

Doctor of Physical Therapy Licensure Regulations by State 2018

The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT)

Alabama

State of Alabama Board of Physical Therapy
100 North Union Street
Suite 724
Montgomery, AL 36130-5040

Phone: (334) 242-4064

Alabama Requirements

- Each applicant for licensure as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant must have completed a CAPTE approved program of physical therapy education appropriate for preparation as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant and successfully passed the National Physical Therapy Exam(NPTE).
- Jurisprudence Examination

Please visit <http://pt.alabama.gov/licensing.aspx> for more information.

Alaska

The Great State of Alaska
Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
333 Wiloughby AVE, 9th FL
State office Building
Juneau, AK 99801-1770

Phone: (907) 465-2550

Alaska Requirements

Section 08.84.030

To be eligible for licensure by the board as a physical therapist or physical therapy assistant, an applicant must:

- have graduated from a school of physical therapy approved by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association, or the American Physical Therapy Association
- pass to the satisfaction of the board an examination prepared by a national testing service approved by the board to determine the applicant's fitness for practice as a physical therapist or physical therapy assistant, or be entitled to licensure without examination
- meet qualifications for licensure established in regulations adopted by the board under AS 08.84.010(b).

Please visit <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/PT-OTStatutes.pdf> for more information.

Arizona

Arizona State Board of Physical Therapy
1740 W. Adams, Sta. 2450
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Phone: (602) 274-0236

Arizona Requirements

Section 32-2022

An applicant for a license as a physical therapist who has been educated in the United States shall:

- Be of good moral character.
- Complete the application process.
- Be a graduate of a professional physical therapy education program that is accredited by a national accreditation agency approved by the board.
- Have successfully passed the national examination approved by the board.
- Have successfully passed a jurisprudence examination that tests the applicant's knowledge of board statutes and rules.
- Obtain a valid fingerprint clearance card issued pursuant to section 41-1758.03.

Please visit

<https://www.azleg.gov/viewdocument/?docName=http://www.azleg.gov/ars/32/02022.htm> for more information.

Arkansas

Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy
9 Shackelford Plaza, Suite 3
Little Rock, AR 72211

Phone: (501) 228-7100

Contact: arptb@sbcglobal.net

Arkansas Requirements

- An individual who plans to practice as a Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant must secure a license prior to practicing in the state.
- Credentials required for application for initial licensure are to be submitted to the Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy as follows:
 - An official transcript mailed from the Office of the Registrar of a professional physical therapy /physical therapist assistant education program accredited by a national accreditation agency approved by the Board is required. An official certification of graduation from a professional physical therapy program shall be sufficient to allow the applicant to take the licensure exam.
 - Official application from the Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy filled out by the applicant and notarized.
 - Application requirements must be completed and received by the Board prior to being approved to take the examinations.

Please visit https://www.arptb.org/pdf/rules_regs.pdf for more information.

California

Department of Consumer Affairs
Physical Therapy Board of California
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1350
Sacramento, CA 95815

Phone: (916) 561-8200

Contact: PT@dca.ca.gov

California Requirements

- All applicants for licensure are required to take and pass the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) (Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant Examination) and the California Law Examination (CLE), which relates to the practice of physical therapy in California. The CLE is a one-hour multiple-choice examination. Applicants applying through endorsement who have passed the NPTE for California will only need to register for the CLE.

Please visit http://www.ptbc.ca.gov/applicants/pt_apps.shtml for more information.

Colorado

Colorado State Physical Therapy Board
1560 Broadway, Suite 1350
Denver, CO 80202

Phone: (303) 894-7800

Contact: dora_physicaltherapyboard@state.co.us

Colorado Requirements

Rule 204 Licensure by Examination for Physical Therapists

- Applicant is required to demonstrate that they have successfully completed a physical therapy program that is either:
 - Accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency
 - Substantially equivalent pursuant to Rule 205
- If applying to take the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) an applicant must:
 - Successfully completed a physical therapy program to be eligible to graduate within 90 days of the program
 - Meet the Federation of State Board of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) current eligibility requirements in effect at the time of registering for the NPTE, including any exam retake or low score limit policies
- Must graduate from a physical therapy program and pass the NPTE within 2 years immediately preceding the date of application

Please visit https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/Physical_Therapy_Laws#Rules for more information.

Connecticut

Connecticut Department of Public Health
PT Licensure
410 Capitol Ave., MS #12 APP
Hartford, CT 06134

Phone: (860) 509-7603

Contact: dph.alliedhealth@ct.gov

Connecticut Requirements

An applicant for licensure must meet the eligibility requirements outlined below:

- Successful completion of a program of study approved by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA);
- Successful completion of the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) administered by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy with a criterion-referenced passing score for the respective administration of the examination.

Please visit <http://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Physicaltherapist/Physical-Therapist-Licensing-Requirements> for more information.

Delaware

Delaware State Division of Professional Regulation
Cannon Building, Suite 203
861 Silver Lake Blvd.
Dover, Delaware 19904

Phone: (302) 744-4500

Contact: customerservices.dpr@state.de.us

Delaware Requirements

- Submit completed, signed and notarized *Application for Licensure as a Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant* to the Board office.
- Enclose the non-refundable **processing fee** by check or money order made payable to “State of Delaware.”
 - If you hold an *active* Delaware Physical Therapist Assistant license and are applying for upgrade to a Physical Therapist license, enclose the non-refundable **upgrade fee** instead of the full processing fee.
- Complete the *Criminal History Record Check Authorization* form to request State of Delaware and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background checks. Follow the instructions on the authorization form to arrange to be fingerprinted.
- If you have ever held a license in another jurisdiction (state, U.S. territory or District of Columbia), arrange for the Board office to receive verification of licensure from each jurisdiction where you have ever held a license, sent *directly* from the jurisdiction to the Board office.
- Enclose a copy of your current CPR certification card (front and back).
 - Online CPR courses are **not** accepted.
- If you have never been issued a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN), submit a *Request for Exemption from Social Security Number Requirement*.
- Pass the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE)

Please visit <https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/physicaltherapy/newtherapist/> for more information.

Florida

Department of Health
Florida Board of Physical Therapy
4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin C-05
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3255

Phone: (850) 488-0595

Florida Requirements

Section 486.031 Physical Therapist Licensing Requirements

To be eligible for licensing as a physical therapist, an applicant must:

- Be at least 18 years old;
- Be of good moral character; and
- Have been graduated from a school of physical therapy which has been approved for the educational preparation of physical therapists by the appropriate accrediting agency recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation or the United States Department of Education at the time of her or his graduation and have passed, to the satisfaction of the board, the American Registry Examination prior to 1971 or a national examination approved by the board to determine her or his fitness for practice as a physical therapist as hereinafter provided;
- Have received a diploma from a program in physical therapy in a foreign country and have educational credentials deemed equivalent to those required for the educational preparation of physical therapists in this country, as recognized by the appropriate agency as identified by the board, and have passed to the satisfaction of the board an examination to determine her or his fitness for practice as a physical therapist as hereinafter provided; or
- Be entitled to licensure without examination as provided in s. 486.081.

