

## **Physical Therapist Assistant Program (A45620)**

A Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) is a health care provider working under the director of a Physical Therapist. The PTA is involved in the treatment of individuals with muscular, skeletal, cardiopulmonary, and nervous system disorders. The PTA may also be involved in injury prevention or programs specifically targeted in a care plan developed by a Physical Therapist. Treatment program implementation may include therapeutic exercise, ambulation training, activities of daily living, and administration of physical agents such as heat and cold.

Graduates of Craven's PTA program are eligible to take the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE), developed and administered by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. Successful completion of the NPTE is required to practice as a PTA in all 50 states and U.S. territories. However, each state typically has its own requirements for licensing of health care professionals, which can make it difficult for PTAs to move to another state and obtain new licensure.

### **Why are students receiving this disclosure?**

On November 1, 2019, the U.S Department of Education published Final Regulations for accreditation and state authorization. The regulations address the role of reciprocity agreements, update the language regarding student location, clarify required state authorizations for distance education programs, and revise consumer disclosure requirements that become effective July 1, 2020. These final regulations, among other things:

- Make clear that an institution must identify the State in which a student is "located" and, therefore, the State in which the institution must have authorization;
- Expand consumer protections for students enrolled in programs that lead to occupational licensure, including those enrolled in seated courses or programs;
- Enable institutions to determine the States for which it will determine occupational licensing requirements, while requiring institutions to report that information accurately to students

### **About the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (PTLC)**

The Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (PTLC) creates a new way for Physical Therapists (PTs) and Physical Therapist Assistants (PTAs) to practice or work in multiple states. To participate in the compact, states must opt in by adopting the Compact through legislation. PTs and PTAs in participating states have the option of obtaining a "compact privilege" to practice in another participating state if they meet certain criteria.

**Currently 33 states have adopted the PTLC legislation and are issuing and accepting compact privileges:**

Alabama	Kentucky	New Jersey	Tennessee
Arizona	Louisiana	North Carolina	Texas
Arkansas	Maryland	North Dakota	Utah
Colorado	Mississippi	Ohio	Vermont
Delaware	Missouri	Oklahoma	Virginia
Georgia	Montana	Oregon	Washington
Iowa	Nebraska	South Carolina	Washington, D.C.
Indiana	New Hampshire	South Dakota	West Virginia
			Wisconsin

A number of states require the applicant also pass a Jurisprudence Examination to test the applicant's knowledge of relevant state laws and rules governing their profession in the state. Currently Arizona, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, Washington all require a jurisprudence examination.

## **The Physical Therapy Compact Commission**

The Commission is the administrative body overseeing the implementation of the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact in states that choose to participate. Each participating state has a representative on the Commission who must either be a current member of the state's physical therapy licensing board (PT, PTA, or public member), or the licensing board administrator. The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and the Federation of State Board of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) are also each provided a non-voting representative on the Commission's Executive Board. The Commission administers the compact through its adopted rules and bylaws and operates the system through which member states share information about their licensees and through which licensees may purchase compact privileges.

Compact privileges are issued by the Commission to eligible PTs and PTAs in participating states who apply through <https://ptcompact.org/> The Commission also sets fees for compact privileges. Their rules are available at:

<https://ptcompact.org/Portals/0/Images/Physical%20Therapy%20Compact%20Commission%20Rules%20effective%20June%202017%202024.pdf>

## **Compact Privilege**

A compact privilege is the authorization to work in a PTLC member state other than your home state. To qualify for a compact privilege, a PTA is required to have a license in their home state and meet other eligibility criteria, such as having no disciplinary action against any license for at least two years. When eligibility is verified and all fees are paid, the licensee received the compact privilege and may begin legally working in the other "remote" state.

A compact privilege remains valid for the same period as the home state license and will be renewed on the same cycle as the home state license. For example, if a home state license is valid January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020, and a compact privilege is obtained in a different PTLC state on June 30, 2018, the compact privilege and home state license will both be valid until December 31, 2020. This also means that if the compact privilege is obtained on December 30, 2020, it is still only valid until the expiration of the home state license on December 31, 2020, and the compact privilege will need to be renewed at that time.

## **Do you plan to leave North Carolina?**

The U.S. Department of Education's 2019 regulations require that all institutions of higher learning track the location of its students – not necessarily their permanent addresses or their state of residence. If you are considering relocating to another state before gaining licensure in North Carolina, we urge you to contact your advisor or the Dean of Health Sciences to confirm licensure requirements in your destination state.

If you are considering relocating to a PTLC member state after gaining licensure in North Carolina, you are responsible for seeking compact privileges in one or more participating states.

## **Home State**

The Commission's rules define "home state" as "a person's true, fixed, and permanent home and is the place where the person intends to remain indefinitely, and to which the person expects to return if absent without intending to establish a new domicile elsewhere."

## **Remote State**

A remote state is a state that is participating in the PTLC, other than the PT or PTA's home state, and where the PT or PTA wants to obtain a compact privilege.

