

# State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics

- Ohio is one of only 11 states in the nation to license orthotists, prosthetists, and pedorthists
- The Board currently licenses 360 professionals

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## OVERVIEW

### Duties and Responsibilities

The State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics, created by S.B. 238 of the 123rd General Assembly, licenses and regulates orthotists, prosthetists, and pedorthists, ensuring those individuals meet minimum education and experience qualifications. The Board meets its responsibilities through management of the licensure process, overseeing regulation of the industry in Ohio, and enforcement through monitoring licensees and investigating complaints.

Ohio is one of only 11 states requiring licensure in orthotics and prosthetics and even fewer states require licensure in pedorthics. However, according to the Board, the trend for this profession is moving toward licensure. In FY 2006, the Board issued 100 orthotists, 71 prosthetists, 101 pedorthists, 107 prosthetist-orthotists, and 12 pedorthist-temporary licenses.

The State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics is part of the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K9). Fund 4K9 is a General Services Fund that is a repository for license fees and other assessments collected by the state's professional and occupational licensing boards. The fund is a repository for license fees and other assessments collected by the state's professional and occupational licensing boards. The philosophy of the fund is that each board must generate enough revenues to cover its expenses. Some boards develop a surplus to cover unforeseen economic hardships.

The Board receives revenue from new and renewal license fees and expends funds for operating expenses associated with the licensure, regulation, and enforcement processes. Expenditures and revenue for FY 2006 were \$100,452 and \$109,754, respectively. The Board contributed \$9,302 more to Fund 4K9 than it expended during FY 2006.

### Licensing System

The Board, in partnership with the Department of Administrative Services, implemented a new web-based multi-board licensing system. Each board pays its share of the costs out of Fund 4K9. In FY 2008, estimated costs are \$188, and \$215 in FY 2009 for this system and for the computer firewall protection.

**Agency in Brief**

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Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2008	2009	2008	2009	
2	\$111,300	\$116,260	\$0	\$0	Am. Sub. H.B. 119

\*Employee count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 2007.

**ANALYSIS OF THE BUDGET**

**Single Program Series**

**Operating Expenses**

*Purpose:* License and regulate the practice of orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics.

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund the State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2008	FY 2009
<b>General Services Fund</b>				
4K9	973-609	Operating Expenses	\$111,300	\$116,260
<b>General Services Fund Subtotal</b>			<b>\$111,300</b>	<b>\$116,260</b>
<b>Total Funding: State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics</b>			<b>\$111,300</b>	<b>\$116,260</b>

*Program Description:* In accordance with Chapter 4779. of the Revised Code, the State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics protects the health and safety of Ohio citizens through its standards-based review of license applications and qualifications, enforcement of continuing education requirements, revising and promulgating appropriate regulatory language, and investigating complaints against unlawful practices.

*Funding Source:* General Services Fund Group (Fund 4K9). Currently, all revenue from 27 occupational licensing boards is placed in Fund 4K9 and then reallocated to each board. Each board is expected to raise enough revenue through its license fees to cover its expenses.

*Implication of the Budget:* The Board received funding of \$111,300 in FY 2007 and \$116,260 in FY 2008. The enacted funding will allow the Board to maintain FY 2005 service levels.

**FY 2008 - 2009 Final Appropriation Amounts**

**All Fund Groups**

<i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>	<i>FY 2005:</i>	<i>FY 2006: Appropriations:</i>	<i>FY 2007 Adj. Appropriations:</i>	<i>FY 2008 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2007 to 2008:</i>	<i>FY 2009 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2008 to 2009:</i>
<b>Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill</b>		<b>Version: Enacted</b>					
<b>OPP Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics</b>							
4K9 973-609 Operating Expenses	\$ 96,151	\$ 100,492	\$ 106,035	\$ 111,300	4.97%	\$ 116,260	4.46%
<b>General Services Fund Group Total</b>	<b>\$ 96,151</b>	<b>\$ 100,492</b>	<b>\$ 106,035</b>	<b>\$ 111,300</b>	<b>4.97%</b>	<b>\$ 116,260</b>	<b>4.46%</b>
<b>Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics Total</b>	<b>\$ 96,151</b>	<b>\$ 100,492</b>	<b>\$ 106,035</b>	<b>\$ 111,300</b>	<b>4.97%</b>	<b>\$ 116,260</b>	<b>4.46%</b>