

21 NCAC 48B .0102 is amended with changes as published in 34:10 NCR 873-874 as follows:

**21 NCAC 48B .0102      LICENSES BY ENDORSEMENT**

(a) Endorsement. Each application for endorsement shall be considered on an individual basis.

(b) Examination Required. Only those persons initially licensed in another state by virtue of examination shall be considered for endorsement. Only the following examinations shall be considered:

(1) For Physical Therapists:

(A) Therapists licensed on the basis of a PT exam shall present total scores that meet the North Carolina passing level as set forth in 21 NCAC 48D .0105. ~~level.~~ If adequate scores and information are not available from the other state, ~~the Board may ask~~ the applicant ~~to shall~~ have the scores issued through the appropriate testing service. ~~agency.~~ If scores are no longer available or destroyed, the Board shall accept a notarized copy of exam scores from another state. If the total score on the examination is unsatisfactory, the exam shall be repeated. The cost of the examination shall be paid by the applicant.

(B) If licensed in another state by an examination compiled by that Board, the applicant shall supply information for the Board to attempt to obtain the examination in order to determine if it meets the requirements set forth in 21 NCAC 48D .0105. ~~was substantially equal to the examination required by North Carolina at that time.~~ If it cannot be determined that the examination was equal to the North Carolina examination or if the scores received on an acceptable examination did not meet the North Carolina passing requirement, the applicant shall take the PT exam. The cost of the examination shall be paid by the applicant.

(C) A physical therapist currently licensed in another state whose license in that state was granted on the basis of the American Registry of Physical Therapists Examination shall be considered for endorsement.

(2) For Physical Therapist ~~Assistants.~~ Assistants: Only those physical therapist assistants licensed in another state by a PTA exam shall be considered for endorsement. The examination score shall meet the North Carolina passing ~~level.~~ level as set forth in 21 NCAC 48D .0105. If not, the applicant shall be required to take the PTA exam and pay the cost of the examination.

(c) Active License. Evidence shall be presented by the licensing Board in the other state that the applicant's license in that state was in effect on the date the application for North Carolina licensure was filed with the executive director or that it has been activated since that date, if it was not in effect on the date the application was submitted. This shall be done in accordance with Rule .0105 of Subchapter E of this Chapter. An applicant for licensure by endorsement shall submit verification of licensure in effect on the date the application for North Carolina licensure was filed with the Board in accordance with 21 NCAC 48E .0105.

(d) ~~[Furnish proof of completion of Jurisprudence Exercise I.]~~ Jurisprudence Exercise. All applicants for licensure by endorsement shall furnish proof of completion of the Jurisprudence Exercise 1 as set forth in 21 NCAC 48G .0105(7).

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*2018;*  
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21 NCAC 48B .0103 is amended with changes as published in 34:10 NCR 874 as follows:

**21 NCAC 48B .0103      LICENSES BY EXAMINATION**

(a) Applicants. An applicant seeking an initial license or who fails to meet the requirements in Rule .0102 of this Section for endorsement must pass a computer-based examination set forth in Subchapter 48D of this Chapter to practice in North Carolina following the acceptance approval of the applicant's credentials.

(b) Timing of Examination. The applicant shall take the examination within one year following the Board's approval of his or her application. If the applicant does not do so, the applicant must submit his or her credentials to the Board for review before he or she can take the exam.

(c) Examination Taken in Another State. Applicants not previously licensed who take a PT exam or a PTA exam in another state may be licensed in North Carolina if they provide scores that meet the North Carolina passing level set forth in Rule 48D .0105 of this Chapter and meet all other requirements set forth in this Chapter and the Physical Therapy Practice Act for North Carolina licensure in effect at the time of application.

(d) [Furnish proof of completion of Jurisprudence Exercise 1.] Jurisprudence Exercise. All applicants for licensure for endorsement shall furnish proof of completion of the Jurisprudence Exercise 1 as set forth in 21 NCAC 48G .0105(7).

*History Note:*      Authority G.S. 90-270.92; 90-270.95; 90-270.97;

*Eff. February 1, 1976;*

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1 21 NCAC 48E .0101 is amended with changes as published in 34:10 NCR 875 as follows:

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3 SUBCHAPTER 48E - APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE

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5 SECTION .0100 - REQUIREMENTS

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7 21 NCAC 48E .0101 FILING APPLICATION

8 (a) An applicant for licensure shall ~~ascertain~~ ensure that his or her credentials are filed with the executive director in  
9 accordance with the rules of this Subchapter.