## **Participation**

PTs and PTAs who want a compact privilege in a participating state may apply to the Commission through the Commission's website. Eligible individuals can choose to obtain a compact privilege in as many states as are participating in the compact. Please note that the Commission imposes a fee for state compact privilege and each participating state may choose to impose its own fee, separate from the Commission's fee. For information on fees, jurisprudence testing, and other requirements of existing PTLC Compact States, please see <https://ptcompact.org/Compact-Privilege-Fee-Jurisprudence-and-Waiver-Table>

## **Requirements for Participation**

To obtain a compact privilege, a PT or PTA must:

- Hold a valid, current, unrestricted license in the home state (state of primary residence);
- Be free of any disciplinary action against a license or compact privilege for two years;
- Meet any jurisprudence requirements of the remote state; and
- Apply to the Commission for a compact privilege in a remote state and pay required fees

Please note that even if eligibility criteria are not met, a PT or PTA may still be able to practice or work in a PTLC state. The PTLC gives eligible PTs and PTAs the option of obtaining a compact privilege to practice or work in participating states, instead of going through a state's traditional licensure process when they already have a license in their state of primary residence. Individuals who do not meet the criteria for a compact privilege may still be eligible for a license in their PTLC-participating home state if they meet criteria for licensure in that state. Applications for licensure will continue to be managed and processed by individual states, not by the Compact Commission. Individuals who are eligible for a compact privilege may also choose instead to get a license in any state if they meet the criteria for licensure.

## **Maintaining Continuing Education/Competence Requirements**

Individuals with compact privileges will not need to meet the specific continuing education/competence requirements in states where they hold those compact privileges. Rather, the licensee will only have to meet any continuing education/competence required for licensure renewal of the home state license.

## **Regulations that Govern the PTLC**

Rules of practice and scope of practice are determined by the state where the physical therapy service is delivered, just as they are now. If a PT or PTA delivers physical therapy in a remote state under a compact privilege, the rules of practice in the remote state apply. In the case of telehealth, the point of service delivery is generally determined by the physical location of the patients.

## **Non-PTLC Member States**

The following states are currently not members of the PTLC and have enabling legislation pending:

California	Florida	Hawai'i	Idaho
Minnesota	New York	Puerto Rico	U.S. Virgin Islands

The following states have enacted PTLC-enabling legislation but are not yet issuing or accepting compact privileges:

Alaska	Connecticut	Kansas
Maine	Pennsylvania	Rhode Island

The following states are not participating members of the PTLC but have introduced enabling legislation:

Illinois	Massachusetts	Michigan
Nevada	New Mexico	Wyoming

## **State Contact Information**

### **Alabama**

State of Alabama Board of Physical Therapy

<https://www.pt.alabama.gov/licensing.aspx>

334-242-4064 or 888-726-9743

[info@pt.alabama.gov](mailto:info@pt.alabama.gov)

State of Alabama Board of Physical Therapy

100 North Union Street

Suite 724

Montgomery, AL 36130-5040

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: An individual licensed as a physical therapist assistant in another state will be issued an Alabama license if the requirements for licensure in that state are substantially equivalent. There are no specific reciprocity agreements with other states.

## **Alaska**

Alaska State Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy Board

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/PhysicalTherapyOccupationalTherapy>

907-465-2580

[PhysicalandOccupationalTherapy@Alaska.Gov](mailto:PhysicalandOccupationalTherapy@Alaska.Gov)

Alaska State Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy Board

PO Box 110806

Juneau, AK 99811-0806

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: A complete transcript from the school where the individual obtained his or her training, the individual's National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) scores, licensure verification from every state where the individual has previously practiced as a physical therapy assistant. At least one of these must be a current license. Proof that the individual has been previously employed as a physical therapist assistant, has completed at least 150 hours as an intern, or has completed the NPTE no earlier than 24 months before applying to the state, and a completed jurisprudence questionnaire demonstrating the individual's familiarity with state regulations regarding the practice of physical therapy.

## **Arizona**

Arizona State Board of Physical Therapy

<https://ptboard.az.gov/resources/applicant/assistants>

602-274-0276

[phoenix.bryant@ptboard.az.gov](mailto:phoenix.bryant@ptboard.az.gov)

Phoenix Bryant, Licensing Specialist

Arizona State Board of Physical Therapy

1740 W. Adams, Ste. 2450

Phoenix AZ, 85007

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Apply for a physical therapist's license by a process referred to as "endorsement" if you hold a current license from another state.

## **Arkansas**

Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy

<http://www.arptb.org/>

501-228-7100

[arptb@arkansas.gov](mailto:arptb@arkansas.gov)

Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy

P.O. Box 250254

Little Rock, AR 72225

## **California**

Physical Therapy Board of California

<https://www.ptbc.ca.gov/>

916-561-8200

[https://www.ptbc.ca.gov/about\\_us/contact\\_us/index.shtml](https://www.ptbc.ca.gov/about_us/contact_us/index.shtml)

Physical Therapy Board of California

2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 2600

Sacramento, CA 95815

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Every graduate of an approved physical therapist assistant education program who has filed a complete application with the committee for the first time, may, following receipt of a letter of authorization to take the examination and perform as a "physical therapist assistant applicant," assist in the provision of physical therapy under the direct and immediate supervision of a physical therapist licensed in this state, for 90 days pending the results of the first examination administered. During this period, the applicant shall identify himself or herself only as a "physical therapist assistant applicant." If the applicant passes the examination, the physical therapist assistant applicant status shall remain in effect until a regular renewable approval is issued, or approval is denied, by the committee.

## **Colorado**

Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies, Colorado State Physical Therapy Board

<https://dpo.colorado.gov/PhysicalTherapy>

303-894-7800

[dora\\_physicaltherapyboard@state.co.us](mailto:dora_physicaltherapyboard@state.co.us)

Colorado State Physical Therapy Board

1560 Broadway, Suite 1350

Denver, CO 80202

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Apply for a physical therapist's license by a process referred to as "endorsement" if you hold a current license from another state.

