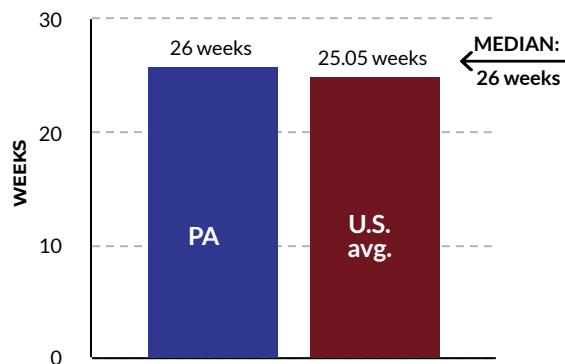
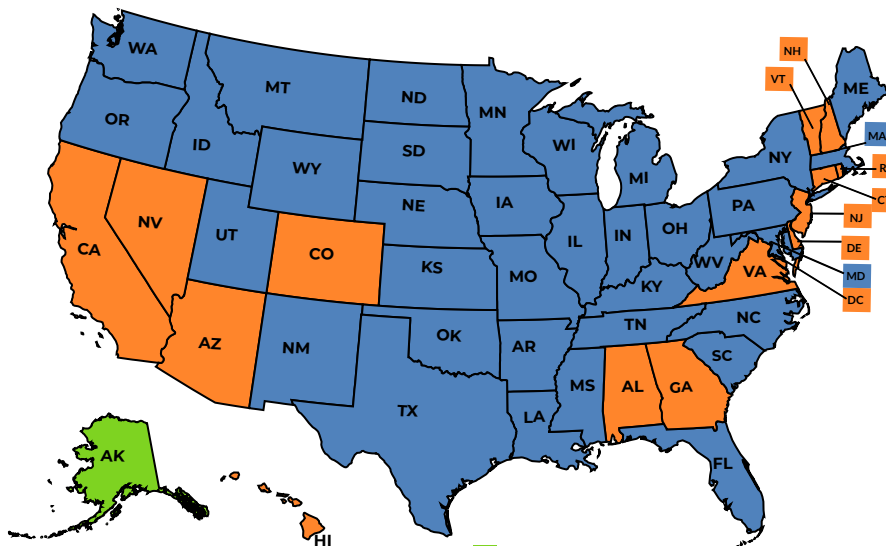
Examination Requirement



- States with 1 required examination
- States with 2 required examinations

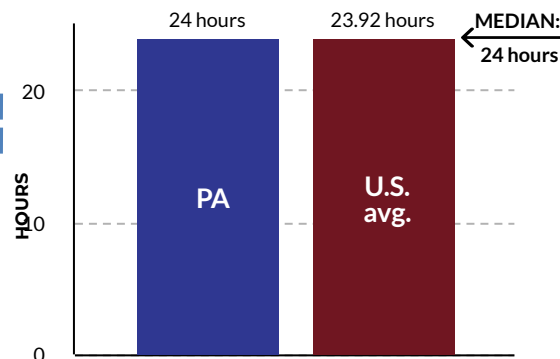
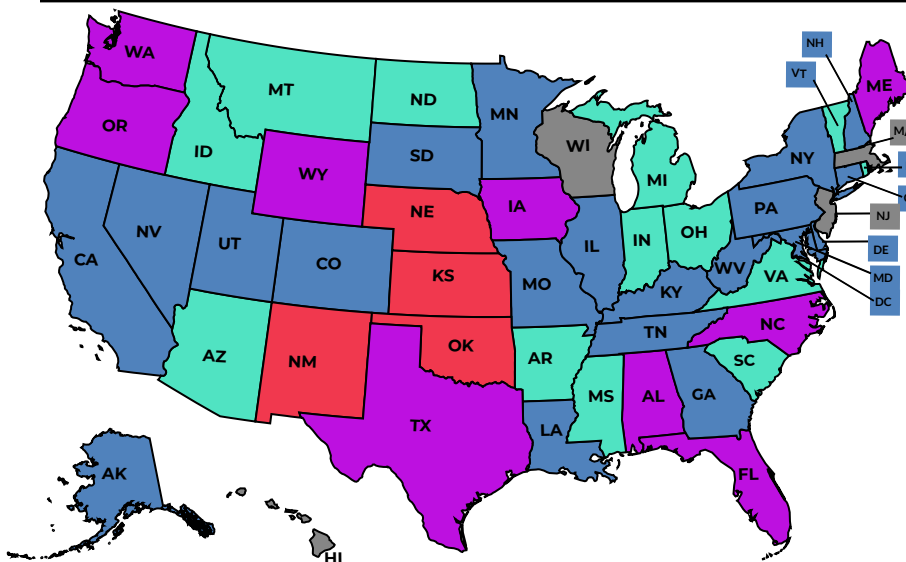
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Training / Experience Requirement