Please visit <http://floridasphysicaltherapy.gov/licensing/u-s-trained-physical-therapist-by-examination/> for more information.

Georgia

Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy
237 Coliseum Drive
Macon, GA 31217-3858

Phone: (478) 207-2440

Georgia Requirements

Section 43-33-12

A license to practice physical therapy shall be issued to any person who:

- Is a graduate of an educational program that prepares physical therapists and which is accredited by a recognized accrediting agency and approved by the board or, in the case of an applicant who has graduated from an educational program which prepares physical therapists conducted in a foreign country, has submitted, in a manner prescribed by the board, credentials approved by the board and who has further demonstrated the ability to speak, write, and understand the English language and has satisfactorily completed a three-month board approved traineeship under the supervision of a physical therapist licensed under this chapter;
- Has satisfactorily passed an examination prepared or approved by the board and has acquired any additional education and training required by the board

Please visit <http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/39> for more information.

Hawaii

Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
Professional & Vocational Licensing
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, Rm 301
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Contact: pvl@dcca.hawaii.gov

Hawaii Requirements

Education

- Graduated from a Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) accredited physical therapy program

Examination

- Sit and pass the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE)

Please visit https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/files/2013/06/Info-Require-Instruct-App-for-PT-Lic_10.16R.pdf for more information.

Idaho

Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licenses
700 West State Street
Boise, ID 83702

Phone: (208) 334-3233

Contact: ibol@ibol.idaho.gov

Idaho Requirements

Rule 175

An individual shall be entitled to a license upon meeting the following requirements:

- **Application.** Submission of a complete application establishing that the individual has met the qualifications as set forth in these rules. (4-2-08)
- **Examination.** Submission of proof that the individual has successfully passed the NPTE with a scaled score of at least six hundred (600) and the jurisprudence examination with a score of at least seventy-five percent (75%). Foreign educated individuals whose native language is not English shall submit proof of successfully passing one (1) of the following English proficiency exams: (4-7-11)
 - Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with minimum passing scores of two hundred twenty (220) for computer test and five hundred sixty (560) for paper test; (4-7-11)
 - Test of English as a Foreign Language - internet based test (TOEFL IBT) with minimum passing scores of twenty-four (24) in writing; twenty-six (26) in speaking, twenty-one (21) in reading, and eighteen (18) in listening; or (4-7-11)
 - As otherwise approved by the Board. (4-7-11)

Please visit <https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/24/1301.pdf> for more information.

Illinois

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
100 West Randolph, 9th Floor
Chicago, IL 60601

Phone: (888) 473-4858

Illinois Requirements

Section 1340.30 Application for Licensure on the Basis of Examination

An applicant for a physical therapist license by examination shall submit:

- A completed and signed application on forms provided by the Division;
- Certification of graduation from a physical therapist program, signed by the Director of the Physical Therapy Program or other authorized university official and bearing the seal of the university, which meets the requirements set forth in Section 1340.20; and
- The required fee set forth in Section 1340.57.

Please visit <http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/068/068013400000300R.html> for more information.

Indiana

Indiana State Board of Physical Therapy
402 W. Washington Street # W072
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Phone: (317) 234-2051

Indiana Requirements

Licensure by Examination

- Completed **application** with \$100.00 application fee.
- Two (2) recent passport type photographs of the applicant, approximately two (2) inches by two (2) inches in size, signed in black ink along the bottom with each application.
- An official (certified) transcript of grades from the school the applicant obtained his or her degree that shows the degree has been conferred. Transcripts must come directly from the degree granting institution. Graduates of a foreign program must submit an official translation if the transcript is not in English.
- A notarized copy of a marriage certificate or an official affidavit indicating any legal name change, if your name differs from that on any documents.
- Graduates of a foreign program must submit a credentials evaluation completed within the last six (6) months. *If an applicant has an evaluation that is greater than six (6) months old, they may request a letter from the credential evaluation service to accompany their outdated evaluation which would indicate that if an evaluation were completed at present the outcome would not change.* Approved credentialing services are available [here](#).
- Social Security Number - your application cannot be processed without this information
- Criminal Background Check

Licensure by Endorsement

- Completed application with \$100.00 application fee.
- Two (2) recent passport type photographs of the applicant, approximately two (2) inches by two (2) inches in size, signed in black ink along the bottom with each application.
- An official (certified) transcript of grades from the school the applicant obtained his or her degree that shows the degree has been conferred. Transcripts must come directly from the degree granting institution. Graduates of a foreign program must submit an official translation if the transcript is not in English.
- Graduates of a foreign program must submit a credentials evaluation completed within the last six (6) months specifically for the state of Indiana. This evaluation must be completed by an approved agency and must state that the applicant's education is equivalent to that of a US graduate. Approved credentialing services are available [here](#).
- A notarized copy of a marriage certificate or an official affidavit indicating any legal name change, if your name differs from that on any documents.
- Verification of state licensure must be completed by every state where you hold or have held a license or certification. This form needs to be submitted to the Indiana Physical Therapy Committee by the state in which you hold or have held a license or certification.

- Official National Physical Therapy Exam score transfer report from the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT). Please visit their website at <http://www.fsbpt.org> to have your exam scores transferred to the Indiana Physical Therapy Committee. Passing score on this exam is a converted score of seventy-five (75).
- Social Security Number - your application cannot be processed without this information.
- Criminal Background Check

Please visit <https://www.in.gov/pla/3260.htm> for more information.

Iowa

Bureau of Professional Licensure
Iowa Department of Public Health
Lucas State Office Bldg.
321 East 12th Street
Des Moines, IA 50319-0075

Phone: (515) 281-0254

Iowa Requirements

645—200.2(147) Requirements for licensure.

The following criteria shall apply to licensure:

- **200.2(1)** The applicant shall complete a board-approved application. Application forms may be obtained from the board's Web site (www.idph.iowa.gov/licensure) or directly from the board office, or the applicant may complete the application online at ibplicense.iowa.gov
- **200.2(2)** The applicant shall complete the application form according to the instructions contained in the application
- **200.2(3)** Each application shall be accompanied by the appropriate fees payable by check or money order to the Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy.
- **200.2(4)** No application will be considered by the board until official copies of academic transcripts sent directly from the school to the board of physical and occupational therapy have been received by the board. An applicant shall have successfully completed a physical therapy education program accredited by a national accreditation agency approved by the board

Please visit

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/law/administrativeRules/rules?agency=645&chapter=200> for more information.

