

2. With respect to foreign trained applicants for licensure as physical therapists, the applicant shall demonstrate satisfactory evidence of graduation from a physical therapy program that is substantially equivalent to a physical therapy program approved for the education and training of physical therapists by an accrediting agency recognized by the Council on Post-secondary Accreditation and the United States Department of Education. The applicant shall show successful completion of course work with a minimum of 45 credits of general education and 60 credits of professional education. General education courses shall include, but not be limited to, mathematics, physical science, biological science, humanities, social science and behavioral science. The professional component of the program shall include, but not be limited to, human anatomy, pathology, physiology, neurologic science and clinical practice.

(b) Proof of eligibility for licensure in the foreign country where the requisite education was obtained shall be submitted by the credentialing agency on behalf of all foreign trained applicants seeking licensure in this State to the Board.

Amended by R.1991 d.185, effective April 1, 1991.
See: 22 N.J.R. 2259(a), 23 N.J.R. 1011(a).

Revised requirements for foreign-trained applicants seeking licensure as physical therapists from specific number of credit hours required to describe required course content in (a)2.

Amended by R.1996 d.325, effective July 15, 1996.
See: 28 N.J.R. 1925(b), 28 N.J.R. 3598(b).

Added (b).

13:39A-5.2 Examination standards for applicants for licensure as physical therapists

Applicants for licensure as physical therapists submitting satisfactory proof of educational attainment as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:39A-5.1 shall be admitted to take the written examination administered by the Board or such standardized examination as the Board may select pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.25. Upon satisfactory passage of such examination, an applicant shall be deemed eligible for licensure. Satisfactory passage of the examination shall be attained upon receipt of a score of at least 600 based on a scale of 200 to 800. Applicants must pass every portion of the examination at the same sitting and will not be permitted to take only those portions of the examination which previously have been failed.

New Rule, R.1987 d.84, effective February 2, 1987.
See: 18 N.J.R. 1179(a), 19 N.J.R. 297(a).
Amended by R.1994 d.87, effective February 22, 1994.
See: 25 N.J.R. 5447(a), 26 N.J.R. 1105(a).

13:39A-5.3 Educational credentials for applicants for licensure as physical therapist assistants

(a) Applicants for examination as physical therapist assistants shall submit to the Board satisfactory proof of:

1. Graduation from a physical therapist assistant program which has been approved for the education and

training of physical therapist assistants by an accrediting agency recognized by the Council on Post-secondary Accreditation and the United States Department of Education, or;

2. Successful completion, in an approved physical therapy program, of at least 90 credits, of which 45 or more shall be in courses relating to the practice of physical therapy, including course work in clinical practice, and at least 30 of which shall be in courses of general academic study. English General College Equivalent A level courses will be accepted toward the necessary credits in general education.

New Rule, R.1987 d.84, effective February 2, 1987.
See: 18 N.J.R. 1179(a), 19 N.J.R. 297(a).

13:39A-5.4 Examination standards for applicants for licensure as physical therapist assistants

Applicants for licensure as physical therapist assistants submitting satisfactory proof of educational attainment as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:39A-5.3 shall be admitted to take the written examination administered by the Board or such standardized examination as the Board may select pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.25. Upon satisfactory passage of such examination, an applicant shall be deemed eligible for licensure. Satisfactory passage of the examination shall be attained upon receipt of a score of at least 600 based on a scale of 200 to 800. Applicants must pass every portion of the examination at the same sitting and will not be permitted to take only those portions of the examination which previously have been failed.

New Rule, R.1987 d.84, effective February 2, 1987.
See: 18 N.J.R. 1179(a), 19 N.J.R. 297(a).
Amended by R.1994 d.87, effective February 22, 1994.
See: 25 N.J.R. 5447(a), 26 N.J.R. 1105(a).

13:39A-5.5 Endorsement

Applicants possessing a valid license issued by another state may be deemed eligible for licensure in New Jersey without the examination if the criteria for licensure in that state are deemed by the Board to be substantially equivalent to those required in New Jersey and the applicant has not previously failed the examination administered by the Board. Nothing herein shall preclude the Board, in its discretion, from deeming an applicant, who possesses a license issued by another jurisdiction, who has failed the examination administered by the Board, to be eligible for licensure.

13:39A-5.6 Recognition of scores on standardized examinations administered in other states

The Board will recognize standardized examination scores obtained as a result of an examination administered in another state or jurisdiction in satisfaction of its examination requirement provided that the applicant has obtained a score of at least 600 on a scale of 200 to 800 and has passed all portions of the examination at the same sitting.