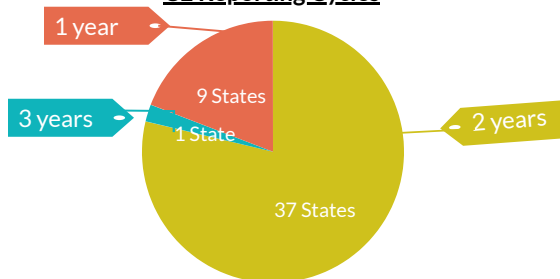
- 8 weeks
- 24 weeks
- 26 weeks

Continuing Education Requirement



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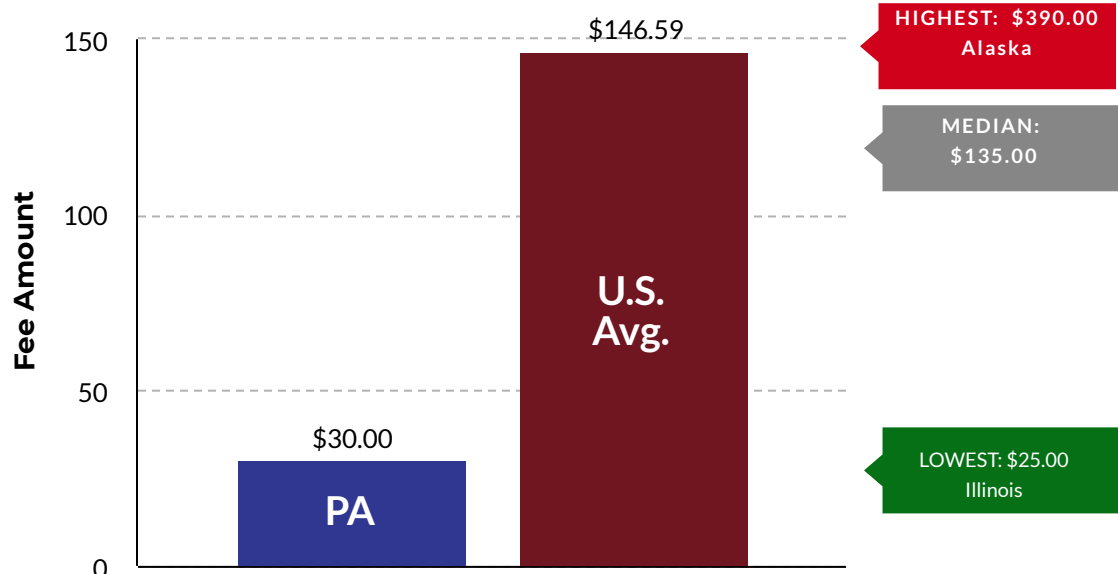
CE Reporting Cycles