Kansas

Kansas State Board of Healing Arts
Physical Therapy Council
Topeka, KS 66612

Phone: (785) 296-7413

Contact: Tara.Everhart@ks.gov

Kansas Requirements

Article 29 Section 6

An applicant applying for licensure as a physical therapist or for a certificate as a physical therapist assistant shall file a written application on forms provided by the board, showing to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant meets the following requirements:

- The applicant is of legal age;
- the applicant has successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in physical therapy approved by the board which is appropriate for the certification or licensure of the applicant or, if the applicant attended a program not approved by the board, the applicant shall present an evaluation by an entity approved by the board showing that applicant's educational program met the criteria a school must satisfy to be approved by the board;
- the applicant has passed an examination required by the board which is appropriate for the certification or licensure of the applicant to test the applicant's knowledge of the basic and clinical sciences relating to physical therapy theory and practice; and
- the applicant has paid to the board all applicable fees established under K.S.A. 65-2911, and amendments thereto.

Please visit

http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/statute///065_000_0000_chapter/065_029_0000_article/065_029_0006_section/065_029_0006_k/ for more information.

Kentucky

Kentucky Board of Physical Therapy
312 Whittington Parkway
Suite 102
Louisville, KY 40222

Phone (502) 429-7140

Contact: kybpt@ky.gov

Kentucky Requirements

327.050 Licensing provisions.

Before applying for licensure by the board as a physical therapist, a person shall have successfully completed an accredited program in physical therapy approved by the board

- who desires to apply for licensure as a physical therapist in Kentucky shall make written application to the board, on forms to be provided by the board
- If it appears from the application that the applicant possesses the qualifications required by this chapter and has not yet successfully completed the board-approved examination, the applicant shall be allowed to sit for the examination and tested in the subjects the board may determine to be necessary.
- Examinations shall be held within the state at least once a year at the time and place as the board shall determine.
- An applicant who is admitted to the examination or an applicant who has submitted satisfactory evidence that he has been accepted as a candidate for licensure by examination in a state which offers an examination approved by the board may be granted a temporary permit which shall be valid until his examination is graded and he is notified by the board of his score. The board may summarily withdraw a temporary permit upon determination that the person has made any false statement to the board on the application, or the person fails to pass an examination approved by the board.
- An applicant who receives a passing score as determined by the board and who meets the other qualifications required by this chapter shall be licensed as a physical therapist.

Please visit <https://pt.ky.gov/StatutesRegulations/Pages/default.aspx> for more information.

Louisiana

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board
104 Fairlane Drive
Lafayette, Louisiana 70507

Phone: (337) 262-1042

Contact: info@laptboard.org

Louisiana Requirements

Subchapter C 129. Qualifications for License, Provisional License

To be eligible for a license as a PT, an applicant shall:

- be at least 21 years of age
- be of good moral character as defined in these rules
- have paid all fees required by the board
- be a citizen of the US or possess valid and current legal authority to reside and work in the US duly issued by the US immigration authorities under and pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act (66 Stat.163) and duly promulgated regulations
- possess a minimum of a bachelor's of science degree in Physical Therapy and have completed an academic education from a school duly accredited by CAPTE; as set forth in Rule 175.
- have achieved a passing score on the NPTE as set forth in §169
- furnish the board with his social security number

Please visit <https://www.laptboard.org/index.cfm/rules/rulesandregs> for more information.

Maine

Maine Department of Professional and Financial Regulation
Office of Licensing and Registration
Augusta, ME 04333-0035

Phone: (207) 624-8603

Contact: physicalthrp.lic@maine.gov

Maine Requirements

Application for Licensure by Examination

- A. Application will be on a form prescribed by the board with the appropriate fees.
1. Be a graduate of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant educational program which is accredited by:
 - a. An agency recognized by the United States Commissioner of Education; and/or
 - b. Post-Secondary Accreditation; and
 - c. Approved by the board.
- B. The application packet will include the following:
1. An official transcript which contains the school seal from an accredited school. The transcript must contain information that the degree received was in physical therapy. If that degree was obtained by a foreign school, the applicant must also:
 - a. Submit written proof that the school of physical therapy education is recognized by the ministry of education in the country where the school is located. All documents will be in English or translated where applicable;
 - b. Submit his or her educational credentials to an approved agency for evaluation of their equivalence to the United States trained applicant. If the applicant has graduated from an APTA accredited program, he or she is exempt from this requirement;
 - c. Have attained grade equivalent to the United States grade C or higher in all professional educational course work; and
 - d. Have completed a minimum of six (6) months of experience, approved by the board, as a licensed or authorized physical therapist or physical therapist assistant under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist.
 2. Foreign educated applicants must demonstrate proficiency in written and spoken English.
 - a. The board will accept written verification that courses were taught in English to satisfy the requirement of proficiency in written and spoken English.
 - b. If the course work was not taught in English, the applicant must attain a passing score that is recommended by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy in the following tests:
 - i. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOELF);
 - ii. The Test of Spoken English for Professionals (TSE-P); and
 - iii. The Test of Written English (TWE).
 3. One signed original professional reference letter, dated within six months of the filing of the application, addressing, good ethical and competent professional conduct from one

of the following individuals: previous employers; academic and/or clinical instructors; or a medical licensed professional peer. The individual providing the reference must: print or type her/his name; list her/his current home or employment address; and their current home or work telephone number.

Please visit

http://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/physical_therapists/laws.html for more information.

Maryland

Maryland Board of Physical Therapy
4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215-2299

Phone: (224) 501-3216

Maryland Requirements

Licensure by Examination

Completed [Online Application](#), photograph and additional documentation can be emailed to: mdh.bphte@maryland.gov.

Please include applicant's full name in all correspondence.

- Application fee of \$150.
- Completed [Criminal History Records Check](#)
- Post-graduation transcript with degree and date earned, mailed to the Board Office directly from the Registrar's office. We do not accept electronic transcripts
FSBPT will notify the Maryland Board electronically of your registration.(Go online to www.fsbpt.org) When your application is complete, the Board will notify FSBPT to authorize you to sit for the examination. Effective October 1, 2008 FSBPT will no longer accept checks. All payments must be by credit card or debit card. Examination scores are sent electronically to the Board Office. The Board will notify you of your score. Do not call or e-mail the office regarding score reports.
- Passing score on the Maryland Jurisprudence Examination. The Maryland Jurisprudence Exam is an open book exam which is emailed as an attachment upon receipt of a paid application. It is to be completed and returned to this office. Passing score is 90%.
- Photograph - Current head and shoulder photo

Please visit <https://health.maryland.gov/bphte/Pages/licensing.aspx#exam> for more information.

