Occupational Licensing Study
50 State Comparison

State Board of Physical Therapy

Physical Therapist
Physical Therapy Assistant

Presented by the Pennsylvania Department of State
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Physical Therapist

Licensed healthcare professionals who help injured or ill people improve their movement and manage their pain.

Physical therapists are often an important part of the rehabilitation, treatment, and prevention of patients with chronic conditions, illnesses, or injuries.

Physical Therapy Assistant

An individual certified by the state board to work under the direction and supervision of physical therapists.
Physical Therapist

Degree Requirement

- States with 1 required examination
- States with 2 required examinations

Examination Requirement

Degrees:
- Doctorate
Continuing Education Requirement

HOURS

30 hours
28.49 hours

PA
U.S. avg.

* To allow for comparison, CE requirements have been adjusted to 2-year reporting cycles.

State has Good Moral Character requirement for licensure:
- Yes
- No

Good Moral Character Requirement

30 - 39 CE hours/2 yrs
40 CE hours/2 yrs
80 CE hours/2 yrs

*MA & ME do not have CE requirement
### Initial Licensing Fee

*To allow for comparisons, all fees have been adjusted to biennial renewal cycles.*

- **HIGHEST:** $579.00 (California)
- **MEDIAN:** $165.00
- **LOWEST:** $25.00 (Missouri)

- **U.S. Avg.:** $185.97
- **PA:** $30.00

### Renewal Fees

- **U.S. Avg.:** 145.78
- **HIGHEST:** $325.00 (Maryland)
- **MEDIAN:** $140.00
- **LOWEST:** $47.00 (Utah)

- **PA:** $90.00

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## Physical Therapist

### States with Reciprocity or Endorsement

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Physical Therapy Assistant

Degree Requirement

Degrees:
- Associate's

Examination Requirement

- States with 1 required examination
- States with 2 required examinations
Continuing Education Requirement

- **HOURS**
  - **30 hours**
  - **23.56 hours**
  - **PA**
  - **U.S.**
  - **avg.**

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**State has Good Moral Character requirement for licensure:**
- **Yes**
- **No**

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Good Moral Character Requirement

- **7 States**
- **39 States**
- **1 State**

**CE Reporting Cycles**

- **39 States**
  - 2 years
- **7 States**
  - 3 years
- **1 State**
  - 1 year

*CO, MA, and ME do not have CE requirement*
Physical Therapy Assistant

**Initial Licensing Fee**

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**Renewal Fees**

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