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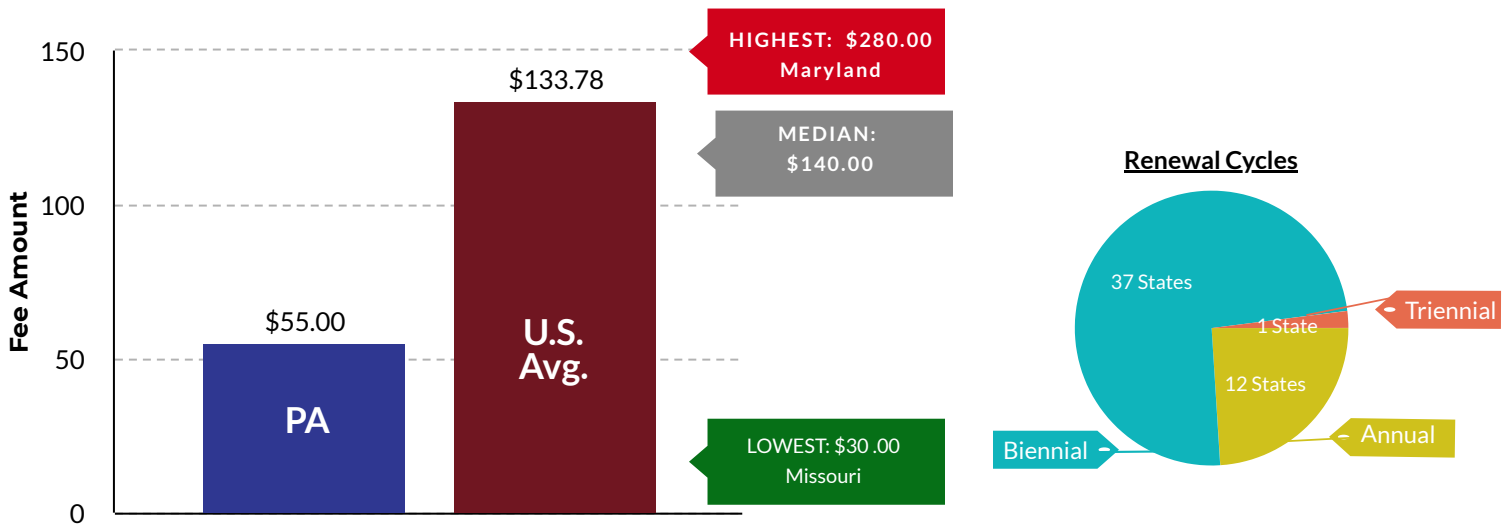
Occupational Therapist

Initial Licensing Fee



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Renewal Fees



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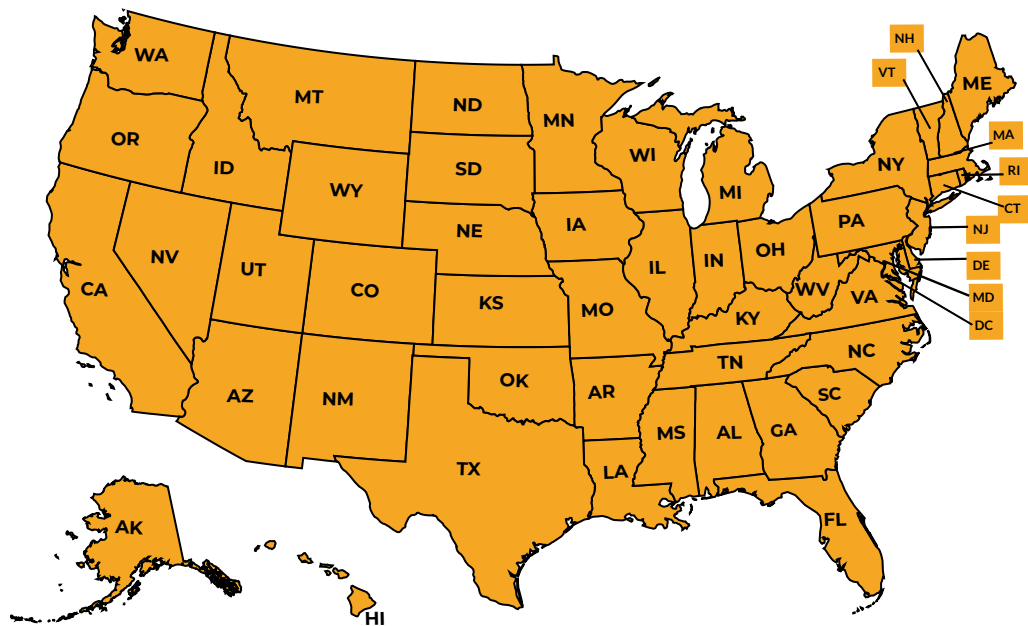
States with Reciprocity or Endorsement

<u>Endorsement</u>	<u>Reciprocity</u>	<u>Not Specified in Legislation</u>
Arizona	Alabama	
Colorado	Arkansas	New Hampshire
Connecticut	California	
District of Columbia	Delaware	<u>Credentials</u>
Florida	Georgia	Alaska
Idaho	Louisiana	Kansas
Illinois	Minnesota	Kentucky
Indiana	Missouri	Maryland
Iowa	Montana	New York
Maine	New Jersey	Washington
Massachusetts	North Dakota	
Michigan	South Dakota	
Mississippi	Tennessee	
Nebraska	West Virginia	
Nevada		
	<u>Reciprocity / Endorsement</u>	
	Hawaii	