Massachusetts

Board of Allied Health Professions
Division of Professional Licensure
1000 Washington Street
Suite 710
Boston, MA 02118-6100

Phone: (617) 727-3071

Contact: alliedhealth@state.ma.us

Massachusetts Requirements

Section 23I Physical Therapist Qualifications

An applicant for licensure as a physical therapist shall:

- be a graduate of a three or four year secondary school or has passed a high school equivalency test deemed acceptable by the board
- be a graduate of an accredited educational program leading to professional qualification in physical therapy and approved by the board
- or have graduated from an educational program in physical therapy chartered in a sovereign state outside the United States and have furnished to the board such evidence as it may require: (1) that his education is substantially the equivalent of that of graduates of approved programs in the United States, and (2) that he has sufficient qualifications, including the proficiency in the English language, to practice physical therapy
- have passed an examination administered by the board. Such examination shall be written, and may, at the discretion of the board, in addition, be oral and demonstrative, and shall test the applicant's knowledge of the basic and clinical sciences as they relate to physical therapy, including the applicant's professional skills and judgment in the utilization of physical therapy techniques and methods, and other subjects as the board may deem useful to determine the applicant's fitness to act as a physical therapist. The examination shall be conducted by the board at least twice each year and at times and places to be determined by the board.

Please visit <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXVI/Chapter112/Section23I> for more information.

Michigan

Michigan Board of Physical Therapy
611 West Ottawa Street
Lansing, MI 48909-8170

Phone: (517) 335-0918

Michigan Requirements

ELIGIBILITY FOR PHYSICAL THERAPIST LICENSE BY EXAMINATION (first license)

- Graduate from a physical therapist educational program that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) or have your education evaluated for equivalency using the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT) course work tool for the year in which you graduated.
- Pass the TOEFL iBT if the physical therapy education was not taught in English.
- Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state or U.S. territory where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.
- Submit the Physical Therapy by Examination Application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-72600_72603_27529_27549---,00.html with a \$135 fee.
- Complete and submit the 25-question jurisprudence examination found in the application packet.
- A fingerprint report and criminal background check are required. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.
- Pass the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) for PTs that is administered through the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT).

Please visit

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/physical_therapy_licensing_guide_511840_7.pdf for more information.

Minnesota

Minnesota Board of Physical Therapy
2829 University Ave. SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414-3246

Phone: (612) 627-5406

Minnesota Requirements

148.721 Educational Requirements for Licensed Physical Therapist

- **Accredited program.** All applicants for licensure as a physical therapist must complete a course in physical therapy education accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) or which meets the accreditation requirements of CAPTE, as determined by the board.
- **General education.** In addition to completion of the accredited program required in subdivision 1, applicants must complete an additional 60 academic semester credits or its quarter equivalent from an institution of higher education that is accredited by a regional accrediting organization. Coursework used to satisfy this requirement may not have been earned as part of the accredited program requirement of subdivision 1.

148.723 Examination for Licensed Physical Therapist

- **National test.** All applicants for licensure as a physical therapist must take and pass the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) administered by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) or an alternate national examination determined by the board to be equivalent. For purposes of this section, passing scores are defined in subdivisions 2 and 3.
- **Examinations taken on or before July 1, 1995.** The passing score for qualifying examinations taken prior to July 1, 1995, is one standard deviation below the mean of all persons taking the examination.
- **Examinations taken after July 1, 1995.** The passing score for qualifying examinations taken after July 1, 1995, shall be based on objective, numerical standards established by the administering testing agency.

Please visit <https://mn.gov/boards/physical-therapy/statutesandrules/> for more information.

Mississippi

Mississippi Board of Physical Therapy
840 East River Place
Suite 503
Jackson, MS 39202

Phone: (601) 352-2918

Contact: SBoyette@msbpt.ms.gov

Mississippi Requirements

Part 3103: Chapter 1: Licensure

An applicant for a regular license as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant shall submit to the Board, verified by oath, written evidence in form and content satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

- Is of good moral character which is defined as:
 - “Good moral character” is a pattern of behavior conforming to the profession’s ethical standards and behavior that indicates honesty and truthfulness, integrity, respect among the community for lawful behavior, respect for the rights of others, and obedience to the lawful directives of public officers or officials or persons charged with the enforcement of the law and showing an absence of moral turpitude
- Has graduated from a physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant program accredited by an agency recognized by the US Department of Education, Office on Postsecondary Education and has paid an application fee not to exceed double the price of the examination, no part of which shall be refundable.
- Has passed an examination approved by the Board with the minimum passing score set by the Board and published annually; and
 - An applicant who has taken the exam more than six times in any jurisdiction and who is not licensed is not eligible to sit for the examination in Mississippi.
 - Has paid the required fee(s);
 - Has valid social security number; and
 - Applicants for licensure must pass the Board’s jurisprudence exam

Please visit <https://www.msbpt.ms.gov/secure/rulesandregulations.asp> for more information.

Missouri

Board of Registration for the Healing Arts
3605 Missouri Boulevard
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Phone: (573) 751-0098

Contact: healingarts@pr.mo.gov

Missouri Requirements

334.530. Qualifications for license

- A candidate for license to practice as a physical therapist shall be at least twenty-one years of age. A candidate shall furnish evidence of such person's good moral character and the person's educational qualifications by submitting satisfactory evidence of completion of a program of physical therapy education approved as reputable by the board. A candidate who presents satisfactory evidence of the person's graduation from a school of physical therapy approved as reputable by the American Medical Association or, if graduated before 1936, by the American Physical Therapy Association, or if graduated after 1988, the Commission on Accreditation for Physical Therapy Education or its successor, is deemed to have complied with the educational qualifications of this subsection.
- Persons desiring to practice as physical therapists in this state shall appear before the board at such time and place as the board may direct and be examined as to their fitness to engage in such practice
- The examination of qualified candidates for licenses to practice physical therapy shall test entry-level competence as related to physical therapy theory, examination and evaluation, physical therapy diagnosis, prognosis, treatment, intervention, prevention, and consultation.
- The examination shall embrace, in relation to the human being, the subjects of anatomy, chemistry, kinesiology, pathology, physics, physiology, psychology, physical therapy theory and procedures as related to medicine, surgery and psychiatry, and such other subjects, including medical ethics, as the board deems useful to test the fitness of the candidate to practice physical therapy.
- The applicant shall pass a test administered by the board on the laws and rules related to the practice of physical therapy in Missouri.

Please visit <https://pr.mo.gov/healingarts-rules-statutes.asp> for more information.

