

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 700 Department or Agency ALABAMA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Rule No. CHAPTER 700-X-2
Rule Title: LICENSURE

New Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? NO

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? YES

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? NO

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? NO

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? N/A

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? YES

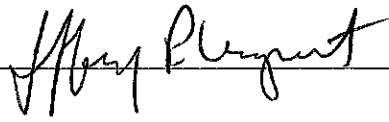
Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? NO

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? NO

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer 
Date August 29, 2018

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ALABAMA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

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AGENCY NAME: ALABAMA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

RULE NO. & TITLE: CHAPTER 700-X-2 LICENSURE

INTENDED ACTION: REPEAL AND NEW

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

STREAMLINING OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR LICENSURE.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

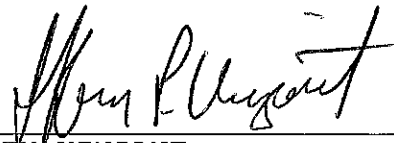
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MONTGOMERY, AL.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

NOVEMBER 2, 2018

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700-X-2-.01 Appropriate Education Required.

(1) United States Educated Applicants. Each applicant for licensure as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant must have completed a program of physical therapy education appropriate for preparation as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant, respectively, which is approved by the American Physical Therapy Association's Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).

(2) Non-United States Educated Applicants.

(a) Statement of Policy. Foreign educated physical therapist applicants must demonstrate educational equivalency to United States educated physical therapists as measured by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT).

(b) Submission of Educational Credentials. Foreign educated physical therapist applicants shall submit their education credentials to:

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A copy of the evaluation by the credentials evaluating agency must be sent directly to the Board.

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700-X-2-.02 Application Required.

(1) Application form. Each applicant for licensure shall complete an application form prescribed by the Board and supplied by the executive director.

(2) Documentation. The documents provided in this section must be received by the executive director before an application is considered complete.

(a) Applicants for Licensure by Examination.

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1. The following must be submitted by the applicant:

- (i) Completed application form, including photograph.
- (ii) The required fees as prescribed by the Board.

2. The following must be submitted directly to the Board by the appropriate person or entity:

(i) An official transcript of grades showing graduation or completion of the requisite physical therapy program. (Must be received prior to issuance of a permanent license.)

(b) Applicants for Licensure by Endorsement.

1. The following must be submitted by the applicant:

- (i) Completed application form, including photograph.
- (ii) The required fee as prescribed by the Board.

2. The following must be submitted directly to the Board by the appropriate person or entity:

(i) An official transcript of grades showing graduation or completion of the requisite physical therapy program.

(ii) Verification of all of applicant's licenses in other states as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant.

(iii) Applicants who took the examination between August, 1965, and February, 1991, must have passed each part of the examination, as well as the entire examination, by at least 1.5 sigma below the national mean. Applicants who took the examination between February, 1991, and March, 1993, must have passed the examination by at least 1.5 sigma below the national mean. Applicants who took the examination from March 1993, to the present must have passed the examination with a criterion referenced score of at least 600.

(c) Foreign-educated applicants.

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1. The following must be submitted directly to the Board by the appropriate person or entity:

(i) A certified copy of the evaluation by the approved credentials evaluating agency of the applicant's education prior to application.

(ii) Any other certifying documents deemed necessary by the Board to establish professional status.

2. The following must be submitted by the applicant:

(i) Completed application form.

(ii) The required fees as prescribed by the Board.

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700-X-2-.03 **Application Fee Required.** A fee shall be required of all applicants for licensure. The fee shall be tendered in an appropriate method approved by the board.

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700-X-2-.04 Examinations Required.