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Occupational Therapy Assistant

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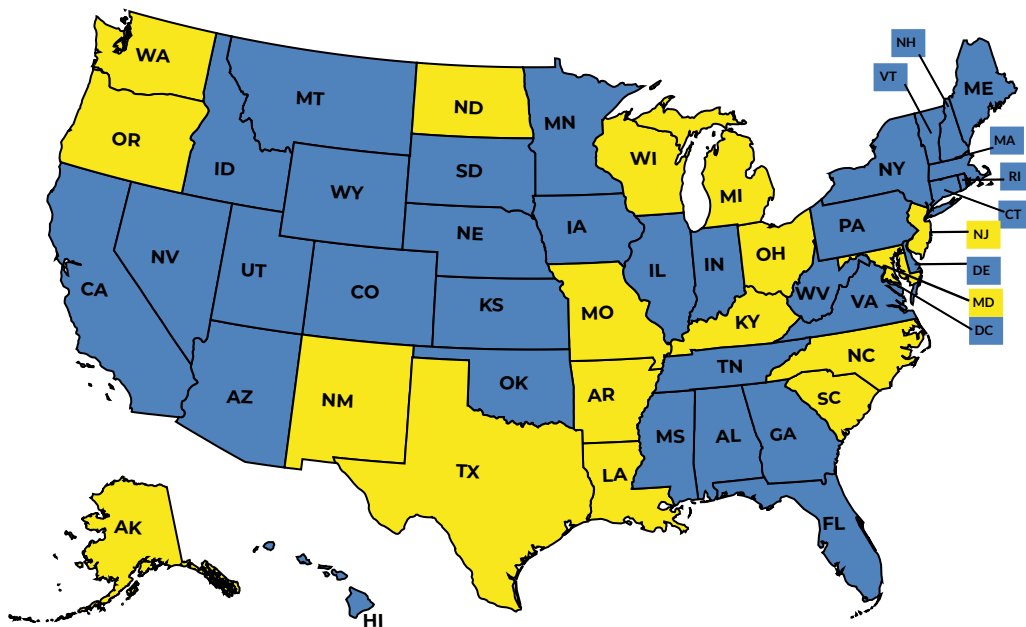


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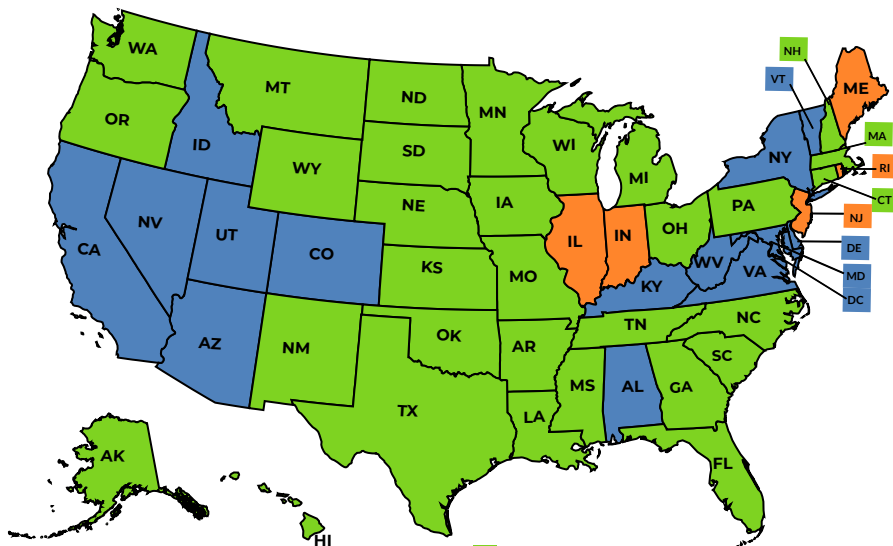
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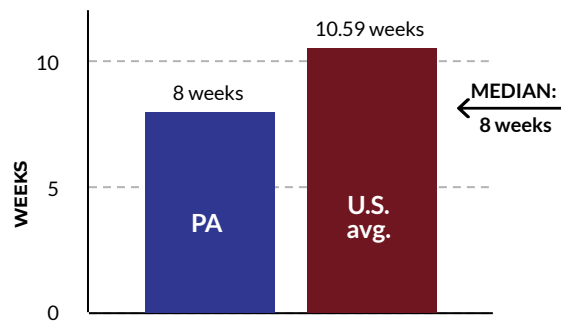