Montana

Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
301 South Park
Helena, Montana 59620-0513

Phone: (406) 841-2202

Contact: dlibsdpt@mt.gov

Montana Requirements

37-11-303. Qualifications of applicants for license

To be eligible for a license as a physical therapist, an applicant must:

- be of good moral character and at least 18 years of age;
- have graduated from an accredited school of physical therapy approved by the board; and
- pass to the satisfaction of the board a written or computerized examination prescribed by the board and, if considered necessary, an oral interview to determine the fitness of the applicant to practice as a physical therapist.

Please visit http://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title_0370/chapter_0110/part_0030/section_0030/0370-0110-0030-0030.html for more information.

Nebraska

Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509

Phone: (402) 471-3121

Nebraska Requirements

Chapter 137 Licensure of Physical Therapy

137-003.01 Qualifications

To receive a credential to practice as a physical therapist, an individual must meet the following qualifications:

- Age and Good Character: Be at least 19 years old and of good character;
- Citizenship/Lawful Presence Information: For purposes of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§4-108 to 4-114, a citizen of the United States or qualified alien under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act. For the purposes of the Neb. Rev. Stat. §38-129, a citizen of the United States, an alien lawfully admitted into the United States, who is eligible for a credential under the Uniform Credential Act, or a nonimmigrant lawfully present in the United States who is eligible for a credential under the Uniform Credentialing Act.
- Education:
 - Have graduated from an approved physical therapist educational program; or
 - b. Have met the requirements of training as a physical therapist in a foreign country and English proficiency requirements pursuant to 172 NAC137-004.
- Examination:
 - Pass the licensure examination with a scaled score that is greater than or equal to 600 on the National Physical Therapist Examination; and
 - b. Pass the Jurisprudence (NE LAW) Examination with a scaled score that is greater than or equal to 600.

Please visit http://www.sos.ne.gov/rules-and-regs/regsearch/Rules/Health_and_Human_Services_System/Title-172/Chapter-137.pdf for more information.

Nevada

Nevada State Board of Physical Therapy
7570 Norman Rockwell Lane
Suite 230
Las Vegas, NV 89143

Phone: (702) 876-5535

Contact: ptapplication@govmail.state.nv.us

Nevada Requirements

Complete State application

- Fingerprinting
- Transcripts
- Letters of recommendation
- Picture
- Jurisprudence exam
- Notarized Application
- Application Fee

Pass the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE)

Please visit <http://ptboard.nv.gov/Licensure/Licensing/> for more information.

New Hampshire

Physical Therapy Governing Board of New Hampshire
Office of Allied Health Professionals
Concord, NH 03301

Phone: (603) 271-8389

Contact: tina.kelley@nh.gov

New Hampshire Requirements

- Pass the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE)
- Pass the New Hampshire Jurisprudence Exam
- Submit an Application for initial License

Please visit <https://www.oplc.nh.gov/allied-health/physical-therapy.htm> for more information.

New Jersey

State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
Newark, NJ 07101

Phone: (973) 504-6455

New Jersey Requirements

45:9-37.22 Requirements for licensure as physical therapist.

To be eligible for licensure as a physical therapist, an applicant shall:

- Have completed a program in physical therapy from an accredited college or university which has been approved by the board
- Successfully complete a written examination approved by the board;
- Possess at least a master's degree from an accredited college or university, except for an applicant who prior to January 1, 2003, possessed a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university;
- Have experience satisfactory to the board, in accordance with regulations of the board;
- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Be of good moral character; and
- Meet such other requirements as may be established by the board by regulation.

Please visit <http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/Statutes/physicaltherapylaw.pdf> for more information.

New Mexico

New Mexico Regulations & Licensing Department
 Toney Anaya Building
 2550 Cerrillos Road
 Santa Fe, NM 87505

Phone: (505) 476 4500

New Mexico Requirements

16.20.3.8 APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE

The board may issue a license to an applicant, other than one applying for licensure by reciprocity, who fulfills the following requirements:

- completes the application;
- includes a passport-size photograph taken within the preceding 12 months and affixes it to the application;
- pays the non-refundable application fee in full as provided in Part 5;
- passes the jurisprudence exam (as specified in 16.20.2.10 NMAC) and pays the non-refundable exam fee as provided in Part 5;
- submits official college or university transcripts from a program approved by the commission on accreditation in physical therapy education (CAPTE) verifying one of the following:
 - post-baccalaureate degree in physical therapy;
 - associate degree as a physical therapy therapist assistant;
- if official transcripts are not available because of school closure or destruction of the records, e.g., the applicant must provide satisfactory evidence of meeting the required physical therapy educational program by submitting documentation that will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the board and pursuant to the following:
 - for applicants who graduated after January 1, 2002, documentation of graduation with a post-baccalaureate degree in physical therapy from an educational program accredited by CAPTE;
 - for applicants who graduated prior to January 1, 2002, documentation of graduation with a baccalaureate degree in physical therapy or a certificate in physical therapy from an educational program accredited by CAPTE;
 - for physical therapist assistant applicants, documentation of graduation from an accredited physical therapist assistant program accredited by CAPTE and approved by the board;
- passes the national physical therapy licensure examination (NPTE) (as specified in 16.20.2.8 NMAC); if the applicant has previously taken the NPTE, the testing entity shall send the test scores directly to the board; test scores sent by individuals, organizations or other state boards will not be accepted.

Please visit http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Physical_Therapy_Rules_and_Laws.aspx for more information.

New York

NY State Education Department
Division of Professional Licensing Services
Physical Therapy Unit
89 Washington Avenue
Albany, New York 12234-1000

Phone: (518) 474-3917

Contact: opunit3@nysed.gov

New York Requirements

To be licensed as a Physical Therapist or certified as a Physical Therapist Assistant in New York State you must:

- be of good moral character
- be at least 18 years of age
- meet education and examination requirements
- file an application (Form 1 and fee)

All required forms, along with the appropriate fee, must be submitted to the Office of the Professions at the address specified on each form. It is your responsibility to follow up with anyone you have asked to send us material.

The specific requirements for licensure are contained in Title 8 [Article 136](#), Sections 6734 and 6740 of New York's Education Law and [Part 77](#) of the Commissioner's Regulations.

Please visit <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/pt/ptlic.htm> for more information.

North Carolina

North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy
18 W. colony Pl. #140
Durham, NC 27705

Phone: (919) 490-6393

Contact: karney@ncptboard.org

North Carolina Requirements

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE

1. good moral character;
2. graduation from an accredited P.T. or P.T.A. educational program;
3. examination scores that meet the North Carolina passing level.
4. Jurisprudence Exercise

LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION

An applicant seeking initial licensure or who fails to meet the requirements for endorsement is required to pass a written examination to be licensed in North Carolina

- The passing level for the examination is 600 on a scale of 200 - 800. Persons failing the exam must repeat and pass it to become licensed. There is a fee to retake the examination.