10 (b) To ~~be certain an applicant will~~ be considered for ~~the a~~ a desired examination date, ~~the application shall be~~  
11 ~~submitted~~ the applicant shall submit all application requirements to the executive director at least ~~[30]~~ [60] days prior  
12 to the examination.

13 (c) The Board shall not approve an application until the applicant has graduated as defined by 21 NCAC 48A  
14 .0105(6).

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16 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 90-270.92; 90-270.95; 90-270.98(b);

17 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

18 *Readopted Eff. September 30, 1977;*

19 *Amended Eff. May 1, 1988; December 30, 1985; October 28, 1979;*

20 *Recodified Paragraph (c) to 21 NCAC 48C .0501 Eff. January 25, 1989;*

21 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2013; August 1, 1998; February 1, 1996;*

22 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. May 1,*

23 ~~*2018. 2018:*~~

24 *Amended Eff. May 1, 2020.*

21 NCAC 48E .0110 is amended with changes as published in 34:10 NCR 875 as follows:

**21 NCAC 48E .0110 FOREIGN-TRAINED PHYSICAL THERAPIST APPLICANT BY  
EXAMINATION**

(a) This Rule shall apply to a physical therapist who has graduated from a program located outside the United States that has not been accredited by the Commission of Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) or its successor, in accordance with G.S. 90-270.95(2), and does not hold an active license in another state or territory of the United States.

(b) All application forms and supporting documents shall be completed in English or accompanied by an English translation.

(c) For the applicant's educational credential background to be determined substantially equivalent to that obtained by an applicant for licensure pursuant to G.S. 90-270.95(2), the applicant shall meet the standards of the Federation's most recent Coursework Tool (CWT) for Physical Therapists at [https://www.fsbpt.org/FreeResources/RegulatoryResources/CourseworkTools\(CWT\).aspx](https://www.fsbpt.org/FreeResources/RegulatoryResources/CourseworkTools(CWT).aspx) ~~https://www.fsbpt.org/FreeResources/RegulatoryResources/CourseworkTools(CWT).aspx~~ and ~~for Physical Therapist Assistants at https://www.fsbpt.org/FreeResources/RegulatoryResources/CourseworkTools(CWT).aspx~~. These coursework tools are incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions. Individuals wishing to obtain a copy may call the Federation at 703-299-3100 or download a copy from the Federation's website at no cost. Copies of the coursework tools are on file at the Division located at 8300 Health Park Suite 233, Raleigh, NC 27615 and are available for public inspection during regular business hours.

(d) The applicant shall make arrangements to have the credentials evaluated by the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy or a service that has a physical therapist consultant on staff and that is authorized to use the Federation's CWTs for physical therapists referred to in Paragraph (c) of this Rule. The Board shall review an applicant's educational program and shall consider the findings of the credentialing service.

(e) The applicant shall provide the following information to the Board:

(1) proof that the applicant has demonstrated English language proficiency by meeting the most recent Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score requirement as defined by the Federation. This test is incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions. Individuals wishing to register for the TOEFL shall contact Examination Testing Service (<http://www.ets.org/toefl/>). The cost of this examination is posted on the ETS website. The TOEFL is an examination that is owned by ETS and is not available for public review; **or**

~~(2) proof that coursework was taught in the English language; or~~

~~(2)~~ (2) documentation for exemption pursuant to 8 CFR 212.15 (<http://www.uscis.gov/>). 8 CFR 212.15 is incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions. Individuals wishing to obtain a copy at no cost may call the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283 or 1-800-767-1833 (TDD) toll free. A copy of 8 CFR

1 212.15 is on file at the Division located at 8300 Health Park Suite 233, Raleigh, NC 27615 and is  
2 available for public inspection during regular business [hours.] [hours; or]  
3 [(3)] (f) An applicant for licensure shall [consent to an FBI criminal history record check by furnishing] provide a  
4 complete set of fingerprints at the applicant's [expense.] expense in order to obtain a criminal history record check  
5 in accordance with G.S. 90-270.96 and G.S. 143B-964.

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7 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 90-270.92; 90-270.95; 90-270.97; 90-270.98; 150B-21.6(2); 143B-964;  
8 Eff. December 30, 1985;  
9 Amended Eff. November 1, 1991; August 1, 1991;  
10 Temporary Amendment Eff. July 21, 1995, for a period of 180 days or until the permanent Rule  
11 becomes effective, whichever is sooner;  
12 Amended Eff. February 1, 2015; December 1, 2006; November 1, 2004; August 1, 2002; August 1,  
13 1998; February 1, 1996; October 1, 1995;  
14 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. May 1,  
15 2018;  
16 Amended Eff. May 1, 2020; September 1, 2019; November 1, 2018.

