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## **Bargaining Proposal Form**

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Occupational Therapists are looking for increases in wages in Manitoba equivalent to other master's evel
allied health professionals and equality in wages across the province.
Occupational therapists are not paid wages that reflect the level of education required to be an
occupational therapist. In Manitoba, to become an occupational therapist you need to acquire a master's
level education. However, there has been no increase in pay associated with the increased level of
education. As a result, occupation therapists collectively are paid less than other allied health professionals
with the same level of education. For example, Speech-Language Pathologists in Canada make
considerably more than occupational therapists.
The second justification for an increase in wage, is because Manitoba occupational therapists are not paid
equally to occupational therapists across Canada. Other than Saskatchewan, Manitoba has the lowest
wages for occupational therapists in the country making it difficult to attract and keep occupational
therapists in Manitoba. Thirdly, at this point in time, with the wage freezes, many occupational therapists'
express concerns that wages are not adjusted for market inflation (i.e. increases in cost of living). Finally,
as changes with unions occur occupational therapists have voiced that wage parity is important for
occupational therapists across the province. Factors affecting occupational therapy wages include specific
vs. non-specific roles, health regions and respective unions that occupational therapists work in.
The Manitoba Society of Occupational Therapists will be sending MAHCP information regarding
occupational therapists current wage and wage comparisons.