MICHIGAN PHYSICAL THERAPIST AND PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT LICENSING GUIDE

ALL APPLICANTS:

- A fingerprint report and criminal background check are required. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received and entered into the database.
- If your education/curriculum was not taught in English, you must satisfactorily pass the TOEFL iBT (with a minimum 21 on reading, 18 on listening, 26 on speaking, and 24 on writing.)
- Schedule, complete, and pass the jurisprudence examination. Effective June 1, 2017 licensure candidates must take the jurisprudence examination through PSI. You may contact PSI to schedule your exam by visiting www.psiexams.com or by calling PSI at 800-733-9267.
- Graduates of education programs outside the United States that are not CAPTE accredited must have their physical therapy education evaluated using the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT).

ELIGIBILITY FOR PHYSICAL THERAPIST (PT) LICENSE BY EXAMINATION (first license)

- Graduate from a physical therapist educational program that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) or have your education evaluated for equivalency using the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT) course work tool for the year in which you graduated.
- Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state or U.S. territory where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.
- Submit the Physical Therapy and Relicensure Application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-72600_72603_27529_27549--,00.html with the appropriate fee.
- Pass the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) that is administered through the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT).
ELIGIBILITY FOR PHYSICAL THERAPIST LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT  
(currently licensed in another FSBPT-recognized jurisdiction)

- Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state or U.S. territory where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.
- Contact FSBPT to have NPTE scores sent to the Michigan Board.
- Submit the Physical Therapy and Relicensure application found at [http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-72600_72603_27529_27549---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-72600_72603_27529_27549---,00.html) with the appropriate fee.
- If licensed less than five years in another FSBPT-recognized jurisdiction, must also meet the educational requirements listed above.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT (PTA) LICENSE BY EXAMINATION  
(first license)

- Graduate from a physical therapist assistant educational program that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) or have your education evaluated for equivalency using the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT) course work tool for the year in which you graduated.
- Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state or U.S. territory where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.
- Submit the Physical Therapy and Relicensure Application found at [http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-72600_72603_27529_27549---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-72600_72603_27529_27549---,00.html) with the appropriate fee.
- Pass the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) that is administered through the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT).

ELIGIBILITY FOR PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT  
(currently licensed in another FSBPT-recognized jurisdiction)

- Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state or U.S. territory where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.
- Contact FSBPT to have NPTE scores sent to the Bureau of Professional Licensing - Licensing Division.
- Submit the Physical Therapy and Relicensure application found at [http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-72600_72603_27529_27549---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-72600_72603_27529_27549---,00.html) with the appropriate fee.
- If licensed less than five years in another FSBPT-recognized jurisdiction, must also meet the educational requirements listed above.