21 NCAC 48E .0111 is amended with changes as published in 34:10 NCR 875-876 as follows:

**21 NCAC 48E .0111 FOREIGN-TRAINED PHYSICAL THERAPIST APPLICANT BY  
ENDORSEMENT**

(a) This Rule shall apply to a physical therapist who has graduated from a program located outside the United States that has not been accredited by the Commission of Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) or its successor, in accordance with G.S. ~~90-270.92(2)~~, 90-270.95(2), and holds an active physical therapist license in another state or territory of the United States.

(b) All application forms and supporting documents shall be completed in English or accompanied by an English translation.

(c) For the applicant's educational credentials ~~background~~ to be determined substantially equivalent to an educational program accredited pursuant to G.S. 90-270.95(2), the applicant shall meet the standards of the Federation's Coursework Tool (CWT) [https://www.fsbpt.org/FreeResources/RegulatoryResources/CourseworkTools\(CWT\).aspx](https://www.fsbpt.org/FreeResources/RegulatoryResources/CourseworkTools(CWT).aspx) for the applicant's year of graduation. This coursework tool is incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions. Individuals wishing to obtain a copy may call the Federation at 703-299-3100 or download a copy from the Federation's website at no cost. A copy of the coursework tool is on file at the Division located at 8300 Health Park Suite 233, Raleigh, NC 27615 and is available for public inspection during regular business hours.

(d) The applicant shall make arrangements to have the credentials evaluated by the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy or a service that has a physical therapist consultant on staff and that is authorized to use the Federation's CWTs for physical therapists referred to in Paragraph (c) of this Rule. The Board shall review an applicant's educational program and shall consider the findings of the credentialing service.

(e) The applicant shall provide the following information to the Board:

~~(1) for examinations administered prior to August 1, 1998, proof that a score of 210 on the TSE (Test of Spoken English) or the SPEAK (Speaking Proficiency English Assessment Kit) examination was obtained ([www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/](http://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/));~~

~~(2) for examinations administered on or after August 1, 1998, and prior to January 1, 2007, the following proof shall be provided:~~

~~(A) minimum score of 50 on the TSE examination or the SPEAK examination;~~

~~(B) minimum score on the Test of Written English (TWE) of 4.5; and~~

~~(C) minimum score of 560 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL);~~

~~(3) for examinations administered on or after January 1, 2007, proof shall be provided that the applicant obtained the following minimum standard scale scores in each of the four scoring domains (Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking), and the total score of the iBT/Next Generation TOEFL:~~

~~(A) Writing: 24;~~

~~(B) Speaking: 26;~~

1           (C)     Reading Comprehension: 21;  
 2           (D)     Listening Comprehension: 18; and  
 3           (E)     Total Score: 89;  
 4       (4)     proof that coursework was taught in the English language; or  
 5       (1)     proof that the applicant has demonstrated English language proficiency by meeting the most recent  
 6           Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score requirement as defined by the Federation.  
 7           This test is incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions. Individuals  
 8           wishing to register for the TOEFL shall contact Examination Testing Service  
 9           (<http://www.ets.org/toefl>). The cost of this examination is posted on the ETS website. The  
 10          TOEFL is an examination that is owned by ETS and is not available for public review; or  
 11       (5) (2)   documentation for exemption pursuant to 8 CFR 212.15 (<http://www.uscis.gov/>). 8 CFR 212.15 is  
 12           incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions. Individuals wishing to  
 13           obtain a copy at no cost may call the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service National  
 14           Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283 or 1-800-767-1833 (TDD) toll free. A copy of 8 CFR  
 15           212.15 is on file at the Division located at 8300 Health Park Suite 233, Raleigh, NC 27615 and is  
 16           available for public inspection during regular business [hours.] [hours; or]  
 17       (3) (f)   An applicant for licensure shall [consent to an FBI criminal history record check by furnishing] provide a  
 18       complete set of fingerprints at the applicant's [expense.] expense in order to obtain a criminal history record check  
 19       in accordance with G.S. 90-270.96 and G.S. 143B-964.  
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 21   History Note:   Authority G.S. 90-270.92; 90-270.95; 90-270.95(2); 90-270-97; 90-270.98; 143B-964; 150B-  
 22                                   21.6(2);  
 23                                   Eff. February 1, 2015;  
 24                                   Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. May 1,  
 25                                   2018;  
 26                                   Amended Eff. May 1, 2020; September 1, 2019; November 1, 2018.



