

Chapter PT 2

EXAMINATIONS

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PT 2.01 Panel review of applications; examinations required. (1) All applicants shall complete written examinations. In addition, an applicant may be required to complete an oral examination if the applicant:

(a) Has a medical condition which in any way impairs or limits the applicant's ability to practice physical therapy with reasonable skill and safety.

(b) Uses chemical substances so as to impair in any way the applicant's ability to practice physical therapy with reasonable skill and safety.

(c) Has been diagnosed as suffering from pedophilia, exhibitionism or voyeurism.

(d) Has within the past 2 years engaged in the illegal use of controlled substances.

(e) Has been subject to adverse formal action during the course of physical therapy education, postgraduate training, hospital practice, or other physical therapy employment.

(f) Has been disciplined or had licensure denied by a licensing or regulatory authority in Wisconsin or another jurisdiction.

(g) Has been convicted of a crime the circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice of physical therapy.

(h) Has not practiced physical therapy for a period of 3 years prior to application, unless the applicant has been graduated from a school of physical therapy within that period.

(i) Has been graduated from a physical therapy school not approved by the board.

(2) An application filed under s. PT 1.03 shall be reviewed by an application review panel consisting of at least 2 board members designated by the chairperson of the board. The panel shall determine whether the applicant is eligible for a regular license without completing an oral examination.

(3) All examinations shall be conducted in the English language.

(4) Where both written and oral examinations are required, they shall be scored separately and the applicant shall achieve a passing grade on both examinations to qualify for a license.

(5) The board shall notify each applicant found eligible for examination of the time and place scheduled for that applicant's examination. Failure of an applicant to appear for examination as scheduled will void the applicant's examination application and require the applicant to reapply for examination unless prior scheduling arrangements have been made with the board by the applicant.

(6) (a) The score required to pass each written physical therapy examination shall be based on the board's determination of the level of examination performance required for minimum acceptable competence in the profession and on the reliability of the examination. The passing grade shall be established prior to giving

the examination. The passing grade for the FSBPT examination shall be designated by a grade of 75.

(b) The score required to pass the statutes and rules examination shall be based on the board's determination of the level of examination performance required for minimum acceptable competence in the profession and on the reliability of the examination. The passing grade shall be established prior to giving the examination. The passing grade for the statutes and rules examination shall be designated by a grade of 85.

(c) An applicant who has received passing grades on written examinations for a license to practice physical therapy conducted by another licensing jurisdiction of the United States may submit to the board verified documentary evidence to determine whether the scope and passing grades of the examinations are equivalent to those of this state at the time of the applicant's examination, and if the board finds that the equivalence exists, the board will accept the equivalence in lieu of requiring further written examination of the candidate. The burden of proof of the equivalence shall lie upon the applicant.

(7) Members of the board shall conduct oral examinations of each candidate and are scored as pass or fail.

(8) Any applicant who is a graduate of a school in a program in physical therapy in which English is not the primary language of communication shall take and pass TOEFL in order to qualify for a license.

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PT 2.02 Conduct of examinations. At the start of the examinations, applicants shall be provided with the rules of conduct to be followed during the course of the examinations. Any violation of these rules of conduct by any applicant will be cause for the board to terminate the examination of the applicant and to exclude the applicant from continuing the examinations, and will also be cause for the board designee to find that the applicant has failed the examinations.

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PT 2.03 Failure and reexamination. An applicant who fails to achieve passing grades on the examinations required under this chapter may apply for reexamination on forms provided by the board. For each reexamination, the application shall be accompanied by the reexamination fee. If an applicant for reexamination fails to achieve passing grades on the second reexamination, the applicant may not be admitted to further examination until the applicant reapplies for licensure and presents to the board evidence of further professional training or education as the board may consider appropriate in the applicant's specific case.

Note: A list of all current examination fees may be obtained at no charge from the Office of Examinations, Department of Regulation and Licensing, 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708.

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