- (1) Examinations.
 - (a) Each candidate for licensure must pass licensure examination and a jurisprudence examination approved by the Board.
 - (b) The cost of the examinations is in addition to the application fee provided for in Rule 700-X-2-.03 and the payment should be made directly to the examination service.
- (2) Each candidate must register with FSBPT to take the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) and select Alabama as the jurisdiction for which the applicant will be testing in order to have the first score sent to this state.
- (3) Scoring of Examinations.
 - (a) Examinations shall be scored by and maintained on file by the appropriate examination service, and a record of the applicant's examination scores shall be kept by the Board.
 - (b) Passing Score.
 1. Physical Therapist Applicants. Physical therapist applicants must pass the examinations with a score of at least 600.
 2. Physical Therapist Assistant Applicants. Physical therapist assistant applicants must pass the examinations with a score of at least 600.
- (4) Reexamination.
 - (a) Any candidate who fails to pass the first licensure or jurisprudence examination may reschedule for reexamination with the examination service. Applicant is responsible for all fees required by the examination service for reexamination.
 - (b) Applicants fee for licensure with the board remains valid until the candidate exhausts all opportunities to pass

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examinations under the established guidelines provided by the examination service.

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700-X-2-.05 Licensure Without Examination. Any individual licensed prior to 1978 who applies for licensure without examination under the provisions of Code of Ala. 1975, §34-24-214, must provide the Board with a copy of the law under which he/she was licensed and, where appropriate, have the licensing authority or appropriate score reporting service provide the Board with a copy of his/her examination scores.

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700-X-2-.06 Issuance Of License. Each license shall be dated and numbered in the order of issuance and shall be signed by the chair and the executive director.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-24-193, 34-24-213, 34-24-214, 34-24-215.

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700-X-2-.07 Temporary Licenses.

(1) Upon application for licensure by qualified candidates under the provisions of Code of Ala. 1975, §34-24-215(b), and upon submission of documentation required by Rule 700-X-2-.02, a candidate shall be issued a temporary license to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant. The temporary license shall be valid only until the first examination is scored and the Board determines whether a license shall be issued. Physical therapists practicing under a temporary license must be under the direct, on-site supervision of a licensed physical therapist. Physical therapist assistants practicing under a temporary license must be under the direct, on-site supervision of a licensed physical therapist or a licensed physical therapist assistant, with the approval of the supervising physical therapist.

(2) The Board shall issue a temporary license under the provisions of Code of Ala. 1975, §34-24-215(a), upon application and payment of a fee not to exceed \$100.00, which fee shall be set from time to time by resolution of the Board.

Authors: Herbert R. Caillouet, Donald L. Hiltz, Bernard Harris

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-24-193, 34-24-214.

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700-X-2-.08 Renewal Of License.

(1) Annual Renewal Required. Each license expires on October 1 of the year following its issuance.

(2) Renewal Fee Required. A renewal fee shall be required for annual renewal of license.

(3) Expired Renewal Fee. Anyone wishing to renew an expired license after November 1st of the license issuance year shall pay an Expired Renewal Fee. This Fee is in addition to the

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restoration fee set by Administrative Regulation 700-X-2-.09. After the five-year period, a license shall only be obtained by complying with the provisions relating to the issuance of an original license.

(4) Continuing Education Required. Continuing education activities are required to assure continued competency of licensees and thereby public protection. Successful completion of continuing education activities shall be a requirement for the renewal of licenses and for initial licensure without examination.

(5) Effective October 1, 2014, the Board does not pre-approve continuing education providers, sponsors or individual programs. It is the licensee's responsibility, using her/his professional judgment, to determine if the continuing education activities they complete are applicable, appropriate, and meet the requirements of the Board. All continuing education offerings, regardless of source will be accepted provided that it is directly related to the licensee's practice of physical therapy and meets the following general guidelines.

(a) General Guidelines

(1) Maintain, improve or expand skills or knowledge of the practice of physical therapy

(2) Contribute to the professional competency of the licensee by means of an organized activity with clearly described or outlined course content, dates or timelines for completion, and times of instruction or activity engagement expectations

(3) Pertain to common subjects related to the practice of physical therapy and are based upon referenced scientific evidence; practice-based evidence; case studies; clearly identified anecdotal experience; current or proposed regulation of practice; accepted professional guidelines; policy documents; or best practices

(4) Conducted by experts in the subject matter - individuals with special education, training, and experience,

(5) Include stated program goals/objectives.