## **Connecticut**

Connecticut State Department of Public Health

<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Physicaltherapistassistant/Physical-Therapist-Assistant-Licensure>

860-509-7603

[oplc.dph@ct.gov](mailto:oplc.dph@ct.gov)

Connecticut State Department of Public Health

Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section

410 Capitol Ave., MS# 12 APP

P.O. Box 340308

Hartford, CT 06134-0308

\*Additional Information - Reciprocity: Official verification form sent directly from each state licensing authority where a license or certification is or has ever been held. Official verification of successful completion of the NPATAE examination forwarded directly from the FSBPT Score Transfer Service. A completed application and fee in the amount of \$190.00.

## **Delaware**

Delaware Division of Professional Regulation, Examining Board of Physical Therapists and Athletic Trainers  
<https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/physicaltherapy/newtherapist/>  
302-744-4500  
[customerservice.dpr@delaware.gov](mailto:customerservice.dpr@delaware.gov)

Delaware Division of Professional Regulation, Examining Board of Physical Therapists and Athletic Trainers  
Cannon Building, Suite 203  
861 Silver Lake Boulevard  
Dover, DE 19904

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: In addition to submitting the application, fee, and supporting documentation required in the Requirements for All Applicants section, you must submit the following in DELPROS: Your national examination scores, sent directly to the Board office from one of the following your original state of licensure, or Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) and proof that you have completed two hours of training in ethics related to physical therapy.

## **District of Columbia**

DC Health - Physical Therapy Licensing  
<https://dchealth.dc.gov/es/service/physical-therapy-licensing>  
202-442-5955  
[dcbopt@dc.gov](mailto:dcbopt@dc.gov)

DC Health - Physical Therapy Licensing  
2201 Shannon Place Southeast  
Washington, DC 20020

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Graduate from a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), take the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) for PTAs, offered by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) and pass both tests.

## **Florida**

Florida Board of Physical Therapy  
<https://floridasphysicaltherapy.gov/physical-therapist-assistant/>  
850-245-4373  
<https://floridasphysicaltherapy.gov/contact/> -- Contact Us Form

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

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Florida does not have reciprocity with any state; we endorse the National Physical Therapy Examination given by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT).

## **Georgia**

Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy

<https://sos.ga.gov/georgia-state-board-physical-therapy>

404-656-2881

<https://sos.ga.gov/form/contact-georgia-board-physical-therapists>

Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy

214 State Capitol

Atlanta, GA 30334

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: The Board may, in its discretion register a physical therapist assistant without an examination as set forth in Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 43-33-15 upon payment of applicable fees: Verification of an active license in good standing from another state board; and, verification of licensure in good standing from the state board of all states in which the applicant has held a license to actively practice; and, verification of active practice in the two years immediately preceding the date of application.

## **Guam**

Guam Health Professional Licensing Office

<https://dphss.guam.gov/health-professional-licensing-office-3/>

671-735-7412

[hplo@dphss.guam.gov](mailto:hplo@dphss.guam.gov)

Guam Health Professional Licensing Office

194 Hernan Cortez Avenue

Terlaje Professional Building, Suite 213

Hagatna, Guam, 96910

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity. It is undetermined if there is reciprocity with Guam.

[https://guamhplo.org/sites/default/files/gbahe\\_physical\\_therapy\\_assistant\\_application.pdf](https://guamhplo.org/sites/default/files/gbahe_physical_therapy_assistant_application.pdf)

## **Hawai'i**

Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Professional & Vocational Licensing Division

[http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/physicaltherapy/application\\_publications/](http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/physicaltherapy/application_publications/)

808-586-3000

[pvl@dcca.hawaii.gov](mailto:pvl@dcca.hawaii.gov)

Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Professional & Vocational Licensing Division

P.O. Box 3469

Honolulu, HI 96801

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: You may waive the examination requirement if you graduated from an accredited physical therapist assistant program or an accredited physical therapy program recognized by the United States Department of Education and have five years of experience within the last eight years as a physical therapist assistant. The applicant shall provide an original completed and notarized "Experience Verification for Exam Waiver" (PTA-02) form from your supervisor at each place of employment as a physical therapist assistant during the aforementioned five-year period.



## **Idaho**

Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses - Physical Therapy Licensure Board

<https://dopl.idaho.gov/DOPLPortal/BoardPage.aspx?Bureau=PHT>

208 334-3233

[ibol@ibol.idaho.gov](mailto:ibol@ibol.idaho.gov)

Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses - Physical Therapy Licensure Board

11351 W. Chinden Blvd., Bldg. #6

Boise, ID 83714

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity/Endorsement: A person who can show to the satisfaction of the board that he or she has met the qualifications set forth by the state of Idaho, and who, at the time of application, is a licensed or registered physical therapist assistant in good standing under the laws of another state or territory, and who can show to the satisfaction of the board that the person has passed a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant examination which is substantially similar to an examination authorized by the board.

## **Illinois**

Illinois Physical Therapy Association

<https://www.ipta.org/page/License>

630-904-0101

<https://www.ipta.org/general/?type=CONTACT>

Illinois Physical Therapy Association

905 N Main St.

Naperville, IL 60563

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: In Illinois, individuals who want to be licensed as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant do so by completing specialized education and passing an examination, or by having their credentials accepted from another state where they have already been licensed.

## **Indiana**

Indiana Physical Therapy Board

<https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/physical-therapy-home/physical-therapy-board/>

317-232-2960

[pla14@pla.in.gov](mailto:pla14@pla.in.gov)

Indiana Professional Licensing Agency

Attn: Indiana Physical Therapy Board

402 W. Washington Street, Room W072

Indianapolis, IN 46204

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity/Endorsement: Submit an application online at MyLicense.IN.gov with the \$100.00 application fee, 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, criminal background check, verification of state licensure must be completed by every state where you hold or have held a license or certification. This must be submitted to the Indiana Physical Therapy Board 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).