New Rule, R.1987 d.84, effective February 2, 1987.
See: 18 N.J.R. 1179(a), 19 N.J.R. 297(a).
Amended by R.1994 d.87, effective February 22, 1994.
See: 25 N.J.R. 5447(a), 26 N.J.R. 1105(a).

13:39A-5.7 Language comprehension requirements

Any applicant for licensure as a physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant who has received his or her physical therapy training in a country other than the United States of America, the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, Canada except Quebec Province, Australia, New Zealand, Jamaica, Nigeria or Ghana, shall submit to the Board evidence of attainment of a score of at least 550 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination, which test shall have been taken within the two years immediately preceding the filing of the application for licensure. Such evidence must be submitted with the application for licensure. This requirement may be waived for applicants who have received their training in countries other than those listed above upon submission of a written application to the Board demonstrating good cause for the granting of the waiver. In such cases the Board may also require a personal interview with the applicant.

New Rule, R.1987 d.84, effective February 2, 1987.
See: 18 N.J.R. 1179(a), 19 N.J.R. 297(a).
Amended by R.1990 d.240, effective May 21, 1990.
See: 21 N.J.R. 3856(a), 22 N.J.R. 1616(a).

Revised rule to include specific countries where training has been received.

Changed score requirement on TOEFL test from 600 to 550.
Revised text to require an applicant to submit proof of test score results simultaneously with an application for licensure.
Amended by R.1996 d.325, effective July 15, 1996.
See: 28 N.J.R. 1925(b), 28 N.J.R. 3598(b).
Added Jamaica, Nigeria, and Ghana.

13:39A-5.8 Re-examination of applicants for licensure as physical therapists and physical therapist assistants

An examinee who fails the examination on his first attempt, may retake the examination once in this state, without filing another application, provided he is rescheduled for the examination within two years of his initial date of application and he pays the required examination fee to the Board. If any examinee fails the examination on his second attempt, in the Board's discretion, he may be required to re-submit an application before being rescheduled for another examination.

New Rule, R.1987 d.84, effective February 2, 1987.
See: 18 N.J.R. 1179(a), 19 N.J.R. 297(a).

13:39A-5.9 Non-appearance at examination

Failure to appear at any scheduled examination shall be deemed to be a failure unless, in the Board's discretion, good cause has been shown for the absence.

New Rule, R.1987 d.84, effective February 2, 1987.
See: 18 N.J.R. 1179(a), 19 N.J.R. 297(a).

SUBCHAPTER 6. TEMPORARY LICENSES FOR PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

13:39A-6.1 Temporary license

(a) Any person deemed eligible to sit for his or her initial examination for licensure as a physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant, may apply for the issuance of a temporary license to practice physical therapy under supervision by indicating such on the initial application for examination.

(b) At the time of submission of the initial application for licensure and examination for licensure in this State, the candidate shall disclose in writing any physical therapy licensure examinations taken in other jurisdictions which the applicant failed.

Amended by R.1996 d.325, effective July 15, 1996.
See: 28 N.J.R. 1925(b), 28 N.J.R. 3598(b).

13:39A-6.2 Expiration of temporary license

(a) A temporary license issued to a person who has applied for licensure automatically expires upon notification by the Board of the candidate's failing examination results in this State or the same standardized examination in another state in which he has taken the examination.

(b) A temporary license, issued to a person who takes the first available examination as scheduled after receipt of the temporary license, shall expire on the date the licensee is notified by the Board of the failure.

(c) A temporary license issued to a person who does not take the first available examination as scheduled after receipt of the temporary license, shall expire on that examination date. At that time the candidate shall not practice physical therapy and shall refrain from practicing physical therapy thereafter, until the person successfully attains unrestricted licensure.

Amended by R.1996 d.325, effective July 15, 1996.
See: 28 N.J.R. 1925(b), 28 N.J.R. 3598(b).

13:39A-6.3 Renewal; consequences of second failure; notice of examination in another jurisdiction

The holder of a temporary license receiving notice that he or she has failed the first examination for which he or she has been scheduled, in this State or any other State, may renew his or her temporary license for a period not to exceed six months, by completing a renewal application form and paying the renewal fee. However, if the holder of the temporary license upon retaking the examination in this State or the same standardized examination in any other state, fails it, within the six-month period, he or she will be required to immediately surrender his license to the Board. Holders of temporary licenses are required to give notice to the Board of their intention to take the examination in other states or jurisdictions and the results of those out-of-State examinations must be reported to the Board within 10 days of receipt of notification of failure.