(6) Identify target audience or describes prerequisite levels of experience

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(7) Describe requirements for successful progression or completion when using self-directed methods of learning (i.e., self-study, online, video, audio, teleconference, etc.). Self-directed methods of instruction may utilize a post-test but cannot result in a pass/fail grade

(8) Include a certificate or other sufficient proof of completion -For a concurrent session conference that does not provide documentation of individual session(s) completed, each individual course attended must be verified by having a conference official or course instructor sign or stamp the session description in the conference program if the conference does not use an automated format that allows for individual course verification

(b) Non-traditional continuing education activities shall have the following credit values:

1. Completion of physical therapy related academic coursework - awarded fifteen (15) hours of credit per semester hour completed

2. Participation in a physical therapy related clinical residency or fellowship program - awarded fifteen (15) hours of credit for each 1,000 hours completed

3. Completion of a physical therapy related specialty certification or recognition of advanced proficiency - awarded three (3) hours of credit for the initial certification or recognition and one (1) hour of credit for recertification or subsequent recognition

4. Publication in a peer-reviewed publication - awarded five (5) hours of credit for a book, three (3) hours of credit for a chapter or single author publication, or two (2) hours of credit for a multi-author publication

5. Teaching or lecturing in a physical therapy related continuing education activity - awarded two (2) hours per hour taught. Teaching or lecturing in the academic setting is also included, if teaching is not the licensee's primary occupation

6. Once every five (5) years, a formal internal or external peer review of practice, with verification of acceptable practice - awarded three (3) hours of credit

(c) Limited non-traditional continuing education activities are also permitted by the Board but shall not exceed

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forty percent (40%) of a licensee's total annual continuing education requirement and shall have the following credit values:

1. Publication in a peer-reviewed publication of an abstract, scientific review of a research paper, or book review - awarded one (1) hour of credit
2. Participation as a book or manuscript reviewer - awarded one (1) hour of credit
3. Database publication of a clinical practice guideline - awarded one (1) hour of credit
4. Authorship of a presented scientific poster or platform presentation - awarded one (1) hour of credit
5. Acting as the primary clinical instructor for CAPTE accredited PT or PTA program students - awarded one (1) hour for each 200 hours completed
6. Developing alternative media materials, including computer software, programs, and digital instructional materials - awarded one (1) hour for each project released for public access.

(d) Requirements

1. Each physical therapist and physical therapist assistant licensed to practice by this Board shall complete for each compliance period, a minimum of ten (10) hours of continuing education activities. One hour of continuing education is defined as 50 minutes of engagement in the continuing education activity. October 1 through September 30 of the next year shall constitute a compliance period.

(i) For licensure without examination, the applicant must demonstrate a total of ten (10) hours of acceptable continuing education in the twelve (12) months prior to application.

(ii) Individuals licensed within one year of graduation from a CAPTE approved program will not be required to meet the continuing education requirement for initial licensure or first renewal.

2. Beginning with the compliance period starting October 1, 2015, licensees shall begin retaining a record of completed courses for five (5) years, including an agenda, brochure

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or other documentation that substantiate how the activities meet the accepted general guidelines, as well as documentation to establish the completion of those activities. Licensees shall provide the Board a copy of their records, or grant access to any online recording and reporting system—the licensee elects to use for purposes of the Board verifying completion of the continuing education requirements.

3. Continuing education hours earned by a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant in excess of ten (10) hours during a compliance period, may be carried forward into the next compliance period; but, no more than ten (10) hours may be carried forward.

4. Beginning with the compliance period starting October 1, 2015, licensees complete at least two (2) hours of continuing education every fifth year on the topic of Alabama physical therapy jurisprudence, covering both the Practice Act and the Administrative Code. Both PTs and PTAs will be required to fulfill this requirement when renewing their license in years ending in zero (0) or five (5) (i.e., 2020, 2025, 2030, etc.). Individuals licensed without examination shall also complete this expectation within 30 days of initial licensure.

(e) Unacceptable activities for continuing education:

1. Regularly scheduled education opportunities provided within the employment setting such as orientations, inservices, staff meetings, informal rounds, case conferences, equipment or procedural updates, CPR, blood-borne pathogens, etc.