Please visit <https://www.ncptboard.org/documents/forms/Applications/App%20Proced.pdf> for more information.

North Dakota

North Dakota Board of Physical Therapy
P.O. Box 69
Grafton, ND 58237

Phone: (701) 352-0125

Contact: ndptboard@gra.midco.net

North Dakota Requirements

The requirements for physical therapists interested in applying for licensure with North Dakota & taking the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) are as follows:

1. Complete the online license application as a Physical Therapist or submit a completed application to the ND Board of PT Office.
2. Payment can be made online using a credit card or enclose a check for \$200 payable to the ND Board of PT, for the non-refundable application fee.
3. Juris Prudence: This is an open book exam which can be completed by using up the Rules & Regulations and ND PT Practice Act in the right menu bar.
 - o If you are completing the application online the Juris Prudence is included in the online application.
 - o If you are completing a paper application: Download, complete and return the **Juris Prudence Examination**.
4. An **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT**, indicating completion of an accredited physical therapist program, **must be sent directly from the school of graduation**. If an official transcript is not available at the time of application, a letter from the school director indicating graduation will be accepted for approval to sit for the NPTE.

Applications for the NPTE must be done online through the FSBPT, and can be completed at anytime. You will not be cleared to sit for the NPTE until the North Dakota Board of Physical Therapy notifies the FSBPT that they have received all of your application materials and payment. Please refer to the FSBPT website at www.fsbpt.net/pt for information on that process.

Please visit https://www.ndbpt.org/pt_licensure.asp for more information.

Ohio

Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board
77 S. High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6108

Phone (614) 466-3774

Ohio Requirements

4755.42 License qualifications

Each person who desires to practice physical therapy shall file with the secretary of the physical therapy section of the Ohio occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic trainers board a notarized application that includes the following:

- Name;
- Current address;
- Physical description and photograph;
- Proof of completion of a master's or doctorate program of physical therapy education that is accredited by a national physical therapy accreditation agency recognized by the United States department of education and that includes:
 - A minimum of one hundred twenty academic semester credits or its equivalent, including courses in the biological and other physical sciences;
 - A course in physical therapy education that has provided instruction in basic sciences, clinical sciences, and physical therapy theory and procedures.

Please visit <http://otptat.ohio.gov/PracticeActs.aspx> for more information.

Oklahoma

Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision
101 NE 51st Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-1821

Phone: (405) 962-1400

Contact: supportservices@okmedicalboard.org

Oklahoma Requirements

435:20-3-1. Qualifications of applicants

- **Physical therapy school.** A qualified physical therapist must have graduated from a school of physical therapy accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education or approved successor organization
- **Statutory requirements.** Any person making application to the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision for a license as a Physical Therapist or a Physical Therapist Assistant shall be eligible for the appropriate license if he/she meets the requirements as provided in the Oklahoma law relating to the practice of Physical Therapy, 59 O.S. 1971, Sections 887.5 through 887.11, as amended.

435:20-3-5. Licensure by examination

- Any applicant for licensure as a Physical Therapist by examination must meet the criteria of qualifications outlined in (a) through (c) of 435:20-3-1.

Please visit http://www.okmedicalboard.org/physical_therapists for more information.

Oregon

Physical Therapist Licensing Board
800 NE Oregon Street
Suite 407
Portland, OR 97232-2187

Phone: (971) 673-0200

Oregon Requirements

688.040 Licensing procedure

- Any person desiring to be a licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant shall apply in writing to the Physical Therapist Licensing Board in the form and manner provided by the board by rule.
- Each application shall include or be accompanied by evidence, satisfactory to the board, that the applicant possesses the qualifications prescribed by ORS 688.050 for applicants for licensing as a physical therapist and ORS 688.055 for applicants for licensing as a physical therapist assistant.
- An applicant shall include with the application any application and examination fees prescribed by the board by rule.
- The board shall notify an applicant of any deficiencies in the application.

688.050 Qualifications of physical therapist; examination; rules.

- Each applicant for a license as a physical therapist shall:
 - Be at least 18 years of age.
 - Be of good moral character as determined by the Physical Therapist Licensing Board.
 - Be a graduate of an accredited professional physical therapy education program approved by the board; or
 - Have military experience or training that the board determines is substantially equivalent to the education required by subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.
 - Pass to the satisfaction of the board an examination approved by the board to determine the fitness of the applicant to practice as a physical therapist or to be entitled to be licensed as provided in ORS 688.080. An applicant for licensure as a physical therapist who does not pass the examination on the first attempt may retake the examination as provided by rules adopted by the board.

Please visit https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors688.html for more information.

Pennsylvania

State Board of Physical Therapy
 P.O. Box 2649
 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

Phone: (717) 783-7134

Contact: ST-PHYSICAL@PA.GOV

Pennsylvania Requirements

40.11. Educational requirements for licensure by examination

- Except as provided in § 40.17 (relating to foreign-educated physical therapists applying to take the licensure examination and pursue a clinical experience), an applicant for license by examination shall have graduated from a physical therapy program accredited by CAPTE or by another National organization recognized by the Board that accredits physical therapy programs.
- An applicant completing the professional study of physical therapy after 2002 shall hold a minimum of a master's degree in physical therapy from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. An applicant completing the professional study of physical therapy between January 1, 1967, and December 31, 2002, shall hold a minimum of either:
 - A baccalaureate degree in physical therapy from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
 - A baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education and a post-baccalaureate certificate in physical therapy.

40.12. Application for licensure.

- Evidence, satisfactory to the Board, shall be submitted indicating that the applicant:
 - Is at least 20 years of age, unless otherwise waived upon application to and review by the Board.
 - Is of good moral character.
 - Is not addicted to the habitual use of alcohol, narcotics or other habit forming drugs.
 - Has met the professional requirements in § 40.11 (relating to educational requirements for licensure by examination).
- The applicant shall apply on forms supplied by the Board, answer all questions fully and provide all documentation required under subsection (a).
- The applicant shall pay the fee in § 40.5 (relating to fees) for application for physical therapist licensure by examination/endorsement.

Please visit <https://www.pacode.com/secure/data/049/chapter40/subchapAtoc.html> for more information.