## **Iowa**

Iowa Board of Physical & Occupational Therapy

<https://idph.iowa.gov/Licensure/Iowa-Board-of-Physical-and-Occupational-Therapy/Licensure>

515-281-7689

<https://idph.iowa.gov/Contact-Us> -- Contact Us Form

Iowa Board of Physical & Occupational Therapy

6200 Park Avenue

Suite 100

Des Moines, IA 50321

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity/Endorsement: An individual who is a licensed physical therapy assistant in another state may obtain licensure by endorsement in Iowa, which allows them to become licensed without having to repeat any course work or retake the NPTE.

## **Kansas**

Kansas Board of Healing Arts

<http://www.ksbha.org/professions/PTA.shtml>

785-296-7413

[Rebekah.Moon@ks.gov](mailto:Rebekah.Moon@ks.gov)

Rebekah Moon, Licensing Manager / Administrator

Kansas Board of Healing Arts

800 SW Jackson, Lower Level - Suite A

Topeka, KS 66612

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity/Endorsement: Apply for a physical therapist's license by a process referred to as "endorsement" if you hold a current license from another state.

## **Kentucky**

Kentucky Board of Physical Therapy

<https://pt.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx>

502-429-7140

<https://pt.ky.gov/Pages/contact.aspx> or [kvbpt@ky.gov](mailto:kvbpt@ky.gov)

Kentucky Board of Physical Therapy

312 Whittington Parkway, Suite 102

Louisville, KY 40222

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity/Endorsement: You must hold an active PT/PTA license in at least one jurisdiction. Show verifications of all professional licenses, certificates or registrations whether active or lapsed. The licensing entity is to return the verification of license, certificate or registration directly to this Board.

## **Louisiana**

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

<https://www.laptboard.org/>

337-262-1043

[info@laptboard.org](mailto:info@laptboard.org)

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

2110 W. Pinhook Rd., Suite 202

Lafayette, LA 70508

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity/Endorsement: If you have ever been licensed, certified or registered (including temporary permits) to practice physical therapy, you must provide written verification for each jurisdiction in which you were granted a permit or license. Contact the licensing board from which you are requesting verification for their instructions. Written verification of licensure must be forwarded directly from the licensing board to the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board.

## **Maine**

Office of Professional and Financial Regulation, Board of Physical Therapy

<https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/board-physical-therapy>

207-624-8620

[physicalthrp.py.lic@maine.gov](mailto:physicalthrp.py.lic@maine.gov)

Office of Professional and Financial Regulation, Board of Physical Therapy

35 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0035

\*Additional Information – Licensing via endorsement is available in the state of Maine.

<https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/sites/maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/files/inline-files/PHY-pt-pta-endorsement-app.pdf>

## **Maryland**

Maryland Department of Health, Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

<https://health.maryland.gov/bphte/Pages/licensing.aspx>

410-913-3441

[morganr.powell@maryland.gov](mailto:morganr.powell@maryland.gov)

Morgan Powell, Licensing Coordinator

Maryland Department of Health

Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

Metro Executive Building

4201 Patterson Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21215-2299

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity/Endorsement: Official verification of one, current, out of state license, sent electronically to the State Board, Post-graduation transcript with degree and date earned, Transfer of NPTE Scores to the Maryland Board, and take the Maryland Jurisprudence Examination (Law Exam).

## **Massachusetts**

Massachusetts Board of Allied Health Professionals - Licensing  
<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-allied-health-professions>  
617-624-6148  
[alliedhealth@mass.gov](mailto:alliedhealth@mass.gov)  
Massachusetts Board of Allied Health Professionals  
250 Washington Street  
Boston, MA 02108

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: The board may without examination, license any physical therapist assistant applicant who is duly licensed or registered under the laws of another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

## **Michigan**

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs - Michigan Board Of Physical Therapy  
[https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334\\_72600\\_72603\\_27529\\_27549---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_72600_72603_27529_27549---,00.html)  
517-241-0199  
[bplhelp@michigan.gov](mailto:bplhelp@michigan.gov)  
Michigan Board of Physical Therapy  
Ottawa Building  
611 West Ottawa  
P.O Box 30004  
Lansing, MI 48909

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: You must complete and submit the application for licensure with the appropriate fee, as well as arrange for supporting documents to be sent to the Michigan Board of Physical Therapy, undergo a Criminal Background Check, Arrange for a verification and/or certification of your license status to be sent directly to the Michigan Board of Physical Therapy from any state or province where you currently hold or have ever held a permanent license or registration, take and pass the 25-question jurisprudence examination, Arrange for results of your NPTE PTA. examination to be forwarded to this office directly.