2. Meetings for purposes of policy decisions

3. Non-educational meetings at annual conferences, chapter or organizational meetings

4. Entertainment or recreational meetings or activities

5. Committee meetings, holding office, serving as an organizational delegate

6. Visiting exhibits, poster presentations

7. Entry-level coursework, activities, or presentations made by the lay public or non-medical professionals

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8. Activities of less than fifty (50) minutes duration

(f) Failure to Meet Requirement

1. No license will be renewed in the absence of satisfactory evidence that the required hours have been earned. The Board may consider exceptions in extenuating circumstances

2. Upon audit, the licensee is responsible for demonstrating that the completed continuing education activities were of an acceptable nature. Should an audited activity prove to be unacceptable the licensee will have sixty (60) days to successfully meet the continuing education expectations. Failure to meet the continuing education requirements within that timeframe will result in disciplinary action.

3. A licensee that is licensed without examination who is unable to document ten (10) hours of continuing education activities in the twelve (12) months prior to application shall have thirty (30) days after the initial issuance of the license to successfully meet this requirement. This requirement is in addition to the annual renewal requirement of ten (10) hours. Failure to meet the continuing education requirements within that timeframe will result in disciplinary action.

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700-X-2-.9 Restoration Of License. All licenses shall expire on the first day of October. Any person who permits his/her license to lapse past September 30 may restore the license upon application to the Board and submission of all fees due on or before November first. After November first, a restoration fee set by the board will be required, in addition to the expired renewal fee. Upon receipt of all fees applicable, a license will be reinstated and restored effective the date that all fees are received in the board office.

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700-X-2-.10 Lost Or Destroyed License Or Name Change.

(1) Lost or destroyed license. Any licensee whose license is lost or destroyed may be issued a replacement license upon making application to the Board. Such application must be accompanied with the appropriate form and fee set by the board.

(2) Name change. Any licensee whose name is changed by marriage or court order shall provide proof of name change and apply for a replacement license within 60 days.

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700-X-2-.11 Fee For Verification Of Licensure. The board is authorized to establish and collect a fee for certifying to other boards or entities that a licensee is a member in good standing with the Alabama Board.

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700-X-2-.12 Schedule Of Fees Set By The Board.

Application Fee - Endorsement or Examination (PT or PTA).....	\$150
Annual Renewal Fee (PT).....	\$130
Annual Renewal Fee (PTA).....	\$93
Expired Renewal Fee (PT).....	\$230
Expired Renewal Fee (PTA).....	\$193
Restoration Fee.....	\$50
Original License Reprint.....	\$10
Verification of AL Licensure.....	\$25
Directory of Licensees (PT).....	\$75
(PTA).....	\$75
Copy Records	1/pg.
Temporary License for Section 34-24-215 (a) Code of Ala. 1975.....	\$100

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(2) Non-United States Educated Applicants.

(a) Statement of Policy. Foreign educated physical therapist applicants must demonstrate educational equivalency to United States educated physical therapists as measured by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT).

(b) Submission of Educational Credentials. Foreign educated physical therapist applicants shall submit their education credentials to:

International Credentialing Associates, Inc.

10801 Starkey Road
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700-X-2-.02 Application Required.

(1) Application form. Each applicant for licensure shall complete an application form prescribed by the Board and supplied by the executive director.

(2) Documentation. The documents provided in this section must be received by the executive director before an application is considered complete.

(a) **Applicants for Licensure by Examination.**

1. The following must be submitted by the applicant:

- (i) Completed application form, including photograph.
- (ii) The required fees as prescribed by the Board.

2. The following must be submitted directly to the Board by the appropriate person or entity:

(i) A Certification of Physical Therapy Education form completed by an authorized representative of the educational program. (Must be received prior to issuance of temporary license.)

(ii) An official transcript of grades showing graduation or completion of the requisite physical therapy program. (Must be received prior to issuance of permanent license.)

(b) **Applicants for Licensure by Endorsement.**

1. The following must be submitted by the applicant:

- (i) Completed application form, including photograph.
- (ii) The required fee as prescribed by the Board.

The following must be submitted directly to the Board by the appropriate person or entity:

(i) An official transcript of grades showing graduation or completion of the requisite physical therapy program.

(ii) Verification of all of applicant's licenses in other states as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant.