Rhode Island

State of Rhode Island Department of Health
Physical Therapy Licensing
3 Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908

Phone: (401) 222-5960

Rhode Island Requirements

Section 2.0 *License Requirement*

- 2.1 Pursuant to section 5-40-9 of the Act, to safeguard the welfare and health of the people of the state of Rhode Island, it is unlawful for any person to represent him or herself as a physical therapists in this state or to use any title, abbreviation, sign or device to indicate that such person is a physical therapist, unless such a person has been duly licensed pursuant to the provisions of the Act and the rules and regulations herein.
 - 2.1.1 Any person who holds a license to practice physical therapy in this state shall have the right to use the title "physical therapist" and abbreviations "P.T." No other person shall assume such title or use the abbreviation "P.T." or other words, or letters, signs, figures or devices to indicate that the person using the same is a physical therapist.
 - 2.1.2 The abbreviation "G.P.T." shall be used to identify a "graduate physical therapist."

Section 3.0 *Qualifications For Licensure*

- 3.1 Any applicant for licensure shall submit to the Board written evidence on forms furnished by the Department, verified by oath, that said applicant meets all of the following requirements:
 - is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
 - b) is of good moral character;
 - c) has graduated from an education program in physical therapy accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) or other accrediting agency as approved by the Department in consultation with the Board, in the year of said applicant's graduation; and
 - d) has passed the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) or other physical therapy certification examination as approved by the Department in consultation with the Board to determine the applicant's fitness to engage in the practice of physical therapy. The Board will adopt the criterion-referenced passing point recommended by the Federation (FSBPT).

Please visit <http://sos.ri.gov/documents/archives/regdocs/released/pdf/DOH/5244.pdf> for more information.

South Carolina

South Carolina Board of Physical Therapy
110 Centerview Drive
Columbia, SC 29210

Phone: (803) 896-4655

Contact: contact.PT@llr.sc.gov

South Carolina Requirements

101–04. General Licensing Provisions for Physical Therapists.

An applicant for licensure as a physical therapist must:

- be a graduate of a physical therapy educational program approved by the Board; or, if foreign educated, must have a credentials evaluation by a Board approved credentialing evaluation agency that determines the applicant’s education is substantially equivalent to the education of physical therapists educated in an accredited entry level program as determined by the Board. To determine substantial equivalency, the approved credentialing evaluation agency shall use the appropriate Course Work Tool (“CWT”) adopted by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. The appropriate CWT means the CWT in place at the time the foreign educated physical therapist graduated from their physical therapy program;
- submit an application on a form approved by the Board, along with the required fee; and
- speak the English language as a native language or demonstrate an effective proficiency of the English language in the manner prescribed by and to the satisfaction of the board; and
- pass an examination approved by the Board; and
- submit proof of not less than one thousand (1000) clinical practice hours under the on-site supervision of a licensed physical therapist on a form approved by the Board if the applicant is not a graduate of an approved school.

Please visit <http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/PhysicalTherapy/index.asp?file=laws.htm> for more information.

Tennessee

Tennessee Board of Physical Therapy
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

Phone: (615) 532-3202

Tennessee Requirements

63-13-301. License Requirement

- A physical therapist licensed under this chapter is fully authorized to practice physical therapy as defined in this chapter.
- No person shall practice or in any manner claim to be engaging in the practice of physical therapy or designate as being a physical therapist unless duly licensed as a physical therapist in accordance with this chapter.

63-13-307. Qualifications of Applicants

- An applicant for licensure as a physical therapist shall have the following qualifications:
 - Must be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
 - Be of good moral character;
 - Have completed the application process;
 - Be a graduate of a professional physical therapy education program accredited by an accreditation agency approved by the board; and
 - Have successfully passed an examination approved by the board.

Please visit <https://advance.lexis.com/document/?pdmfid=1000516&crd=992f580f-f614-48b3-b642-021b10dbaefc&pddocfullpath=%2Fshared%2Fdocument%2Fstatutes-legislation%2Furn%3AcontentItem%3A50G5-6KJ0-R03M-22W6-00008-00&pdtocnodeidentifier=ACKAANAADA AH&ecom=4fxtk&prid=b293706c-0c63-4ded-9efa-e80a095a1032> for more information.

Texas

Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
333 Guadalupe, Suite 2-510
Austin, TX 78701-3942

Phone: (512) 305-6900

Texas Requirements

§329.1. General Licensure Requirements and Procedures.

- Requirements. All applications for licensure shall include:
 - a completed board application form with a recent color photograph of the applicant;
 - the non-refundable application fee as set by the executive council. The application fee of applicants who are active U.S. military service members or veterans will be waived upon submission of official documentation of the active duty or veteran status of the applicant.
 - a successfully completed board jurisprudence exam on the Texas Physical Therapy Practice Act and board rules; and
 - documentation of academic qualifications.
 - For applicants who completed their physical therapy education in the U.S., the documentation required is:
 - a transcript sent directly to the board from the degree-granting institution showing enrollment in the final semester of an accredited PT or PTA program as provided in §453.203 of the Act; and
 - a statement signed by the program director or other authorized school official, notarized or with the school seal affixed, stating that the applicant has successfully completed the PT or PTA program.
 - For applicants who completed their physical therapy education outside of the U.S., the documentation required is set out in §329.5 of this title (relating to Licensing Procedures for Foreign-Trained Applicants).
 - For applicants who are active U.S. military service members or veterans, any military service, training or education verified and credited by an accredited PT or PTA program is acceptable to the board.
- Licensure by examination. If an applicant has not passed the national licensure exam, the applicant must also meet the requirements in §329.2 of this title (relating to License by Examination).
- Licensure by endorsement. If the applicant is licensed as a PT or PTA in another state or jurisdiction of the U.S., the applicant must also meet the requirements as stated in §329.6 of this title (relating to Licensure by Endorsement)

Please visit <https://www.ptot.texas.gov/idl/09A45C29-A344-92BD-6C03-18AD75658D71> for more information.

Utah

Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Phone (801) 530-6628

Contact: doplweb@utah.gov

Utah Requirements

58-1-301. License application -- Licensing procedure

- (1) (a) Each license applicant shall apply to the division in writing upon forms available from the division. Each completed application shall contain documentation of the particular qualifications required of the applicant, shall include the applicant's Social Security number, shall be verified by the applicant, and shall be accompanied by the appropriate fees.
 - (b) An applicant's Social Security number is a private record under Subsection [63G-2-302\(1\)\(i\)](#).
- (2) (a) A license shall be issued to an applicant who submits a complete application if the division determines that the applicant meets the qualifications of licensure.
 - (b) A written notice of additional proceedings shall be provided to an applicant who submits a complete application, but who has been, is, or will be placed under investigation by the division for conduct directly bearing upon the applicant's qualifications for licensure, if the outcome of additional proceedings is required to determine the division's response to the application.
 - (c) A written notice of denial of licensure shall be provided to an applicant who submits a complete application if the division determines that the applicant does not meet the qualifications of licensure.
 - (d) A written notice of incomplete application and conditional denial of licensure shall be provided to an applicant who submits an incomplete application. This notice shall advise the applicant that the application is incomplete and that the application is denied, unless the applicant corrects the deficiencies within the time period specified in the notice and otherwise meets all qualifications for licensure.
- (3) Before any person is issued a license under this title, all requirements for that license as established under this title and by rule shall be met.
- (4) If all requirements are met for the specific license, the division shall issue the license.