## **Minnesota**

Minnesota Board of Physical Therapy  
<https://mn.gov/boards/physical-therapy/>  
612-627-5406  
[physical.therapy@state.mn.us](mailto:physical.therapy@state.mn.us)  
Minnesota Board of Physical Therapy  
335 Randolph Avenue, Suite 285  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: <https://mn.gov/boards/physical-therapy/applicants/applications/pta-license/pta-as.jsp>

## **Mississippi**

Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy  
<https://www.msbpt.ms.gov/secure/index.asp>  
601-352-2918  
[SBoyette@msbpt.ms.gov](mailto:SBoyette@msbpt.ms.gov)  
Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy  
P.O. Box 55707  
Jackson, MS 39296-5707

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Complete online application, complete online practice history; the practice history must be current and complete with NO time gaps. Please note that the name and address of a corporate office or a recruitment company is not sufficient as an employer. The Board requires the names of the facilities, locations, and dates of employment, National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) scores reported directly to this office, verification of all (active & closed) license/registration/certification reported directly to this office from the state, province, country, or other jurisdiction issuing the license/registration/certification. Contact each state board in which you have held a license.  
<https://www.msbpt.ms.gov/secure/pdf/LicensureApplication.pdf>

## **Missouri**

Board of Registration for the Healing Arts, Advisory Commission for Physical Therapists  
<https://pr.mo.gov/physicaltherapists.asp>  
573-751-0098  
healingarts@pr.mo.gov  
Board of Registration for the Healing Arts  
3605 Missouri Boulevard  
P.O. Box 4  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: List all of the states and territories in which you currently hold or have ever held a license to practice as a physical therapist assistant. You will need to request verification of licensure for each state listed.

## **Montana**

Montana Board of Physical Therapy Examiners  
<https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/physical-therapy-examiners/>  
406) 444-6880  
dlibsdlhelp@mt.gov  
Board of Physical Therapy Examiners  
PO Box 200513  
Helena, MT 59620-0513

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: If the applicant has previously taken the national examination in any jurisdiction and licensed in another jurisdiction, official verification(s) of licensure must be submitted to the Board office from ALL applicable jurisdictions. If the applicant has previously taken the national examination in any jurisdiction the test scores must be obtained from the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy who will report directly back to the Board office. In addition, pay the endorsement fee along with the application fee.

## **Nebraska**

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Rehabilitation & Community Services

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Physical-Therapy.aspx>

402-471-2299

[DHHS.RehabOffice@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.RehabOffice@nebraska.gov)

DHHS Licensure Unit

Attn: Physical Therapy

PO Box 94986

Lincoln NE 68509-4986

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: If you hold or have held a physical therapist and/or health related license(s) in any state (other than Nebraska (such as nursing, nail technology, massage etc.), you must contact that state and request a verification of your license (do not send a copy of your license).

## **Nevada**

Nevada State Board of Physical Therapy

<https://ptboard.nv.gov/License/Verification/>

702-876-5535

[ptapplication@govmail.state.nv.us](mailto:ptapplication@govmail.state.nv.us)

Nevada State Board of Physical Therapy

3291 N. Buffalo Dr., Suite 100

Las Vegas, NV 89129

\*Additional Information: <https://ptboard.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/ptboardnvgov/content/Licensure/PT-PTA-https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-640.html>

## **New Hampshire**

NH Office of Professional Licensure & Certification, Physical Therapy Governing Board

<https://www.oplc.nh.gov/physical-therapy-governing-board>

603-271-2152

[OPLCLicensing3@oplc.nh.gov](mailto:OPLCLicensing3@oplc.nh.gov)

Reciprocity Licensing | NH Office of Professional Licensure and Certification

Office of Professional Licensure & Certification

7 Eagle Square

Concord NH, 03301

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: An official letter of verification sent directly to the board from every state which has issued the applicant a license or other authorization to practice physical therapy stating: Whether the license or other authorization is or was, during its period of validity, in good standing; and whether any disciplinary action was taken against the license or other authorization to practice.

## **New Jersey**

New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs - State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

<https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/pt>

973-504-6455

[physicaltherapy@dca.njoag.gov](mailto:physicaltherapy@dca.njoag.gov) -- Lisa Tadeo, Executive Director

State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

P.O Box 45014

Newark, NJ 07101

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity/Endorsement: Upon payment to the board of a fee and the submission of a written application on forms provided by it, the board shall issue without examination to a physical therapist assistant who holds a valid license issued by another state or possession of the United States or the District of Columbia which, in the judgment of the board, has education and experience requirements substantially equivalent to the requirements of this State.

## **New Mexico**

New Mexico Physical Therapy Board

[http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Physical\\_Therapy\\_Requirements\\_and\\_Continuing\\_Education.aspx](http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Physical_Therapy_Requirements_and_Continuing_Education.aspx)

505-476-4622

<https://www.rld.nm.gov/help-center/>

New Mexico Physical Therapy Board

2550 Cerillos Road

Santa Fe, NM 87505

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity/Endorsement: A license may be issued to a physical therapist assistant who provides verification of all licenses from other U.S. jurisdictions, and meets all the requirements in 16.20.3.8 NMAC. The board will accept verifications via regular mail, electronic mail, or facsimile.

## **New York**

New York State Office of Professions - Physical Therapy

<https://www.op.nysed.gov/professions-index/physical-therapy>

518-474-3817, Press 1 then ext. 180 (voice)

[examregistration@fsbpt.org](mailto:examregistration@fsbpt.org) or [ptbd@nysed.gov](mailto:ptbd@nysed.gov) -- Thania F Fernandez, Executive Secretary

NY State Education Department

Office of the Professions

State Board for Physical Therapy

89 Washington Avenue

Albany, NY 12234-1000

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity/Endorsement: An individual licensed in another jurisdiction may not practice in New York without being licensed in New York State. If you have been licensed to practice physical therapy in another jurisdiction but do not meet current New York education requirements, you may apply for a New York State license in physical therapy by endorsement. To qualify for licensure by endorsement, you must have at least 3 years of practice acceptable to the State Board for Physical Therapy in the 7 years immediately preceding the application for licensure by endorsement and have completed an education acceptable to the Department, which may include meeting the standards of an acceptable accrediting agency in effect at the time you graduated from your physical therapy program.