21 NCAC 48E .0112 is amended with changes as published in 34:10 NCR 876-877 as follows:

**21 NCAC 48E .0112 FOREIGN-TRAINED PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT APPLICANT**

(a) This Rule shall apply to a physical therapist assistant who has graduated from a program located outside the United States that has not been accredited by the Commission of Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) or its successor, in accordance with G.S. ~~90-270.95(3)~~, 90-270.95(3), and holds an active physical therapist assistant license in another state or territory of the United States.

(b) All application forms and supporting documents shall be completed in English or accompanied by an English translation.

(c) For the applicant's educational credentials to be determined substantially equivalent to that obtained by an applicant for licensure pursuant to G.S. 90-270.95(3), the applicant shall meet the standards of the Federation's most recent Coursework Tool (CWT) for Physical Therapist Assistants [https://www.fsbpt.org/FreeResources/RegulatoryResources/CourseworkTools\(CWT\).aspx](https://www.fsbpt.org/FreeResources/RegulatoryResources/CourseworkTools(CWT).aspx) for the applicant's year of graduation. This coursework tool is incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions. Individuals wishing to obtain a copy may call the Federation at 703-299-3100 or download a copy from the Federation's website at no cost. A copy of the coursework tool is on file at the Division located at 8300 Health Park Suite 233, Raleigh, NC 27615 and is available for public inspection during regular business hours. If the applicant does not meet the requirements of G.S. 90-270.95(3), the Board shall examine the applicant's educational background to determine if the general and professional education is substantially equivalent to an educational program accredited pursuant to G.S. 90-270.95(2) and meets the requirements of the Federation's most recent Coursework Tool (CWT) for Physical Therapist Assistants at [https://www.fsbpt.org/FreeResources/RegulatoryResources/CourseworkTools\(CWT\).aspx](https://www.fsbpt.org/FreeResources/RegulatoryResources/CourseworkTools(CWT).aspx). This coursework tool is incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions. Individuals wishing to obtain a copy may call the Federation at 703-299-3100 or download a copy from the Federation's website at no cost. A copy of this instrument is on file at the Division located at 8300 Health Park Suite 233, Raleigh, NC 27615 and is available for public inspection during regular business hours.

(d) The applicant shall make arrangements to have the credentials evaluated by the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy or a service that has a physical therapist consultant on staff and that is authorized to use the Federation's CWTs for physical therapist assistants referred to in Paragraph (c) of this Rule. The Board shall review an applicant's educational program and shall consider the findings of the credentialing service.

(e) The applicant shall provide the following information to the Board:

- (1) proof that the applicant has demonstrated English language proficiency by meeting the most recent Test of English as a Foreign Language TOEFL score requirement as defined by the Federation. This test is incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions. Individuals wishing to register for the TOEFL shall contact Examination Testing Service (<http://www.ets.org/toefl/>). The cost of this examination is posted on the ETS website. The TOEFL is an examination that is owned by ETS and is not available for public review; **or**
- (2) ~~proof that coursework was taught in the English language; or~~

1       (2) documentation for exemption pursuant to 8 CFR 212.15 (<http://www.uscis.gov/>). 8 CFR 212.15 is  
2       incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions. Individuals wishing to  
3       obtain a copy at no cost may call the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service National  
4       Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283 or 1-800-767-1833 (TDD) toll free. A copy of 8 CFR  
5       212.15 is on file at the 8300 Health Park Suite 233, Raleigh, NC 27615 and is available for public  
6       inspection during regular business [hours.] [hours; or]

7       (f) An applicant for licensure shall [consent to an FBI criminal history record check by furnishing] provide a  
8       complete set of fingerprints at the applicant's [expense.] expense in order to obtain a criminal history record check  
9       in accordance with G.S. 90-270.96 and G.S. 143B-964.

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11     History Note:     Authority   G.S. 90-270.92; ~~90-270.92(2)~~; 90-270.95; 90-270.97; 90-270.98; ~~90-270.295~~; ~~90-~~  
12                         ~~270.397~~; ~~143B-964~~; ~~150B-21.6(2)~~;  
13                         Eff. February 1, 2015;  
14                         Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. May 1,  
15                         2018;  
16                         Amended Eff. May 1, 2020; September 1, 2019; November 1, 2018.

21 NCAC 48E .0510 is adopted with changes as published in 34:10 NCR 877 as follows:

**21 NCAC 48E .0510 FOREIGN-TRAINED PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT EXAM  
APPLICANT**

(a) This Rule shall apply to a physical therapist assistant who has graduated from a program located outside the United States that has not been accredited by the Commission of Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) or its successor, in accordance with G.S. 90-270.95(3).

