

Chapter Med 7

LICENSE TO PRACTICE PHYSICAL THERAPY  
UNDER S. 448.04 (1) (e), STATS.

Med 7.01	Authority and purpose	Med 7.07	Temporary license prior to regular license
Med 7.02	Applications and credentials	Med 7.08	Temporary license to practice under supervision
Med 7.03	Application deadline and fees	Med 7.09	Locum tenens license
Med 7.04	Examinations		
Med 7.05	Conduct of examinations		
Med 7.06	Failure and re-examinations		

**Med 7.01 Authority and purpose.** The rules in this chapter are adopted by the medical examining board pursuant to the authority delegated by ss. 15.08 (5), 227.08, and 448.40, Stats., and govern the issuance of license to practice physical therapy under s. 448.04 (1) (e), Stats.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3-1-77.

**Med 7.02 Applications and credentials.** Every person applying for any class of license to practice physical therapy shall make application therefor on forms provided for this purpose by the board, and shall submit to the board the following:

- (1) A completed and verified application form.
- (2) An unmounted photograph approximately 8 by 12 cm. of the applicant taken not more than 60 days prior to the date of application and bearing on the reverse side the statement of a notary public that such photograph is a true likeness of the applicant.
- (3) Verified documentary evidence of graduation from a school of physical therapy approved by the board.
- (4) If an applicant has verified documentary evidence of graduation from a physical therapy school not approved by the board, the applicant must submit:
  - (a) A verified copy of transcripts from the schools from which secondary education was obtained;
  - (b) A verified copy of the diploma from the school at which professional physical therapy training was completed;
  - (c) A record of the number of class hours spent in each subject, for both pre-professional and professional courses. For subjects which include laboratory and discussion sections, the hours must be described in hours per lecture, hours per laboratory and hours per discussion per week. Information must include whether subjects have been taken at basic entry or advanced levels; and
  - (d) A syllabus which describes the material covered in each subject completed.

(4m) The board shall determine whether the applicant's educational training is equivalent to that specified in sub. (3). In lieu of its own evaluation, the board may use, as it deems appropriate, evaluations prepared

## Med 7

by the university of Wisconsin-Madison. The cost of an evaluation shall be paid by the applicant.

Note: The board approves those schools of physical therapy that are at the time of the applicant's graduation recognized and approved by the American physical therapy association or the council on medical education of the American medical association, or their successors.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3-1-77; renum. (2) to (3) to be (3) and (2) and am. (3), cr. (4), Register, February, 1981, No. 302, eff. 3-1-81.

**Med 7.03 Application deadline and fees.** The fully completed application and all required documents must be received by the board at its office not less than 3 weeks prior to the date of examination. The required fees must accompany the application, and all remittances must be made payable to the Wisconsin medical examining board.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3-1-77.

**Med 7.04 Examinations.** (1) Examinations are both written and oral and are conducted only in the English language. The board designates the physical therapy examining council as its agent for conducting examinations. The written and oral examinations are separate, and each applicant is required to achieve passing grades in both the written and oral examinations to be found qualified for grant of license.

(2) The board will 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 that applicant's application and require the applicant to reapply for licensure unless prior scheduling arrangements have been made with the board by the applicant.

(3) (a) The Professional Examination Services Physical Therapy Examination is used as the written examination, and requires a score of 75% or better, based on a standard deviation of 1.5, as reported by the Professional Examination Services office as passing grade.

(b) 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 thereof. The board will review such documentary evidence to determine whether the scope and passing grades of such examinations are equivalent to those of this state at the time of the applicant's examination, and if the board finds that such equivalence exists, the board will accept this in lieu of requiring further written examination of the candidate. The burden of proof of such equivalence shall lie upon the applicant.

(4) Oral examinations of each candidate are conducted by members of the physical therapy examining council and are scored as pass or fail.

(5) 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 may be examined by the board on his or her proficiency in the English language.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3-1-77; cr. (5), Register, October, 1984, No. 346, eff. 11-1-84.

**Med 7.05 Conduct of examinations.** (1) At the opening of the examinations each applicant will be assigned a number which shall be used by Register, October, 1984, No. 346

that applicant on all examination papers, and neither the name of the applicant nor any other identifying marks shall appear on any such papers.

(2) At the opening of the examinations the proctor will read and distribute to the assembled applicants 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 such applicant and to exclude the applicant from continuing the examinations, and will also be cause for the board to find that such applicant has failed the examinations.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3-1-77.

**Med 7.06 Failure and re-examination.** An applicant who fails to achieve passing grades on the examinations required under this chapter may apply for re-examination on forms provided for that purpose by the board. For each such re-examination the application therefor shall be accompanied by the re-examination fee. An applicant who fails to achieve passing grades on examinations required under this chapter may be re-examined twice at not less than 4 month intervals, and if such applicant fails to achieve passing grades on the second such re-examination, that applicant shall not be admitted to further examination until such applicant reapplies for licensure and also presents to the board evidence of further professional training or education as the board may deem appropriate in such applicant's specific case.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3-1-77.