## **North Carolina**

North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

<https://www2.ncptboard.org/>

800-800-8982 or 919-490-6393

[PTBoard@ncptboard.org](mailto:PTBoard@ncptboard.org)

North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

8300 Health Park

Suite 233

Raleigh, NC 27615

\*Additional Information: <http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac/title%2021%20-%20occupational%20licensing%20boards%20and%20commissions/chapter%2048%20-%20physical%20therapy%20examiners/subchapter%20b/21%20ncac%2048b%20.0102.pdf#:~:text=For%20Physical%20Therapist%20Assistants%3A%20Only%20those%20physical%20therapist,level%20as%20set%20forth%20in%2021%20NCAC%2048D.0105>  
<https://www.oah.nc.gov/documents/rules/rrc/04162020-board-physical-therapy-examiners-technical-changes/download>

## **North Dakota**

North Dakota Board of Physical Therapy

<https://www.ndbpt.org/>

701-352-0125

[info@ndbpt.org](mailto:info@ndbpt.org) – Tami Anderson-Egeland, Administrative Assistant

North Dakota Board of Physical Therapy

P.O. Box 69

Grafton, ND 58237

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Complete the online license application as a Physical Therapist Assistant or submit a completed application to the Board Office, pay \$241.25 to the ND Board of PT, contact the institution granting your physical therapist assistant degree to have an official transcript, indicating verification of graduation from an accredited program, sent directly to the ND Board of PT, enclose a copy of any current license(s), contact all states you hold/held a license in and have that Board send a verification of your license to the ND Board, enclose letters from the department supervisor or human resources from the last two places of employment, verifying employment.

<https://www.ndotboard.com/licenserequirements.asp>



## **Northern Mariana Islands**

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Board of Professional Licensing and Health Care Professions Licensing Board

<https://cnmibpl-hcplb.net/>

670-664-4808 or 670-664-4809

<https://www.cnmibpl-hcplb.net/p/contact.html>

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Board of Professional Licensing and Health Care Professions Licensing Board

P.O. Box 502078

Saipan, MP 96950

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: The Board may issue a medical license by endorsement if you hold an active, unrestricted license from another U.S. state or territory or from Canada and the jurisdictional requirements in the other location are at least as stringent as the requirements in the CNMI.

<https://www.fsbpt.org/Portals/0/documents/free-resources/ModelRulesForFEPTs2019.pdf>

## **Ohio**

Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board

<https://otptat.ohio.gov/Physical-Therapy/Applications>

614-466-3774

[Board@otptat.ohio.gov](mailto:Board@otptat.ohio.gov) or <https://otptat.ohio.gov/help-center>

Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board

77 S. High Street,

16th Floor

Columbus, OH 43215-6108

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: You must provide an official verification from any jurisdiction in which you hold or have ever held a license, certification, or registration to practice physical therapy or another health care profession. Jurisdiction means any state, U.S. territory, or foreign country, Non-refundable application fee of \$100.00, FSBPT NPTE Exam Score, Ohio Jurisprudence Exam Registration. Failure to supply required information may result in denial of the application.

<https://codes.ohio.gov/assets/laws/revised-code/authenticated/47/4755/4755.451/3-20-2019/4755.451-3-20-2019.pdf>

## **Oklahoma**

Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision - Oklahoma Physical Therapists and Assistants Committee

[https://www.okmedicalboard.org/physical\\_therapists](https://www.okmedicalboard.org/physical_therapists)

405-962-1400

[supportservices@okmedicalboard.org](mailto:supportservices@okmedicalboard.org)

Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision

101 NE 51st St,

Oklahoma City, OK 73105-1821

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Any person who is licensed by examination as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant in another state of the United States, District of Columbia or Puerto Rico and is graduated from a program approved by the Board, is eligible for consideration for licensure by endorsement provided the written examination and grade standard upon which such license is based is acceptable to the Board.

[https://www.okmedicalboard.org/physical\\_therapists/download/220/PHYSICAL+THERAPY+APPLICATION+INSTRUCTION+REVISED+12+2019.pdf](https://www.okmedicalboard.org/physical_therapists/download/220/PHYSICAL+THERAPY+APPLICATION+INSTRUCTION+REVISED+12+2019.pdf)

## **Oregon**

Oregon Board of Physical Therapy

<https://www.oregon.gov/pt/Pages/Applying-for-Licensure.aspx>

971-673-0200

[physical.therapy@oregon.gov](mailto:physical.therapy@oregon.gov)

Oregon Board of Physical Therapy

800 NE Oregon Street, Suite 407

Portland, OR 97232-2187

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: You must provide official verification of all professional health care licenses you have ever held regardless of status (active, expired, inactive, and lapsed, etc.) and includes all relevant dates and notation of disciplinary actions, encumbrances, or other similar information. The Board will accept a copy of an official online verification from other states only if the other state's verification document printed from their website states it is "Primary Source". you may print the verification and send it with your application.

[https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors\\_688.080](https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_688.080)

## **Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania Department of Health - State Board of Physical Therapy

<https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/PhysicalTherapy/Pages/Applications-and-Forms.aspx>

717-783-7134

[ST-PHYSICAL@PA.GOV](mailto:ST-PHYSICAL@PA.GOV)

State Board of Physical Therapy

P.O. Box 2649

Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Contact the licensing authorities of the states, territories or countries where you hold or have ever held a license, certificate, permit, registration or other authorization to practice a health-related profession (whether active, inactive, expired or current) and request letters of good standing/verification of licensure in that state or jurisdiction. The letter must include the following: license issue and expiration date, license status (current or expired) and disciplinary standing. The letter(s) of good standing must be sent directly to the Board.

