

**STATE OF ALABAMA BOARD OF PHYSICAL
THERAPY**

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APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT - PT OR PTA

According to AL Law, “no person shall practice nor hold himself out to be able to practice physical therapy or act as a physical therapist assistant in this state unless he is licensed in accordance with Section 34-24- 210.”

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the **application form**, sign in the specified place, and attach required photo in space provided on the application form.

Send a cashier’s check, money order or company check for \$150.00 **application fee** - payable to the Alabama Board of Physical Therapy. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS OR CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

FEES NOT REFUNDABLE – Fees received by the board are non-refundable

Have your PT/PTA school send an **official transcript**, identifying graduation, directly to the board. Secure, electronic copies of an official transcript from the PT/PTA school will be accepted.

Have two (2) **Character Reference forms** completed by professional colleagues and sent directly to the board by the person providing the reference.

Have **verifications of all current state licenses** sent directly to the board from all states where you are currently licensed. You must personally request release of that information.

Have your **NPTE examination score** forwarded directly to this board. Requests should be made to Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, 124 West Street South, 3rd Floor Alexandria, VA 22314. Telephone: (703) 299-3100. Passing standard in AL is scale score 600 criterion-referenced.

1. **Effective October 1, 2015 applicants for licensure by endorsement must provide proof of completion of twenty (20) hours of acceptable continuing education in the twenty-four (24) months prior to application for licensure in Alabama.** A licensee who is unable to document twenty (20) hours of continuing education activities in the twenty-four (24) months prior to application shall have one hundred twenty (120) days after the initial issuance of the license to successfully meet this requirement. This requirement is in addition to the annual renewal requirement of ten (10) hours. Failure to meet the continuing education requirements within that timeframe will result in disciplinary action.

NOTE: APPLICANTS WHO ARE LICENSED BY ENDORSEMENT MUST COMPLETE AN ACCEPTABLE ALABAMA JURISPRUDENCE CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE DURING YOUR FIRST RENEWAL PERIOD.

YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE THE ALABAMA JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION AS A PREREQUISITE FOR LICENSURE.

The board may require specific additional information for consideration of licensure.

FOREIGN EDUCATED APPLICANTS

All foreign educated applicants must submit their education credentials to either FCCPT or ICA for a credentials review. The **educational credentials review report** must be sent directly to the Alabama Board of Physical Therapy by the service completing the review.

All foreign educated applicants must complete a **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)** examination and have the results sent directly to the Alabama Board of Physical Therapy by the testing service. Acceptable TOEFL scores, which must be accomplished in a single test, are as follows: Reading – 21; Listening – 18; Speaking – 26; Writing – 24. Failure to provide acceptable TOEFL scores will preclude applicants from licensure.