(b) All application forms and supporting documents shall be completed in English or accompanied by an English translation.

(c) For the applicant's educational credentials to be determined substantially equivalent to that obtained by an applicant for licensure pursuant to G.S. 90-270.95(3), the applicant shall meet the standards of the most recent Federation's Coursework Tool (CWT) for Physical Therapist Assistants [https://www.fsbpt.org/FreeResources/RegulatoryResources/CourseworkTools\(CWT\).aspx](https://www.fsbpt.org/FreeResources/RegulatoryResources/CourseworkTools(CWT).aspx). This coursework tool is incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions. Individuals wishing to obtain a copy may call the Federation at 703-299-3100 or download a copy from the Federation's website at no cost. A copy of the coursework tool is on file at the Division located at 8300 Health Park Suite 233, Raleigh, NC 27615 and is available for public inspection during regular business hours.

(d) The applicant shall make arrangements to have the credentials evaluated by the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy or a service that has a physical therapist consultant on staff and that is authorized to use the Federation's CWTs for physical therapist assistants referred to in Paragraph (c) of this Rule. The Board shall review an applicant's educational program and shall consider the findings of the credentialing service.

(e) The applicant shall provide the following information to the Board:

- (1) proof that the applicant has demonstrated English language proficiency by meeting the most recent Test of English as a Foreign Language TOEFL score requirement as defined by the Federation. This test is incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions. Individuals wishing to register for the TOEFL shall contact Examination Testing Service (<http://www.ets.org/toefl/>). The cost of this examination is posted on the ETS website. The TOEFL is an examination that is owned by ETS and is not available for public review; or
- (2) documentation for exemption pursuant to 8 CFR 212.15 (<http://www.uscis.gov/>). 8 CFR 212.15 is incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions. Individuals wishing to obtain a copy at no cost may call the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283 or 1-800-767-1833 (TDD) toll free. A copy of 8 CFR 212.15 is on file at the 8300 Health Park Suite 233, Raleigh, NC 27615 and is available for public inspection during regular business hours.

~~(3)(f)~~ An applicant for licensure shall ~~[consent to an FBI criminal history record check by furnishing]~~ provide a complete set of fingerprints at the applicant's ~~[expense.]~~ expense in order to obtain a criminal history record check in accordance with G.S. 90-270.96 and G.S. 143B-964.

- 1 *History Note:* *Authority G.S. 90-270.92; 90-270.95; 90-270.97; 90-270.98; 143B-964; 150B-21.6(2);*
- 2 *Eff. May 1, 2020.*

21 NCAC 48G .0109 is amended with changes as published in 34:10 NCR 877-881 as follows:

**21 NCAC 48G .0109 CONTINUING COMPETENCE ACTIVITIES**

(a) Continuing Education activities are eligible for points as follows:

- (1) A registered attendee at courses or conferences offered live in real time by approved providers earns one point for each contact hour. The maximum number of points allowed during any reporting period shall be 29. The maximum number of points allowed during any reporting period for an interactive course offered through electronic media shall be 15. Credit shall not be given for the same course or conference more than once during any reporting period. The licensee shall retain ~~submit~~ the Certificate of Attendance issued by the approved provider.
- (2) For registered participation in an academic course related to physical therapy offered for credit in a post-baccalaureate program unless the course is required for licensure, one semester hour earns 15 points, and the maximum number of points allowed during any reporting period shall be 29. The licensee shall obtain a letter grade of "C" or better, or "P" if offered on a pass/fail basis. Credit shall not be given for the same course more than one time. The licensee shall retain ~~submit~~ a transcript published by the approved provider or furnished by the academic institution.
- (3) For attendance or participation in an activity related to physical therapy for which no assessment is received, two contact hours earns one point. The maximum number of points allowed during any reporting period shall be five. Credit shall not be given for the same activity more than one time. The licensee shall retain ~~submit~~ a certificate of completion, or if that is not available, a summary of the objectives of the activity and the time spent in the activity.
- (4) For registered participation in a non-interactive course offered by an approved provider by videotape, satellite transmission, webcast, DVD, or other electronic media, one hour of participation earns one point. The maximum number of points allowed during any reporting period shall be 10. Credit shall not be given for the same course more than once during a reporting period. The licensee shall retain ~~submit~~ a certificate of completion provided by the course provider.
- (5) For participation in a study group consisting of at least three licensees conducted either live or in real time through electronic media, whose purpose is to advance the knowledge and skills of the participants related to the practice of physical therapy, two hours of participation in the study group earns one point. The maximum number of points allowed during any reporting period shall be 10. The licensee shall retain ~~submit~~ a biography of each participant, a statement of the goals of the study group, attendance records for each participant, assignments for each participant and an analysis by each participant specifying the knowledge and skills enhanced by participating in the study group.
- (6) For participation in a self-designed home study program for the purpose of advancing the knowledge and skill of the participant related to the practice of physical therapy, three hours of