## **Puerto Rico**

Puerto Rico Office of Regulations and Certification of Health Professionals Board of Licensing and Medical Discipline

<https://orcps.salud.pr.gov/mbps/verificacion>

787-765-2929 Ext. 6596

[contactus@salud.pr.gov](mailto:contactus@salud.pr.gov)

Puerto Rico Office of Regulations and Certification of Health Professionals Board of Licensing and Medical Discipline

GM Group 3er Building

Apartment Urb. Caribe (in front of the old building of La Electronica)

1590 Calle Ponce de Leon

Rio Piedras, PR

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: It is undetermined if there is reciprocity with Puerto Rico.

<https://www.salud.pr.gov/CMS/DOWNLOAD/6197>

## **Rhode Island**

State of Rhode Island Department of Health

<https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=236>

401-222-5960

[doh.elicense@health.ri.gov](mailto:doh.elicense@health.ri.gov)

State of Rhode Island Department of Health

3 Capitol Hill

Providence, RI 02908

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity/Endorsement: Pay the non-refundable, non-returnable application fee as set forth in the Fee Structure for Licensing, Laboratory and Administrative Services Provided by the Department of Health, provide the examination scores of the national examination approved by the FSBPT submitted directly to the Board, provide a statement from the board of physical therapy in each state in which the applicant has held or holds licensure to be submitted to the Board of this state, attesting to the licensure status of the applicant during the time period the applicant held licensure in said state, Out-of-state applicants must obtain their full BCI report from their state of residence.

## **South Carolina**

SC Labor & Licensing Regulation - SC Board of Physical Therapy

<https://www.llr.sc.gov/pt/licensure.aspx>

803-896-4655

[Contact.PT@llr.sc.gov](mailto:Contact.PT@llr.sc.gov) -- Mack Williams, Board Executive

SC Board of Physical Therapy

110 Centerview Dr.

Columbia, SC 29210

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Submit a complete application with fee. Submit a certified check or money order in the amount of \$120. Submit a legible copy of documents verifying your identity (e.g., copy of valid driver's license, passport etc.) with your application. Submit verification of only one current permanent license by using the Verification of License. Contact FSBPT and have the NPTE scores transferred to South Carolina. Submit an official transcript with the registrar's seal, which must include the physical therapy degree and date of the degree was conferred.

[https://www.llr.sc.gov/pt/Applications/PT-PTA\\_Endorsement\\_App.pdf](https://www.llr.sc.gov/pt/Applications/PT-PTA_Endorsement_App.pdf)

## **South Dakota**

South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners

<http://www.sdbmoe.gov/>

605-367-7781

[SDBMOE@state.sd.us](mailto:SDBMOE@state.sd.us)

South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners

101 N. Main Avenue, Suite 301

Sioux Falls, SD 57104

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: The Board of Examiners may in its discretion without examination issue a license to any applicant holding a license or certificate issued to the applicant by a board empowered by law to issue licenses to practice physical therapy in the District of Columbia or any state or territory in the United States, if the requirements for licensure of physical therapists in the state or territory in which the applicant was licensed were, at the date of his licensing, substantially equal to the requirements set forth in South Dakota law.

<https://doh.sd.gov/licensing-and-records/boards/physical-therapy/licensing-requirements/>

## **Tennessee**

Tennessee Department of Health - Board of Physical Therapy

<https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/pt-board/pt-board>

615-741-3807

[Unit2HRB.Health@tn.gov](mailto:Unit2HRB.Health@tn.gov)

Tennessee Department of Health - Board of Physical Therapy

710 James Robertson Parkway

Nashville, TN 37243

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: The board of occupational therapy may grant a license to an applicant who presents proof of current licensure or certification as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant in another state, the District of Columbia or a territory of the United States and who possesses educational and experiential qualifications that meet or exceed the requirements for licensure in Tennessee, as determined by the board of occupational therapy.

## **Texas**

Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

<https://www.ptot.texas.gov/page/apply-by-endorsement>

512-305-6900

[https://www.ptot.texas.gov/forms/public/contact\\_us](https://www.ptot.texas.gov/forms/public/contact_us)

ECPTOTE

1801 Congress Avenue

Suite 10.900

Austin, TX 78701

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: States and territories that do not have sufficient information on their websites for primary source verification and are excluded from staff verification are Arkansas, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Wyoming, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. If you hold or have held a license from any of the excluded states/territories, contact that state board and request license verification be sent to Texas. The verification can be emailed to [exam@ptot.texas.gov](mailto:exam@ptot.texas.gov) or mailed directly from the other state board.

<https://ptot.texas.gov/apply-by-endorsement/>

## **U.S. Virgin Islands**

United States Virgin Islands Department of Health - Office of Professional Licensure and Health Planning

<https://doh.vi.gov/office-of-professional-licensure-and-health-planning/>

340-718-1311

<https://doh.vi.gov/contact-us> -- Contact Us Form

United States Virgin Islands Department of Health - Office of Professional Licensure and Health Planning

3500 Estate Richmond

Christiansted, VI 00820-4370

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: United States trained graduates with a degree from an accredited school of Physical Therapy Assistant recognized by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) and a valid state license may be considered for licensure in the Virgin Islands.