(iii) Applicants who took the examination between August, 1965, and February, 1991, must have passed each part of the examination, as well as the entire examination, by at least 1.5 sigma below the national mean. Applicants who took the examination

between February, 1991, and March, 1993, must have passed the examination by at least 1.5 sigma below the national mean. Applicants who took the examination from March, 1993, to the present must have passed the examination with a criterion referenced raw score of at least 600.

(c) Foreign-educated applicants.

1. The following must be submitted directly to the Board by the appropriate person or entity:

(i) A certified copy of the evaluation by the approved credentials evaluating agency of the applicant's education prior to application.

(ii) Any other certifying documents deemed necessary by the Board to establish professional status.

2. The following must be submitted by the applicant:

(i) Completed application form

(ii) The required fees as prescribed by the Board.

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700-X-2-.03 Application Fee Required. A fee shall be required of all applicants for licensure. The fee shall be tendered in cashier's check, bank certified check, corporate or business check, or money order.

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700-X-2-.04 **Examinations Required.**

(1) Examinations.

(a) Each candidate for licensure must pass licensure examination and a jurisprudence examination approved by the Board.

(b) The cost of the examination, in addition to the application fee provided for in Rule 700-X-2, and payment should be made directly to the examination service.

(2) Time and Place of Examination. Once the candidate has met the Board's requirements for examinations, the Board will certify eligibility to the examination. The Board will directly inform the candidate, by letter, of all necessary information to use to schedule the examinations with an approved testing center. Candidates must schedule and take the examinations within 60 days of the date of the letter. Candidates may test in any state.

(3) Scoring of Examinations.

(a) Examinations shall be scored by and maintained on file by an appropriate examination service, and a record of the applicant's examination scores shall be kept by the Board.

(b) Passing Score.

1. Physical Therapist Applicants. Physical therapist applicants must pass the examinations with a raw score of at least 600.

2. Physical Therapist Assistant Applicants. Physical therapist assistant applicants must pass the examinations with a raw score of at least 600.

(4) Reexamination.

(a) Any candidate who fails to pass the first licensure or jurisprudence examination may file for an application for

reexamination following procedures established by the Board. Candidates need only to wait for this process to be completed before rescheduling the examination.

(b) The fee for the first reexamination shall be the same as that fee specified in Section (1) (b) of this rule.

(c) Any candidate who fails to pass the second licensure examination must subsequently resubmit his/her application for licensure as a new applicant.

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700-X-2-.05 Licensure Without Examination. Any individual licensed prior to 1982 who applies for licensure without examination under the provisions of Code of Ala. 1975, §34-24-214, must provide the Board with a copy of the law under which he/she was licensed and, where appropriate, have the licensing authority or appropriate reporting service provide the Board with a copy of his/her examination scores.

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700-X-2-.06 Issuance Of License. Each license shall be dated and numbered in the order of issuance and shall be signed by the chair and the executive director.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-24-193, 34-24-213, 34-24-214, 34-24-215.

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700-X-2-.07 Temporary Licenses.

(1) Upon application for licensure by qualified candidates under the provisions of Code of Ala. 1975, §34-24-215(b), and upon submission of documentation required by Rule 700-X-2-.02, a candidate shall be issued a temporary license to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant. The temporary license shall be valid until the first examination is scored and the Board determines whether a license shall be issued. Physical therapists practicing under a temporary license must be under the direct, on-site supervision of a licensed physical therapist. Physical therapist assistants practicing under a temporary license must be under the direct, on-site supervision of a licensed physical therapist or a licensed physical therapist assistant with the approval of the supervising physical therapist.

(2) The Board shall issue a temporary license under the provisions of Code of Ala. 1975, §34-24-215(a), upon application and payment of a fee not to exceed \$100.00, which fee shall be set from time to time by resolution of the Board.

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700-X-2-.08 Renewal Of License.

(1) Annual Renewal Required. Each license expires on October 1 of the year following its issuance.

(2) Renewal Fee Required. A renewal fee shall be required for annual renewal of license.

(3) Expired Renewal Fee. Anyone wishing to renew an expired license after November 1st of the license issuance year shall pay an Expired Renewal Fee. This Fee is in addition to the restoration fee set by Administrative Regulation 700-X-2-.09. After the five-year period, a license shall only be obtained by complying with the provisions relating to the issuance of an original license.

