

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

Physical Therapy Examining Board

Rule No.: Chapters PT 2 and 9

Relating to: Examinations and continuing education

Rule Type: Permanent

1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only):

None.

2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:

The Physical Therapy Examining Board will conduct a comprehensive evaluation and update of chs. PT 2 and 9 to ensure the rules are consistent with current professional, academic, and licensing and renewal practices and applicable Wisconsin statutes.

3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:

Chapters PT 2 and 9 currently contain all of the rules of the Physical Therapy Examining Board relating to examinations and continuing education. The Board has identified the need for a comprehensive evaluation and update of these rules to ensure they are consistent with current professional, academic, and licensing and renewal practices and applicable Wisconsin statutes.

The alternatives of either partially updating or not updating these rules would be less beneficial to affected entities.

4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):

Section 15.08 (5) (b), Stats., provides examining boards “shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains. . .”

Section 448.535 (2), Stats., provides the Board may waive the licensing requirement to pass an examination, and requires the Board to promulgate rules for granting this waiver.

Section 448.55 (3), Stats., provides “[t]he examining board shall promulgate rules that require an applicant for renewal of a license to demonstrate continued competence as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant.”

5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule:

State employees will spend approximately 150 hours developing the proposed rule.

6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule:

Wisconsin licensed physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.

7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule:

None.

8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):

The proposed rule is likely to have minimal or no economic impact on small businesses and the state's economy as a whole.

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