## **Utah**

Utah Department of Commerce Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing

<https://dopl.utah.gov/pt/index.html>

801-530-6628

[jbusjahn@utah.gov](mailto:jbusjahn@utah.gov) or [b7@utah.gov](mailto:b7@utah.gov)

Jeff Busjahn - Bureau Manager

Utah Department of Commerce Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing

160 E 300 S,

Salt Lake City, UT 84111

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity/Endorsement: If you are currently licensed in good standing in any state of the United States, in addition to the items required for all applicants, you must submit: Official verification of an active physical therapy assistant license from another state.

<https://dopl.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/endorsement-to-utah-physical-therapy-assistant.pdf>

## **Vermont**

Vermont Secretary of State - Office of Professional Regulation

<https://sos.vermont.gov/physical-therapists/forms-instructions/>

802-828-1505

<https://sos.vermont.gov/opr/about-opr/contact-us/> -- Contact Us Form

Vermont Sec. of State - Office of Professional Regulation

89 Main Street

Montpelier, VT 05620-3402

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity/Endorsement: To qualify to be licensed, an applicant must be licensed or certified in good standing in another jurisdiction in which the standards and qualifications required for regulation in that jurisdiction are substantially equivalent to Vermont's. Have the state from which you obtained your initial license and your most recent state of licensure complete a "Verification of Licensure" form. Have the school from which you obtained your education submit a "Verification of Education" form or have the institution submit an official transcript directly to the office.

[https://sos.vermont.gov/media/4kgfgoam/pt\\_current\\_rules.pdf](https://sos.vermont.gov/media/4kgfgoam/pt_current_rules.pdf)

## **Virginia**

Virginia Department of Health Professions - Board of Physical Therapy

<https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/PhysicalTherapy/>

804-367-4674

[ptboard@dhp.virginia.gov](mailto:ptboard@dhp.virginia.gov) -- Corie E. Tillman Wolf, Executive Director

Virginia Department of Health Professions - Board of Physical Therapy

Perimeter Center

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300

Henrico, VA 23233-1463

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity/Endorsement: Provide written verification directly from the issuing regulatory authority, in all jurisdictions, in which you have ever held a license, including expired, inactive, and current licenses. Contact each State regarding processing fees. Evidence of clinical practice with a current, unrestricted license issued by another U.S. jurisdiction. Your employer may mail or email a written letter on company letterhead of your clinical practice verifying dates of employment and the number of hours worked with their original signature.

<https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/PhysicalTherapy/ApplicantResources/FrequentlyAskedQuestions/Licensure/#:~:text=A%20Physical%20Therapist%20or%20Physical%20Therapist%20Assistant%20who,page%20for%20further%20information%20about%20this%20licensing%20method.>

<https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/PhysicalTherapy/PractitionerResources/ApplicationsForms/#d.en.787666>

## **Washington**

Washington State Board of Therapy

<https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/physical-therapist-and-physical-therapist-assistant>

360-236-4700

<https://doh.wa.gov/about-us/contact-us> or [HSQA.CSC@doh.wa.gov](mailto:HSQA.CSC@doh.wa.gov)

Washington State Department of Health

Board of Physical Therapy

P.O. Box 1099

Olympia, WA 98507-1099

\*Additional Information – The jurisdiction where the applicant is or was credentialed must complete and submit the verification form. The jurisdiction must send the completed form directly to the department.  
<https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/physical-therapist-and-physical-therapist-assistant/licensure-compact>

## **West Virginia**

West Virginia Board of Physical Therapy

<https://wvbopt.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

304-558-0367

[wvbopt@wv.gov](mailto:wvbopt@wv.gov)

West Virginia Board of Physical Therapy

2 Players Club Drive

Suite 102

Charleston, WV 25311

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Passing NPTE score report, Request verification from any state you are or have ever been licensed (active or not) as a PTA, verification must be sent directly from the licensing board to our office via mail or official electronic verification system. (NOT acceptable from applicant or via fax).  
<https://wvbopt.wv.gov/Documents/Title%2016%20Series%201%20Gen.%20Provisions%20Final%20File-040621.pdf>  
<https://www.wvlicense.com/sites/fileviewer/fileviewer.cfm?func=viewfile&formID=17&orgID=1>

## **Wisconsin**

State of Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services - Physical Therapy Examining Board

<https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/PTAssistant/Default.aspx>

608-266-2112

[dsps@wisconsin.gov](mailto:dsps@wisconsin.gov) or [DSPSRenewal@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DSPSRenewal@wisconsin.gov)

Physical Therapy Examining Board

DSPS

4822 Madison Yards Way

Madison, WI 53705

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity/Endorsement: Candidates who have written the NPTE in Another State: Scores must be requested and forwarded to the Department. We require verification from each state in which you have ever held or currently hold a PT/PTA license. Contact each state board to request a verification of licensure be sent to Wisconsin. The verification must be returned directly to the Department via mail or email to [DSPSCredPhysicalTherapy@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DSPSCredPhysicalTherapy@wisconsin.gov). The Board will reject verifications received from the applicant.

## **Wyoming**

Wyoming Board of Physical Therapy

<https://physicaltherapy.wyo.gov/>

307-777-5403

[emma.garcia@wyo.gov](mailto:emma.garcia@wyo.gov)

Emma Garcia, Licensing Specialist

Wyoming Board of Physical Therapy

2001 Capitol Avenue, Room 127

Cheyenne, WY 82002

\*Additional Information – Reciprocity/Endorsement: Official transcripts forwarded to the Board Office directly from the registrar of the college/university giving evidence of graduation from an accredited program approved by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), verification of license/certificate in good standing is required from ALL jurisdictions in which you are currently, or have ever been licensed/certified. Verifications must come directly from the jurisdiction and will not be accepted from the applicant. You must request that your score be transferred from FSBPT Score Transfer Service.