(4) Continuing Education Required. Continuing education activities are required to assure continued competency of licensees and thereby public protection. Successful completion of continuing education activities shall be a requirement for the renewal of licenses and for initial licensure without examination.

(5) Effective October 1, 2011, the Board shall not pre-approve continuing education providers, sponsors, or individual programs. It is the licensee's responsibility, using her/his professional judgment, to determine if the continuing education activities they complete are applicably appropriate, and meet the requirements of the Board. All continuing education offerings, regardless of source will be accepted provided that it is directly related to the licensee's practice of physical therapy and meets the following general guidelines.

(a) General guidelines

(1) Maintain, improve or expand skills or knowledge of the practice of physical therapy

(2) Contribute to the professional competency of the licensee by means of an organized activity with clearly described or defined course content, dates or timelines for completion, and time of instruction and activity engagement expectations

(3) Pertain to common subjects related to the practice of physical therapy and are based upon referenced scientific evidence; practice-based evidence; case studies; clearly identified anecdotal experience; current or proposed regulation of practice; accepted professional guidelines; policy documents; or best practices

(4) Conducted by experts in the subject matter - individuals with special education, training, and experience,

(5) Include stated program goals/objectives.

(6) Identify target audience or describes prerequisite levels of experience

(7) Describe requirements for successful progression or completion when using self-directed methods of learning (i.e., self-study, online, video, audio, teleconference, etc.). Self-directed methods of instruction may utilize a post-test but cannot result in a pass/fail grade

(8) Include a certificate or other sufficient proof of completion -For a concurrent session conference that does not provide documentation of individual sessions completed, each individual course attended must be verified by having a conference official or course instructor sign or stamp the session description in the conference program if the conference does not use an automated format that allows for individual course verification

(b) Non-traditional continuing education activities shall have the following credit values:

1. Completion of physical therapy related academic coursework - awarded one (1) hour credit per semester hour completed

2. Participation in a physical therapy related clinical residency or fellowship program - awarded fifteen (15) hours of credit for each 100 hours completed

3. Completion of physical therapy related specialty certification or recognition of advanced proficiency - awarded three (3) hours of credit for the initial certification or recognition and one (1) hour of credit for recertification or subsequent recognition

4. Publication in a peer-reviewed publication - awarded five (5) hours of credit for a book, three (3) hours of credit for chapter or single author publication, or two (2) hours of credit for multi-author publication

5. Teaching or lecturing in a physical therapy related continuing education activity - awarded two (2) hours per hour taught. Teaching or lecturing in the academic setting is also included, if teaching is not the licensee's primary occupation

6. Once every five (5) years, a formal internal or external peer review of practice, with verification of acceptable practice - awarded three (3) hours of credit

(c) Limited non-traditional continuing education activities are also permitted by the Board but shall not exceed forty percent (40%) of a licensee's total annual continuing education requirement and shall have the following credit values:

1. Publication in a peer-reviewed publication of an abstract, scientific review of a research paper, or book review - awarded one (1) hour of credit
2. Participation as a book or manuscript reviewer - awarded one (1) hour of credit
3. Database publication of a clinical practice guideline - awarded one (1) hour of credit
4. Authorship of a presented scientific poster or platform presentation - awarded one (1) hour of credit
5. Acting as the primary clinical instructor for CAPTE accredited PT or PTA program students - awarded one (1) hour for each 200 hours completed
6. Developing alternative media materials, including computer software programs and digital instructional materials - awarded one (1) hour for each project released for public access.

(d) Requirements

1. Every physical therapist and physical therapist assistant licensee who practices by this Board shall complete for each compliance period a minimum of ten (10) hours of continuing education activities. One hour of continuing education is defined as 50 minutes of engagement in the continuing education activity. October 1 through September 30 of the next year shall constitute a compliance period.

(i) For licensure without examination, the applicant must demonstrate a total of twenty (20) hours of acceptable continuing education in the twenty-four (24) months prior to application.

(ii) Individuals licensed within one year of graduation from a CAPTE approved program will not be required to meet the continuing education requirement for initial licensure or the first renewal.