Please visit https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title58/Chapter1/58-1-S301.html?v=C58-1-S301_1800010118000101 for more information.

Vermont

Vermont Secretary of State
Physical Therapists
89 Main Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-3402

Phone: (800) 439-8683

Vermont Requirements

2101. Eligibility

An applicant for a license as a physical therapist shall:

- be a graduate of a professional physical therapy education program accredited by a national accreditation agency approved by the director;
- pass an examination approved by the director; and
- pass an approved English proficiency exam if the applicant's native language is not English.

Please visit <https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/chapter/26/038> for more information.

Virginia

Board of Physical Therapy
9960 Maryland Drive
Henrico, VA 23233-1463

Phone: (804) 367-4674

Contact: ptboard@dhp.virginia.gov

Virginia Requirements

18VAC112-20-40. Education requirements

- An applicant for licensure who is a graduate of an approved program shall submit documented evidence of his graduation from such a program with the required

18VAC112-20-60. Requirements for licensure by examination application and fee.

Every applicant for initial licensure by examination shall submit:

- Documentation of having met the educational requirements specified in 18VAC112-20-40 or 18VAC112-20-50;
- The required application, fees and credentials to the board; and
- Documentation of passage of the national examination as prescribed by the board.

Please visit <https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/PhysicalTherapy/> for more information.

Washington

Washington Board of Physical Therapy
P.O. Box 1099
Olympia. WA 98507-1099

Phone: (360) 236-4700

Contact: hsqu.csc@doh.wa.gov

Washington Requirements

Education

- Applicant must graduate from an institution of higher learning accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education under RCW 18.74.030(2). Official transcript, with degree and date posted, must be received directly from applicant's program. Transcripts not in English must have an official translation

Examination

- Applicant must take and pass the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE).

State license verification

- Applicants must list all states where they do or did hold credentials. This list must also include when the applicant has applied for a credential, even if a credential was not granted. The jurisdiction where the applicant is or was credentialed must complete and submit the verification form (PDF). The jurisdiction must send the completed form directly to the department.

Employment

- Applicant must list all employment history for three years before the date of application.

Personal data questions

- Each applicant must answer the personal data questions. If there is a positive answer to the professional liability claims history question, the applicant must send an explanation of the nature of the case, data and summary of care given, copies of the original complaint, and the settlement or final disposition. If the case is pending, applicant must indicate status.

Additional information/documents required

- HIV/AIDS training – seven hours. If the training was received outside the educational program, a certificate of completion showing the completion of the seven hours must be sent.
- Applicants must take and pass the online Washington State Physical Therapy Jurisprudence Exam.
- Applicants must receive a passing score on the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE).

Please visit <https://www.doh.wa.gov/> for more information.

West Virginia

West Virginia Board of Physical Therapy
 2 Players Club Drive
 Suite 102
 Charleston, WV 25311

Phone: (304) 558-0367

Contact: wvbopt@wv.gov

West Virginia Requirements

§30-20-8. License to practice physical therapy

To be eligible for a license to engage in the practice of physical therapy, the applicant must:

- Submit an application to the board;
- Be at least eighteen years of age;
- Be of good moral character;
- Have graduated from an accredited school of physical therapy approved by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education or a successor organization;
- Pass a national examination as approved by the board;
- Not be an alcohol or drug abuser, as these terms are defined in section eleven, article one-a, chapter twenty-seven of this code: Provided, That an applicant in an active recovery process, which may, in the discretion of the board, be evidenced by participation in a twelve-step program or other similar group or process, may be considered;
- Not have been convicted of a felony in any jurisdiction within ten years preceding the date of application for license which conviction remains unreversed;
- Not have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony in any jurisdiction if the offense for which he or she was convicted related to the practice of physical therapy, which conviction remains unreversed; and
- Has fulfilled any other requirement specified by the board.

A physical therapist shall use the letters "PT" immediately following his or her name to designate licensure under this article.

A license to practice physical therapy issued by the board prior to July 1, 2010, is considered a license issued under this article: Provided, That a person holding a license issued prior to July 1, 2010, must renew the license pursuant to the provisions of this article.

Please visit <http://www.wvlegislature.gov> for more information.

Wisconsin

Department of Safety and Professional Services
Physical Therapist
1400 East Washington Ave.
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53703

Phone: (608) 266-2112

Wisconsin Requirements

Requirements

- Complete Education.
- Complete and submit appropriate application forms, including all required documentation and fee(s).
 - An exam applicant for a permanent license may apply for a temporary license at the same time, but must pay both fees and meet the following conditions:
 - Be a graduate of an approved school and be scheduled to take the [National Physical Therapy Examination](#) or be awaiting examination results.
 - The applicant also must be someone who is not required to take an oral examination.
 - The holder of a temporary license may practice physical therapy providing that the entire practice be under the direct supervision of a person validly holding a regular license to practice physical therapy in Wisconsin.
 - A locum tenens license is available for a 90-day period to qualified individuals. A person who holds an active license to practice physical therapy issued by another licensing jurisdiction of the United States may apply to the Board for a locum tenens license.
- Determination made of eligibility to sit for the [NPTE](#). You must register directly and pay the required fees with Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) to take the examination or request a score transfer.

Please visit <https://dsps.wi.gov> for more information.

Wyoming

Wyoming Board of Physical Therapy
2001 Capitol Ave
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Phone: (307) 777-5403

Wyoming Requirements

Section 1. General license or certification requirements for graduates of approved programs

Application procedures. All applicants shall submit:

- A complete and legible application form with a recent, unmounted, full-face photograph;
- Proof of Lawful Presence in the United States;
- Payment of the fees set by the Board.
- An official transcript giving evidence of graduation from an nationally accredited program approved by the Board.
- Passing scores on the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE);
- Verification of license/certificate in good standing from all jurisdictions in which the applicant has been licensed or certified;
- A successfully completed state jurisprudence examination with a passing score of at least seventy-five (75) percent;
- Two (2) professional letters of recommendation attesting to the applicant's good moral character and professional abilities;
- License and certificate holders from other jurisdictions applying for a license or certificate in Wyoming must provide evidence of completion of fifteen (15) hours of continuing competence credits within the last year.
- In order to obtain state and national criminal history record information, legible fingerprint cards as required by W.S. 7-19-201(a)(xv);
- Evidence of passing a Board-approved English proficiency examination if the applicant's native language is not English

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