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ALL APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION MUST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE NATIONAL PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINATION (NPTE) AND THE ALABAMA JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION.

APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION - PT OR PTA (U.S. Educated)

(Applicant must be a graduate of a CAPTE accredited physical therapy educational program, approved by the Alabama Board of Physical Therapy.)

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.”

A completed application, application fee, character references, and a completed Certification of Physical Therapy Education (CPTe) form must be on file in the board’s office before an applicant will be approved to sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE).

FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.

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.

A completed **application, application fee, character references, acceptable TOEFL scores, educational credentials review report, and an official transcript** must be on file in the board’s office before an applicant will be approved to sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE).

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete the **application form**, sign in the specified place and attach required photo in space provided on the application form. A photo ID, such as a driver’s license, will be required at the examination site.

Request your school send a **Certification of Physical Therapy Education (CPTe)** to the board’s office or an official transcript if available identifying degree conferred and date.

Send one cashier's check, money order or company check to the board for \$150.00 **application fee** made payable to the Alabama Board of Physical Therapy. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS, CREDIT CARDS OR CASH will be accepted.**

Have your College/University send an official transcript, identifying graduation date and degree conferred, directly to the board. (The "Certification of Physical Therapy Education" form will suffice until your transcript is available identifying the degree you earned.) This form suffices only until an adequate transcript is available. No permanent license is granted without a transcript identifying graduation. Secure, electronic copies of an official transcript from the PT/PTA school will be accepted.

Applicant must have 2 **Character Reference** forms completed by professional colleagues and sent directly to the Board by the person providing the character reference.

See Instructions for Registering Online for National Physical Therapy Examination.

See Instructions for Registering Online for the Alabama Jurisprudence Examination.

We ask that you not call the board's office regarding the status of your application unless you feel there is a problem, you need to supply information or you have question(s) pertinent to your application.

NOTE: Applicants practicing with temporary licensure: "Physical therapists practicing under a temporary license **must** be under the direct, on-site supervision of a licensed physical therapist. Physical therapist assistants practicing under a temporary license may be under the direct, on-site supervision of a licensed physical therapist assistant, with the approval of the supervising physical therapist." Administrative Code, Rule 700-X-2-.08 (1)

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All temporary licenses are immediately voided if the applicant fails the NPTE examination.