2. Beginning with the compliance period starting October 1, 2015, licensees shall begin retaining a record of completed courses for five (5) years, including an agenda, brochure or other documentation that substantiate how the activities meet the accepted general guidelines, as well as documentation to establish the completion of those activities. Licensees shall provide the Board a copy of their records, or grant access to any online recording and reporting system--the licensee elects to use for purposes of the Board verifying completion of the continuing education requirements.

3. Continuing education hours earned by a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant in excess of ten (10) hours during a compliance period, may be carried forward to the next compliance period; but, no more than ten (10) hours may be carried forward.

4. Beginning with the compliance period starting October 1, 2015, licensees shall complete at least two (2) hours of continuing education every fifth year on the topic of Alabama physical therapy jurisprudence, including both the Practice Act and the Administrative Code. Both LPs and PThs will be required to fulfill this requirement when renewing their license in years ending in zero (0) or five (5) (i.e., 2020, 2025, 2030, etc.). Individuals licensed without examination shall also complete this expectation as part of the continuing education requirements for initial license renewal.

(e) Acceptable activities for continuing education:

1. Regularly scheduled education opportunities provided within the employment setting such as orientations, in-services, staff meetings, informal rounds, case conferences, equipment procedural updates, CPR, blood-borne pathogens, etc.

2. Meetings for purposes of policy decisions

3. Non-educational meetings at annual conferences, chapter or organizational meetings

4. Entertainment or recreational meetings or activities

5. Committee meetings, holding office, serving as an organizational delegate

6. Visiting exhibits, poster presentations

7. Entry-level coursework, activities, or presentations made by the lay public or non-medical professionals

8. Activities of less than fifty (50) minutes duration

(f) Failure to Meet Requirement

1. No license will be renewed in the absence of satisfactory evidence that the required hours have been earned. The Board may consider exceptions in extenuating circumstances

2. Upon audit, the licensee is responsible for demonstrating that the completed continuing education activities were of an acceptable nature. Should a licensee's activities prove to be unacceptable the licensee will have 60 days to successfully meet the continuing education requirements. Failure to meet the continuing education requirements within that timeframe will result in disciplinary action.

3. A licensee that is licensed without examination who is unable to document 20 hours continuing education activities in the twenty-four (24) month period prior to application shall have one hundred twenty (20) days after the initial issuance of the license to successfully meet this requirement. This requirement is in addition to the annual renewal requirement of ten (10) hours. Failure to meet the continuing education requirements within that timeframe will result in disciplinary action.

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700-X-2-.9 Restoration Of License. All licenses shall expire on the first day of October. Any person who permits his/her license to lapse past September 30 may restore the license upon application to the Board and submission of all fees due on or before November first. After November first, a restoration fee set by the board will be required, in addition to the required renewal fee. Upon receipt of all fees payable, a license will be reinstated and restored effective the date that all fees are received in the board office.

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700-X-2-.10 Lost Or Destroyed License Or Name Change.

(1) Lost or destroyed license. Any licensee whose license has been lost or destroyed may be issued a replacement license upon making application to the Board. Such application must be accompanied by an affidavit setting out the facts concerning the loss or destruction.

(2) Name change. Any licensee whose name is changed by marriage or court order shall surrender his/her license, provide proof of name change and apply for a replacement license within 60 days.

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700-X-2-.11 Fee For Verification Of Licensure. The board is authorized to establish and collect a fee for certifying to other boards or entities that a licensee is a member in good standing with the Alabama Board.

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700-X-2-.12 Schedule Of Fees Set By The Board

Application Fee - Endorsement or Examination (PT or PTA).....	\$150
Annual Renewal Fee (PT).....	
Annual Renewal Fee (PTA).....	\$93
Expired Renewal Fee (PT).....	\$230
Expired Renewal Fee (PTA).....	\$193
Restoration Fee.....	\$50
Original License Request.....	\$10
Verification of Applicant.....	\$25
Directory of Licensees (PT).....	\$75
.....	\$75
Copy Record.....	1/pg.
Temporary License for Section 34-24-215 (a) Code of Ala. 1975.....	\$100
Temporary License for Section 34-24-215 (b) Code of Ala. 1975.....	\$10

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