

CHAPTER 39A

STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Authority

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See: 33 N.J.R. 1309(a), 33 N.J.R. 2483(a).

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Chapter 39A, State Board of Physical Therapy, expires on June 20, 2006.

Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 39A, State Board of Physical Therapy, Subchapter 1, Agency Organization and Administration, Subchapter 2, Authorized Practice, Subchapter 3, Unlawful Practices by Licensees, Subchapter 4, Unlicensed Practice, Subchapter 5, Credentialing of Applicants, were adopted as R.1986 d.265, d.266, d.267, d.268 and d.270, effective July 7, 1986. See: 17 N.J.R. 2355(a), 18 N.J.R. 1394(b); 17 N.J.R. 2356(a), 18 N.J.R. 1395(a); 17 N.J.R. 2358(a), 18 N.J.R. 1397(a); 17 N.J.R. 2361(a), 18 N.J.R. 1399(a); 17 N.J.R. 2362(a), 18 N.J.R. 1399(b).

Subchapter 6, Temporary Licenses for Physical Therapists, became effective February 2, 1987 as R.1987 d.83. See: 18 N.J.R. 1179(b), 19 N.J.R. 298(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66, Chapter 39A, State Board of Physical Therapy, was readopted as R.1991 d.366, effective June 21, 1991. See: 23 N.J.R. 1065(a), 23 N.J.R. 2162(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66, Chapter 39A, State Board of Physical Therapy, was readopted as R.1996 d.325, effective June 20, 1996. See: 28 N.J.R. 1925(b), 28 N.J.R. 3598(b). As part of R.1996 d.325, Subchapter 7, Supervision of Physical Therapist Assistants; Subchapter 7A, Supervision of Temporary Licensed Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants; Subchapter 7B, Reserved; and Subchapter 8, Advertising, were adopted as new rules effective July 15, 1996.

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66, Chapter 39A, State Board of Physical Therapy, was readopted as R.2001 d.239, effective June 20, 2001. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations.

Subchapter 5A, License Renewal, was adopted as new rules; Subchapter 6, Temporary Licenses for Physical Therapists, was renamed Temporary Licenses for Visiting Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants; Subchapter 7A, Supervision of Temporary Licensed Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants, was repealed; Subchapter 9, Continuing Professional Education, was adopted as new rules by R.2006 d.42, effective January 17, 2006. See: 37 N.J.R. 947(a), 38 N.J.R. 819(b).

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SUBCHAPTER 1. AGENCY ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

13:39A-1.1 Election of officers

The membership of the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners shall once each year elect a chairperson, vice chairperson and a secretary. The chairperson shall have the responsibility to conduct all meetings unless, in his or her discretion, a delegation of that responsibility is made. In the absence of the chairperson and an express delegation of responsibility, the vice chairperson shall assume all of the duties of chairperson.

Amended by R.2001 d.239, effective July 16, 2001.

See: 33 N.J.R. 1309(a), 33 N.J.R. 2483(a).

Neutralized gender references.

Amended by R.2006 d.42, effective January 17, 2006.

See: 37 N.J.R. 947(a), 38 N.J.R. 819(b).

Substituted "State" for "New Jersey" and added "Examiners."

13:39A-1.2 Delegation of authority to act on emergent applications

The chairperson shall be authorized to hear and decide emergent applications by the Attorney General made pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22 for the temporary suspension of any license. The chairperson may also undertake such other interim action as may be required by circumstances arising prior to the next meeting date of the Board, provided that said action is subsequently presented to the Board for its review and action. Any decision made by the chairperson pursuant to this rule shall be placed on the agenda of the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting for the purpose of its review. Insofar as it is practicable, the Board shall be provided with a transcript of the record made before the chairperson and the

parties will be permitted to supplement the record with written submissions.

Amended by R.2001 d.239, effective July 16, 2001.

See: 33 N.J.R. 1309(a), 33 N.J.R. 2483(a).

Substituted "chairperson" for "chairman" throughout and rewrote the second sentence.

13:39A-1.3 Fees and charges

(a) The following fees shall be charged by the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners:

1. Application fee for Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant \$125.00
2. Initial licensure fee, Physical Therapist:
 - If paid during first year of biennial renewal period: \$110.00
 - If paid during second year of biennial renewal period: \$55.00
- Initial licensure fee, Physical Therapist Assistant:
 - If paid during first year of biennial renewal period: \$100.00
 - If paid during second year of biennial renewal period: \$50.00
3. Biennial renewal fee:
 - Physical Therapist \$110.00
 - Physical Therapist Assistant \$100.00
4. Late renewal fee: \$100.00
5. Reinstatement fee \$150.00
6. Temporary visiting license pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.29(b) to practice on a temporary basis to assist in a medical emergency or to engage in a special project or teaching assignment \$100.00
7. Duplicate license \$25.00
8. Duplicate wall certificate \$40.00
9. Certification of eligibility for examination (for persons not yet seeking the issuance of a temporary license) \$25.00
10. Certification of licensure status \$40.00
11. Change of address fee \$25.00
12. Continuing professional education provider submission fee \$100.00
13. Inactive license fee (to be established by Director by rule)

New Rule, R.1987 d.238, effective June 1, 1987.

See: 18 N.J.R. 1177(a), 19 N.J.R. 986(b).

Amended by R.1991 d.240, effective May 6, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 388(a), 23 N.J.R. 1418(c).

Increase in fee or charge in 1 through 6 of (a).

Amended by R.1994 d.101, effective February 22, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 5446(a), 26 N.J.R. 1105(b).

Recodified from 13:39A-1.4 and amended by R.1996 d.325, effective July 15, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 1925(b), 28 N.J.R. 3598(b).

Former section, "Examination review procedure", repealed.

Amended by R.2006 d.42, effective January 17, 2006.

See: 37 N.J.R. 947(a), 38 N.J.R. 819(b).

Deleted (a)2; recodified (a)3-12 as (a)2-11; added (a)12 and 13.