

Military Trained Applicants for PTA Licensure General Information for Applicants

A physical therapist assistant **MUST** have a current North Carolina license **PRIOR** to practicing in the State. There is no temporary licensure in North Carolina.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE

1. Good moral character,
2. Education evaluation performed on the 2007 version of the Federation of State Board's of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) PTA Coursework Tool,
3. Examination scores that meet the North Carolina passing level,
4. Jurisprudence Exercise,
5. Proof that applicant has been engaged in assisting in the active practice of physical therapy for at least two of the five years preceding the date of the application.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

An applicant seeking initial licensure or who fails to meet the requirements for military endorsement is required to pass the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) for physical therapist assistants.

The NPTE for physical therapist assistants is administered on fixed-dates throughout the year. To view information on examination dates and deadlines visit the FSBPT website, www.fsbpt.org/ForCandidatesAndLicensees/FixedDateTesting.

The passing level for the examination is 600 on a scale of 200 - 800. There is a fee to retake the examination.

Candidates with disabilities who need special arrangements for the exam must furnish supportive documentation to the Board's office no later than 60 days before the examination date.

LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT FOR MILITARY APPLICANTS

An active license in another state or territory of a PTA who was licensed by "military equivalency" may be endorsed if the individual's qualifications were at the date of licensure substantially equal to the requirements of the **North Carolina Physical Therapy Practice Act** for military trained licensure and the applicant has achieved a passing score on the NPTE for physical therapist assistants.

Some boards require a fee before the Certification of Valid License in Another State form can be completed, and some do not report scores to other Boards, in which case, the score must be issued by the FSBPT Score Transfer Service.

TEMPORARY LICENSURE

There is no temporary licensure in North Carolina for physical therapists or physical therapist assistants.

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE
North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

Applications for examination must be filed AT LEAST 90 days before the examination date. Processing time for applications averages six weeks.

ALL APPLICANTS must submit or complete:

1. Application form with ALL sections completed.
2. Credentials evaluation performed by FCCPT (Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy) using the PTA Coursework Tool – 2007.
3. Two character references (other than relatives) who have known the applicant for at least one year. (While not required, the Board prefers to have at least one reference from a physical therapist or a health care professional with whom the applicant has been associated for at least one year.)
4. Jurisprudence Exercise (www.ncptboard.org)
5. Attestation by employer documenting that applicant has been engaged in assisting in the active practice of physical therapy for at least two of the five years preceding the date of the application.

EXAMINATION APPLICANTS must submit the following (in addition to items 1,2,3, 4 & 5):

6. CERTIFIED CHECK or MONEY ORDER for the non-refundable application fee and the examination cost as follows:

P.T. A. examination: Total Cost \$550 (application fee: \$150 to be paid to NCBPT)
(Examination cost: \$400 is paid directly to the FSBPT)

PERSONAL CHECKS are not acceptable and will be returned.

ENDORSEMENT APPLICANTS (*licensed by military equivalency in another jurisdiction*) must submit the following (in addition to items 1,2,3, 4 & 5):

7. CERTIFIED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER for the non-refundable application fee as follows:

Physical Therapist Assistants: \$150

PERSONAL CHECKS are not acceptable and will be returned.

8. Official verification of a current license in another state, indicating license date, license number and manner in which license was obtained. This must come directly from the State Board. Faxed or scanned copies will not be accepted.
9. Examination scores – provide official documentation of achieving a minimum score of 600 on NPTE for physical therapist assistants directly from the State Board or FSBPT Report Service. Faxed or scanned copies will not be accepted.

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