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**New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department**  
**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS DIVISION**  
**New Mexico Physical Therapy Board**  
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**LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PHYSICAL THERAPIST  
AND PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT**

*Submit the completed application to the above address.*

**NOTE:** The New Mexico Physical Therapy Board rules/regulations are subject to change periodically. Check with the Board office if you requested an application packet more than sixty (60) days prior to filing a completed application.

**REQUIREMENTS**

For a Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant to be licensed in New Mexico, the Board requires receipt of the following:

1. Completed application.
2. Passport-size photograph taken within last six months. Computer generated photos will not be accepted.
3. All required fees. (See **FEE SCHEDULE** below.)
4. Official transcripts sent directly from college or university of graduation to the Board office.
  - A. For applicants that graduated after January 1, 2002, documentation of graduation with a post-baccalaureate degree in physical therapy from an educational program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)
  - B. For applicants that graduated prior to January 1, 2002, documentation of graduation with a baccalaureate degree in physical therapy or a certificate in physical therapy from an educational program accredited by CAPTE
  - C. For physical therapist assistant applicants, documentation of graduation from an accredited physical therapist assistant program accredited by CAPTE and approved by the board
5. Test scores, original received from testing agency.
6. Jurisprudence Exam – completed and signed.
7. Verification of all licenses from other U.S. jurisdictions. The board will accept verifications via regular mail, electronic mail, or facsimile.

*If foreign-educated, the following documentation is also required:*

8. Foreign-educated applicants must submit a credential evaluation from a credentialing evaluation service which uses a course work evaluation tool approved by the Board. The minimum educational credentials of a foreign-educated physical therapist should be a bachelor's degree in physical therapy with all credits being earned at an institution of higher learning. Board approved services are:

- (FCCPT) – Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (703) 684-8406
- (ICA) – International Credentialing Associates, Inc. (727) 549-8555
- (ICD) - International Consultants of Delaware, Inc. (302) 737-8715

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9. Foreign-educated applicants must show evidence of an active, valid license in good standing, without limitation, or other current authorization to practice physical therapy from an appropriate authority in the country where the foreign-educated applicant was educated. Original documentation must be sent directly to the Board by the licensure authority in the country of education (documents handled by courier service or third party will not be accepted.). All documentation must be in English or accompanied by a certified English translation.

10. Foreign-educated applicants must provide the Board with original transcripts submitted directly from the educational institution in the country of origin (documents handled by courier service or third party will not be accepted.), signed only by the University Registrar, Physiotherapy School Director, or Dean of the College. All documentation must be in English or accompanied by a certified English translation.

11. Foreign-educated applicants must provide the Board with a letter from the applicant's most recent employer verifying the applicant's position and dates of employment in the field of physical therapy. This letter must be received by the Board directly from the employer (documents handled by courier service or third party will not be accepted).

### **TEMPORARY LICENSURE**

If the applicant has not yet taken the NPTE, the applicant may be issued a temporary license to practice until the results of the exam are received. A temporary licensure supervisory form *must* be completed, notarized, and received by the Board with a \$35 fee to be eligible for the temporary license.

### **FEE SCHEDULE**

You *must* enclose with your application the applicable *non-refundable fees*, payable to the New Mexico Physical Therapy Board:

- Physical Therapist: \$250 application fee plus \$25 Jurisprudence Exam = \$275
- Physical Therapist Assistant: \$200 application fee plus \$25 Jurisprudence Exam = \$225
- \$35 temporary licensure fee (only if requesting a temporary license)
- \$25 administration fee for the national exam (only if applying to sit for the exam)
- \$350 examination fee for national exam, to be mailed directly to the testing agency, in the form of a *certified check or money order payable to FSBPT* (Federation of State Boards for Physical Therapy. No personal or business checks will be accepted. Online registration is also available.

### **NATIONAL EXAM ON-LINE REGISTRATION**

To register for the national examination online with the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT), go to: <https://www.fsbpt.net/pt/index.cfm>. Select **On-Line Registration** and follow the directions. For questions about on-line registration, contact the Federation (FSBPT).