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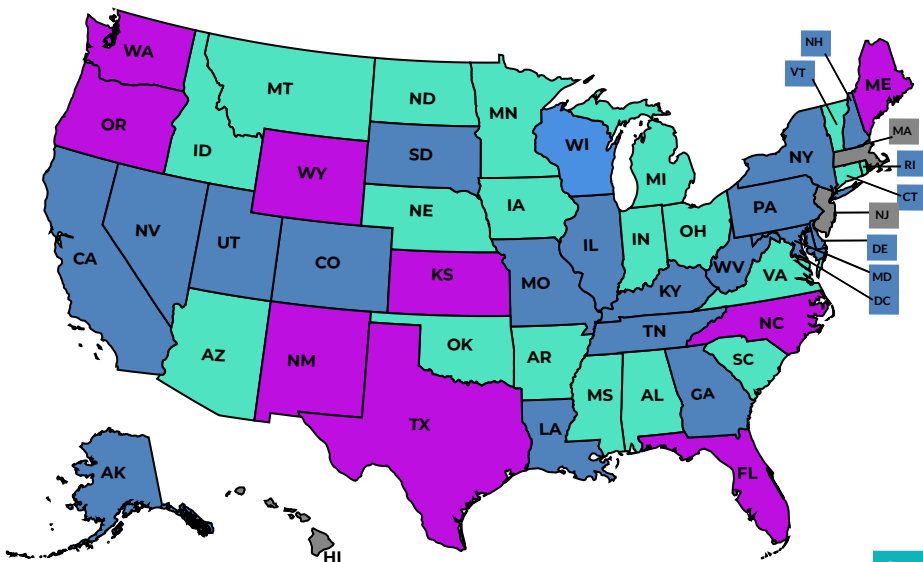
Occupational Therapy Assistant Training / Experience Requirement



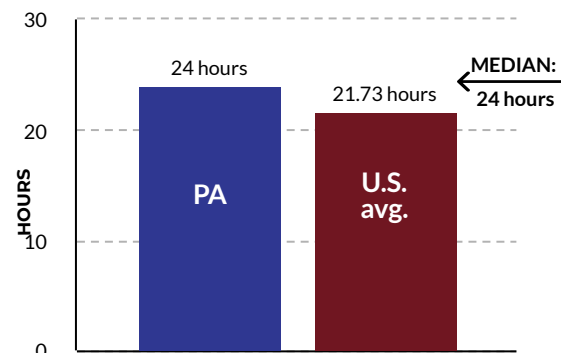
- 8 weeks
- 12 weeks
- 16 weeks



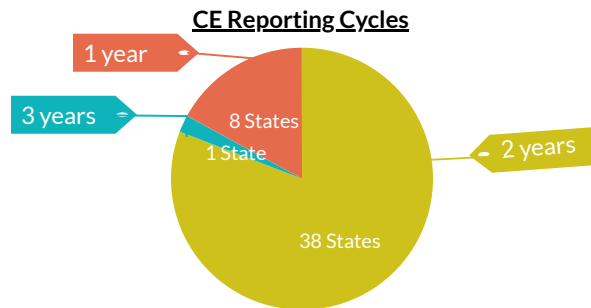
Continuing Education Requirement



- 0 CE hours
- 10 - 20 CE hours/2 yrs
- 24 CE hours/2 yrs
- 26 - 40 CE hours/2 yrs