home study earns one point. The maximum number of points allowed for home study during any reporting period shall be five. The licensee shall ~~retain~~ ~~submit~~ a description of the plans and objectives of the me study, an analysis of the manner in which the plans and objectives were met, and a certification of the time spent on the project.

(7) For participation in continuing education required by credentialed residencies and fellowships, one point shall be granted for each contact hour. The maximum number of points for each reporting period shall be 29. The licensee shall ~~retain~~ ~~submit~~ the certificate of attendance issued by the American Physical Therapy Association ("APTA") credentialed residency or fellowship.

(8) For completion of a home study physical therapy program furnished by an approved provider, one hour of home study earns one point. The maximum number of points during any one reporting period allowed shall be 10. The licensee shall ~~retain~~ ~~submit~~ a certificate of completion issued by the approved provider.

(b) Points are awarded for advanced training as follows:

(1) For fellowships conferred by organizations credentialed by the APTA in a specialty area of the practice of physical therapy, 10 points shall be awarded for each full year of clinical participation, up to a maximum of 20 points per reporting period for this activity. The licensee shall ~~retain~~ ~~submit~~ the certificate conferred on the licensee or evidence that all requirements of the fellowship program have been met.

(2) For completion of a residency program in physical therapy offered by an APTA credentialed organization, 10 points shall be awarded for each full year of clinical participation, up to a maximum of 20 points per reporting period for this activity. The licensee shall ~~retain~~ ~~submit~~ the certificate conferred on the licensee or evidence that all requirements of the residency program have been met.

(3) For specialty certification or specialty recertification by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialization ("ABPTS"), 20 points shall be awarded upon receipt of such certification or recertification during any reporting period. The licensee shall ~~retain~~ ~~submit~~ evidence from ABPTS that the certification or recertification has been granted.

(4) For a physical therapist assistant, Advanced Proficiency designation by the APTA for the PTA earns 19 points per reporting period. The licensee shall ~~retain~~ ~~submit~~ evidence from APTA that the designation has been awarded.

(c) Achieving a passing score on the Federation's Practice Review Tool ("PRT") earns 10 points. Taking the PRT without achieving a passing score earns five points. The licensee shall ~~retain~~ ~~submit~~ the certificate of completion and performance report. Points shall be awarded only one time for any specific practice area.

(d) Clinical Education activities are eligible for points as follows:

(1) For completion of a course offered by an approved provider for a licensee to become a Credentialed Clinical Instructor recognized by APTA, one course hour earns one point, and the maximum number of points awarded during any reporting period shall be 29. The licensee shall