**Med 7.07 Temporary license prior to regular license.** (1) An applicant for license to practice physical therapy who has achieved passing grades on the Professional Examination Services Physical Therapy Examination or of whom the board will require no further written examinations under the provisions of s. Med 7.04 (3) (b) may also apply to the board for temporary license prior to regular license. Such application shall be made not less than 30 days prior to the date set by the board for the holding of its next examinations for license. The applications and required documents will be reviewed by an officer of the physical therapy council, and upon the finding by such officer that the applicant is qualified for regular license except for having taken and passed the oral examinations required under s. Med 7.04, the board, acting through such officer, may issue a temporary license prior to regular license to practice physical therapy to such applicant.

(2) The required fees must accompany the application, and all remittances must be made payable to the Wisconsin medical examining board.

(3) A temporary license prior to regular license to practice physical therapy granted under this chapter shall expire by its terms 60 days after the next examination for regular license is given by the council, or on the date following such examination on which the board grants or denies such applicant a regular license to practice physical therapy, whichever occurs first; however, a temporary license prior to regular license to practice physical therapy shall automatically expire on the first day the council begins its examination of applicants for regular license to practice physical therapy after such license is issued, unless the holder thereof submits to examination on such date.

(4) A temporary license prior to regular license to practice physical therapy shall be issued only once to the same applicant.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3-1-77.

**Med 7.08 Temporary license to practice under supervision.** (1) An applicant for regular license to practice physical therapy who is a graduate of an approved school of physical therapy may also apply to the board for a temporary license to practice physical therapy under supervision. The application for such temporary license shall be made not less than 30 days and not more than 150 days prior to the date set by the board for the holding of its next examinations for regular license to practice physical therapy. The applications and required documents for regular license and for such temporary license will be reviewed by an officer of the physical therapy examining council, and upon the finding by such officer that the applicant is qualified for admission to examination for regular license to practice physical therapy, the board, acting through such officer, may issue a temporary license to practice physical therapy under supervision to such applicant.

(2) The required fees must accompany the application, and all remittances must be made payable to the Wisconsin medical examining board.

(3) The holder of a temporary license to practice physical therapy under supervision may practice physical therapy as defined in s. 448.01 (1) (e), Stats., providing that the entire such practice is under the supervision of a person validly holding a regular license to practice physical therapy in this state. Such supervision shall be direct, immediate, and on premises.

(4) A temporary license to practice physical therapy under supervision granted under this chapter shall expire by its term 60 days after the next examination for regular license given by the council, or on the date following such examination on which the board grants or denies such applicant a regular license to practice physical therapy, whichever occurs first; however, a temporary license to practice physical therapy under supervision shall automatically expire on the first day the council begins its examination of applicants for regular license to practice physical therapy after such license is issued, unless the holder thereof submits to examination on such date.

(5) For cause shown to its satisfaction, the board may renew a temporary license to practice physical therapy under supervision. Such temporary license may be renewed once and only once. A holder of such temporary license who fails to achieve passing grades in examination for regular license may apply to the board for such renewal of such temporary license providing such application is made within 60 days after such applicant is notified of such failure, and providing further that such application for renewal is made concurrently with application for re-examination for regular licensure as provided in s. Med 7.06, and providing further that such re-examination of the applicant is scheduled for the first examination for regular license scheduled by the board subsequent to the examination for regular license in which such applicant failed to achieve passing grades. Such renewal of a temporary license to practice physical therapy under supervision shall expire by its terms 60 days after the re-examination for regular license of the holder thereof, or on the date following such examination on which the board grants or denies such applicant a regular license to practice physical therapy, whichever occurs

first; however, such renewal of a temporary license to practice physical therapy under supervision shall automatically expire on the first day the council begins its examination of applicants for regular license to practice physical therapy after such renewal is granted, unless the holder thereof submits to examination on such date.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3-1-77; am. (1), Register, February, 1981, No. 302, eff. 3-1-81.

**Med 7.09 Locum tenens license.** (1) A person who holds a valid license to practice physical therapy issued by another licensing jurisdiction of the United States may apply to the board for a locum tenens license to practice physical therapy and shall submit to the board the following:

(a) A completed and verified application form supplied by the board for this purpose.

(b) A letter of recommendation from a physician or supervisor or present employer stating the applicant's professional capabilities.

(c) A verified photostatic copy of a license to practice physical therapy issued by another licensing jurisdiction of the United States to the applicant.

(d) A recent photograph of the applicant as required under s. Med 7.02 (3).

(e) The required fees must accompany the application, and all remittances must be made payable to the Wisconsin medical examining board.

(2) The application and documentary evidence submitted by the applicant will be reviewed by an officer of the physical therapy examining council, and upon the finding of such officer that the applicant is qualified, the board, acting through such officer, may issue a locum tenens license to practice physical therapy to such applicant.

(3) The holder of a locum tenens license to practice physical therapy may practice physical therapy as defined in s. 448.04 (1) (e), Stats., providing such practice is confined to the geographical area for which the license is issued.

(4) A locum tenens license to practice physical therapy shall expire 90 days from the date of its issuance. For cause shown to its satisfaction, the board, acting through an officer of the physical therapy examining council, may renew such locum tenens license for additional periods of 90 days each, but such license may not be renewed within 12 months of the date of its original issuance, nor again renewed within 12 months of the date of any subsequent renewal.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3-1-77.