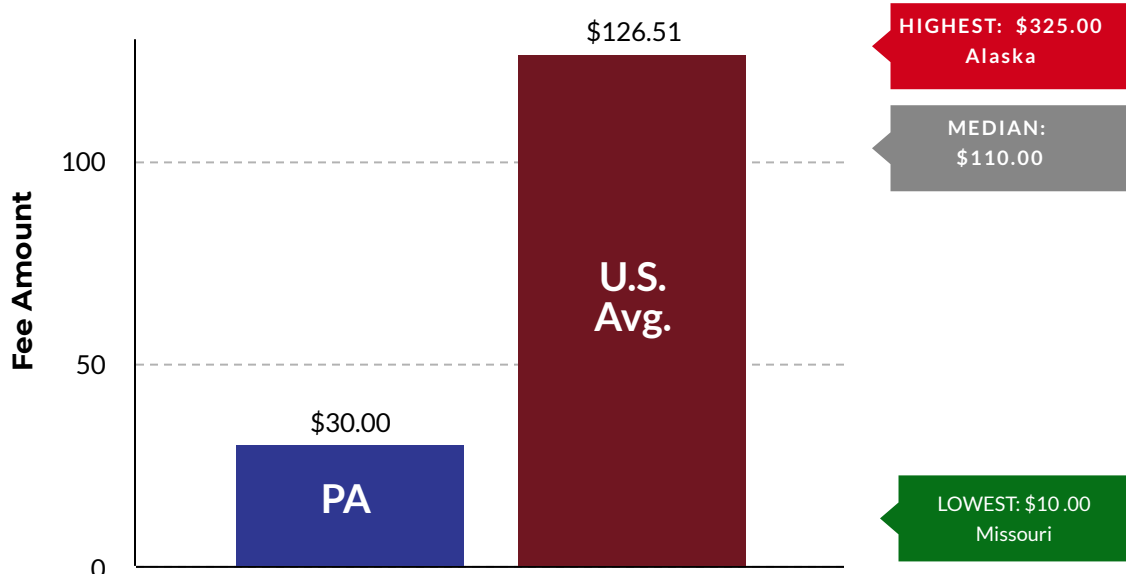
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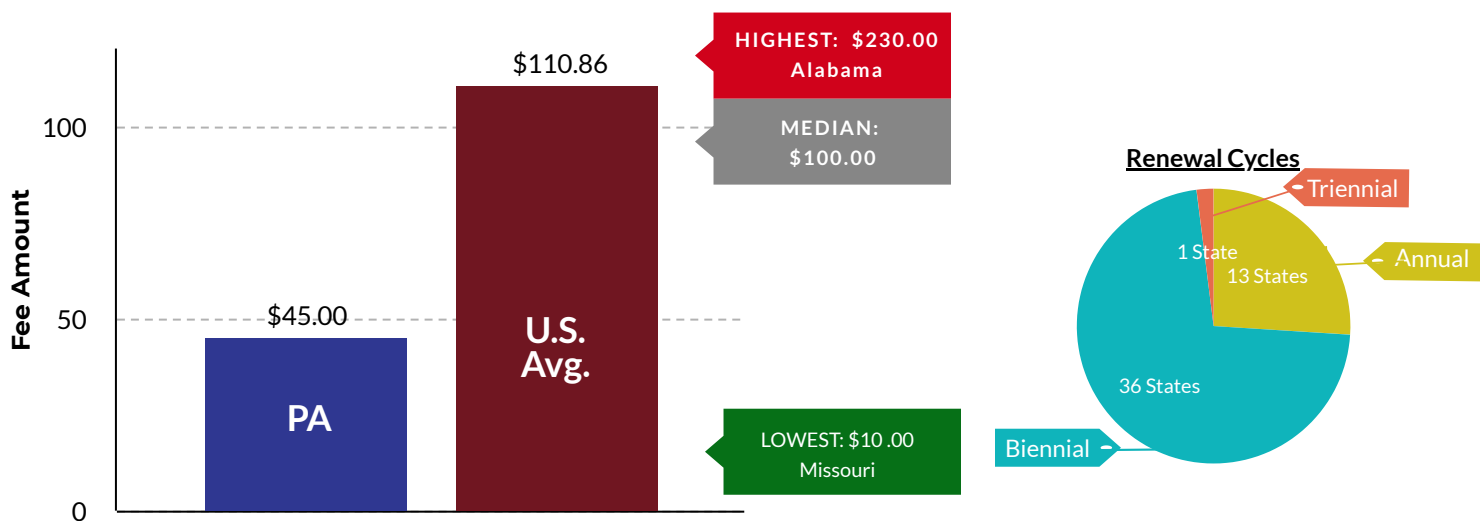
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