- 1           ~~retain~~ ~~submit~~ a credential certificate issued by the approved provider. Credit for completing the  
2           same course shall be given only once.
- 3           (2)     For enrollment in a course offered by APTA for a licensee to become a Credentialed Clinical  
4           Instructor Trainer, one course hour earns one point, and the maximum number of points awarded  
5           during any reporting period shall be 29. The licensee shall ~~retain~~ ~~submit~~ a Trainer certificate  
6           issued by APTA. Credit for completing the same course shall be given only once.
- 7           (3)     For serving as a Clinical Instructor for a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant student,  
8           resident, or fellow for a period of at least 80 hours, 40 hours of direct on-site supervision earns one  
9           point, and the maximum number of points awarded during any reporting period shall be eight. The  
10          licensee shall ~~retain~~ ~~submit~~ verification of the clinical affiliation agreement with the accredited  
11          educational program for the student supervised and a log showing the number of hours spent  
12          supervising the student.
- 13       (e) Presenting or teaching for an accredited physical therapy educational program; a transitional Doctor of Physical  
14       Therapy ("DPT") program; an accredited program for health care practitioners licensed under the provisions of  
15       Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes; or a state, national, or international workshop, seminar or  
16       professional health care conference earns two points for each hour of presentation or teaching. The licensee shall  
17       ~~retain~~ ~~submit~~ written materials advertising the presentation or teaching, or other evidence of the date, subject, goals  
18       and objectives of the presentation, and any written materials prepared by the licensee. A maximum of six points  
19       shall be allowed during any reporting period, and credit shall not be given for teaching or presenting the same  
20       subject matter more than one time during any reporting period.
- 21       (f) Research and published books or articles shall be eligible to accumulate up to a maximum of 15 points as  
22       follows:
- 23           (1)     Submission of a request to a funding agency for a research grant as a Principal or Co-Principal  
24           Investigator earns 10 points. The licensee shall ~~retain~~ ~~submit~~ a copy of the research grant that shall  
25           include the title, an abstract, the funding agency, and the grant period. Points shall be awarded  
26           only one time during any reporting period.
- 27           (2)     Having a research grant funded as a Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator earns 10  
28           points. The licensee shall ~~retain~~ ~~submit~~ a copy of the research grant that shall include the title, an  
29           abstract, the funding agency, the grant period and documentation of the funding received in a  
30           given period. Points shall be awarded only one time during a reporting period.
- 31           (3)     Service as a Grants Reviewer earns one point for each two hours of grant review and a maximum  
32           of five points shall be allowed. The licensee shall ~~retain~~ ~~submit~~ a description of all grants reviewed  
33           and any reports generated in connection with the reviews, including the dates of service, the  
34           agency for whom the review was performed, and the hours spent on the grant review. Points shall  
35           be awarded only once for each grant reviewed during the reporting period.
- 36           (4)     The author or editor of a book published by a third party entity dealing with a subject related to the  
37           practice of physical therapy earns 10 points. The licensee shall ~~retain~~ ~~submit~~ a copy of the

- published book and a list of consulted resources. Points shall be awarded only one time during any reporting period.
- (5) The author or editor of a chapter in a book published by a third party entity dealing with a subject related to the practice of physical therapy earns five points. The licensee shall retain ~~submit~~ a copy of the published book and a list of consulted resources. Points shall be awarded only one time during any reporting period.
- (6) The author of a published peer-reviewed article relating to the practice of physical therapy earns 10 points. The licensee shall retain ~~submit~~ the article, names and employers of the reviewers, and a list of consulted resources. Points shall be awarded only one time during any reporting period.
- (7) The author of a published non peer-reviewed article or book-review or abstract relating to the practice of physical therapy earns four points. The licensee shall retain ~~submit~~ the article and a list of consulted resources. Each article, book-review, or abstract shall count one time only. A maximum of four points shall be awarded during any reporting period.
- (8) The author of a published peer-reviewed abstract, book review, or peer-reviewed abstract for a poster or presentation related to the practice of physical therapy to a professional health care group earns five points for a presentation, up to a maximum of 15 points during any reporting period, and credit for the same poster or presentation shall not be awarded more than one time. The licensee shall retain ~~submit~~ a copy of the poster or presentation and a list of consulted resources.
- (g) Clinical practice shall be eligible for points as follows:
- (1) For each year during the reporting period that a licensee is engaged in clinical practice for 1,750 hours or more, three points shall be awarded. The licensee shall retain ~~submit~~ certification from the employer(s) for whom the services were performed including year and hours worked or document practice hours as the owner of a practice.
- (2) For each year during the reporting period that a licensee is engaged in clinical practice for at least 1,000 hours but less than 1,750 hours, two points shall be awarded. The licensee shall retain ~~submit~~ a certification from the employer(s) for whom the services were performed including year and hours worked or document practice hours as the owner of a practice.
- (3) For each year during the reporting period that a licensee is engaged in clinical practice for at least 200 hours but less than 1,000 hours, one point shall be awarded. The licensee shall retain ~~submit~~ a certification from the employer(s) for whom the services were performed including year and hours worked or document practice hours as the owner of a practice.
- (h) Professional Self-Assessment earns five points for completion of an approved Reflective Practice Exercise. This exercise shall be approved if it is a process for a licensee to evaluate current professional practice abilities, to establish goals to improve those abilities, to develop a plan to meet those goals, and to document that the objectives are being accomplished. The licensee shall retain ~~submit~~ evidence of completion of all elements of the Reflective Practice Exercise. Points shall be awarded only one time during any reporting period.
- (i) Workplace Education shall be eligible for points as follows:



- 1 (1) Presentation or attendance at an in-service session related to the practice of physical therapy,  
2 including health care issues related to the practice of physical therapy, shall be allowed. The  
3 licensee shall retain ~~submit~~ a roster or certificate of attendance signed by a representative of the  
4 employer. Two hours of attendance earns one point. One hour of presentation earns one point. A  
5 maximum of five points may be earned during any one reporting period. Credit for the same in-  
6 service shall not be granted more than one time.
- 7 (2) Presentation or attendance at an in-service session devoted to general patient safety, emergency  
8 procedures, or governmental regulatory requirements shall be allowed. The licensee shall retain  
9 ~~submit~~ a roster or certificate of attendance signed by a representative of the employer. Two contact  
10 hours of in-service are equivalent to one point, which shall be the maximum credit granted during  
11 any reporting period. Credit for the same in-service shall not be granted more than one time during  
12 any reporting period.
- 13 (j) Professional Service shall be eligible for points as follows:
  - 14 (1) Participation in a national physical therapy or interdisciplinary (including physical therapy)  
15 organization as an officer or chair of a physical therapy services committee, physical therapy  
16 services task force member, or delegate to a national assembly earns five points for each full year  
17 of participation, up to a maximum of 10 points during any reporting period. The licensee shall  
18 retain ~~submit~~ organizational materials listing the licensee's participation, a statement of the  
19 responsibilities of the position, and a summary of the activities of the licensee.
  - 20 (2) Participation in a state physical therapy or interdisciplinary (including physical therapy)  
21 organization as an officer or chair of a physical therapy services committee earns four points for  
22 each full year of participation, up to a maximum of eight points during any reporting period. The  
23 licensee shall retain ~~submit~~ organizational materials listing the licensee's participation, a statement  
24 of the responsibilities of the position, and a summary of the activities of the licensee.
  - 25 (3) Participation in a local or regional physical therapy or interdisciplinary (including physical  
26 therapy) organization as an officer or chair of a physical therapy service committee earns two  
27 points for each full year of participation, up to a maximum of four points during any reporting  
28 period. The licensee shall retain ~~submit~~ organizational materials listing the licensee's participation,  
29 a statement of the responsibilities of the position, and a summary of the activities of the licensee.
  - 30 (4) Participation as a member of a physical therapy professional organization committee involved  
31 with physical therapy services earns one point for each full year of participation, up to a maximum  
32 of two points during any reporting period. The licensee shall retain ~~submit~~ organizational  
33 materials listing the licensee's participation, a statement of the responsibilities of the committee,  
34 and a summary of the work of the committee.
  - 35 (5) Participation in unpaid volunteer service to the general public and healthcare professionals related  
36 to physical therapy earns one point for at least 20 hours spent on service activities during each

year, up to a maximum of two points during any reporting period. The licensee shall retain ~~submit~~ published materials describing the service activity.

(6) Membership in the APTA for one year earns one point. A point may be earned for each year of membership during the reporting period. The licensee shall retain ~~submit~~ proof of membership in the APTA.

(7) Membership in an APTA Section for one year earns one-half point. The licensee shall retain ~~submit~~ proof of membership in the APTA Section. Points shall not be awarded for membership in more than one Section.

(8) Selection by the Federation for participation as an item writer of exam questions for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) or by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS) earns five points for each year of participation. The licensee shall retain ~~submit~~ documentation of participation by the Federation or ABPTS.

(9) Participation in clinical research, clinical trials, or research projects related to the practice of physical therapy earns 1 point for each hour of participation, up to a maximum of 10 hours per reporting period. The licensee shall retain ~~submit~~ a log of hours of participation including date, activity performed, location of the research, and primary investigator.

(k) During each reporting period, every licensee shall complete a jurisprudence exercise provided by the Board. The jurisprudence exercise shall be available online at the Board's website, at <http://www.ncptboard.org> and a certificate of completion shall be issued to a licensee at the conclusion of the exercise, at which time one point shall be awarded to the licensee. The maximum number of points allowed during a reporting period is three.

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1 21 NCAC 48G .0202 is amended with changes as published in 34:10 NCR 881 as follows:

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3 21 NCAC 48G .0202 NOTIFICATION

4 A licensee shall renew his or her license by January 31 close of business of each year. Any license not renewed by  
5 January 31 close of business shall lapse and the Board shall notify the licensee by written communication at the last  
6 known mailing or email address on record with the Board. Any person with a lapsed license shall notify his or her  
7 employer.

8 ~~A person who has not renewed the license by February 1 shall be advised that the license has lapsed by written~~  
9 ~~communication to the last known mailing address [or email address] on record with the Board. Unless the person has~~  
10 ~~advised the Board that he or she does not intend to renew the license, then a similar notification shall be sent to the~~  
11 ~~person's last known employer in North Carolina. If the person continues to work in North Carolina, his or her~~  
12 ~~employer shall be notified of the lapsed license.~~

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14 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.92; 90-270.99;*

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18 *1979;*

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