

Occupational Licensing Study 50 State Comparison

State Board of Physical Therapy

Physical Therapist
Physical Therapy Assistant



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Physical Therapist

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

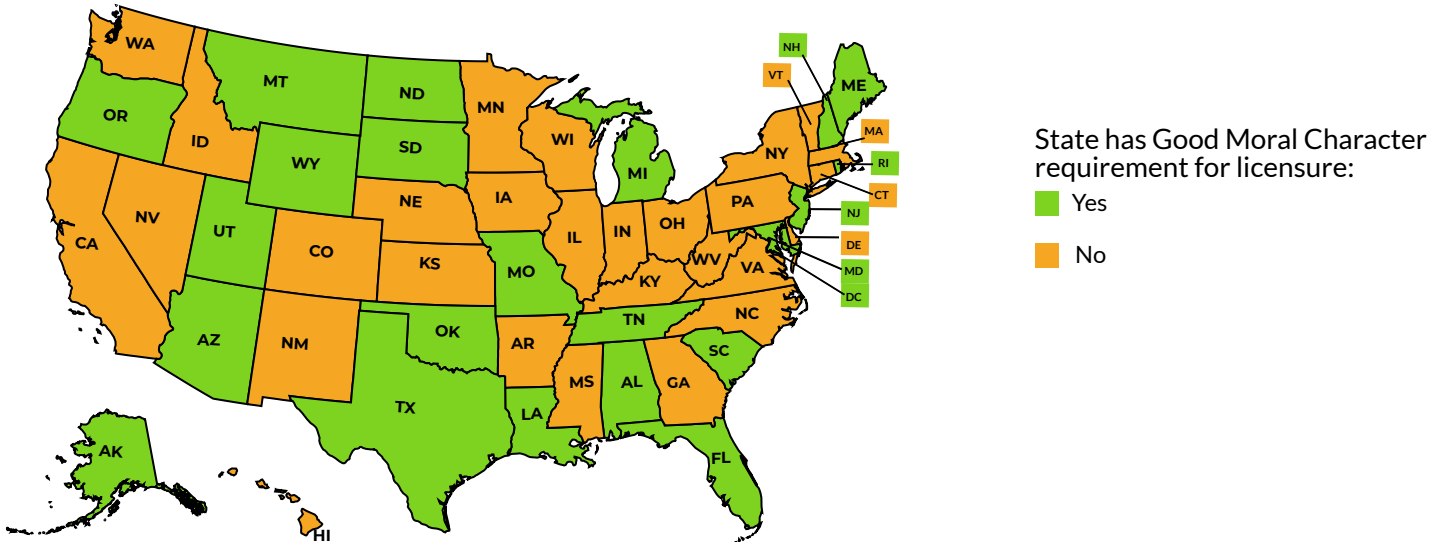
Physical therapists are often an important part of the rehabilitation, treatment, and prevention of patients with chronic conditions, illnesses, or injuries.

Physical Therapy Assistant

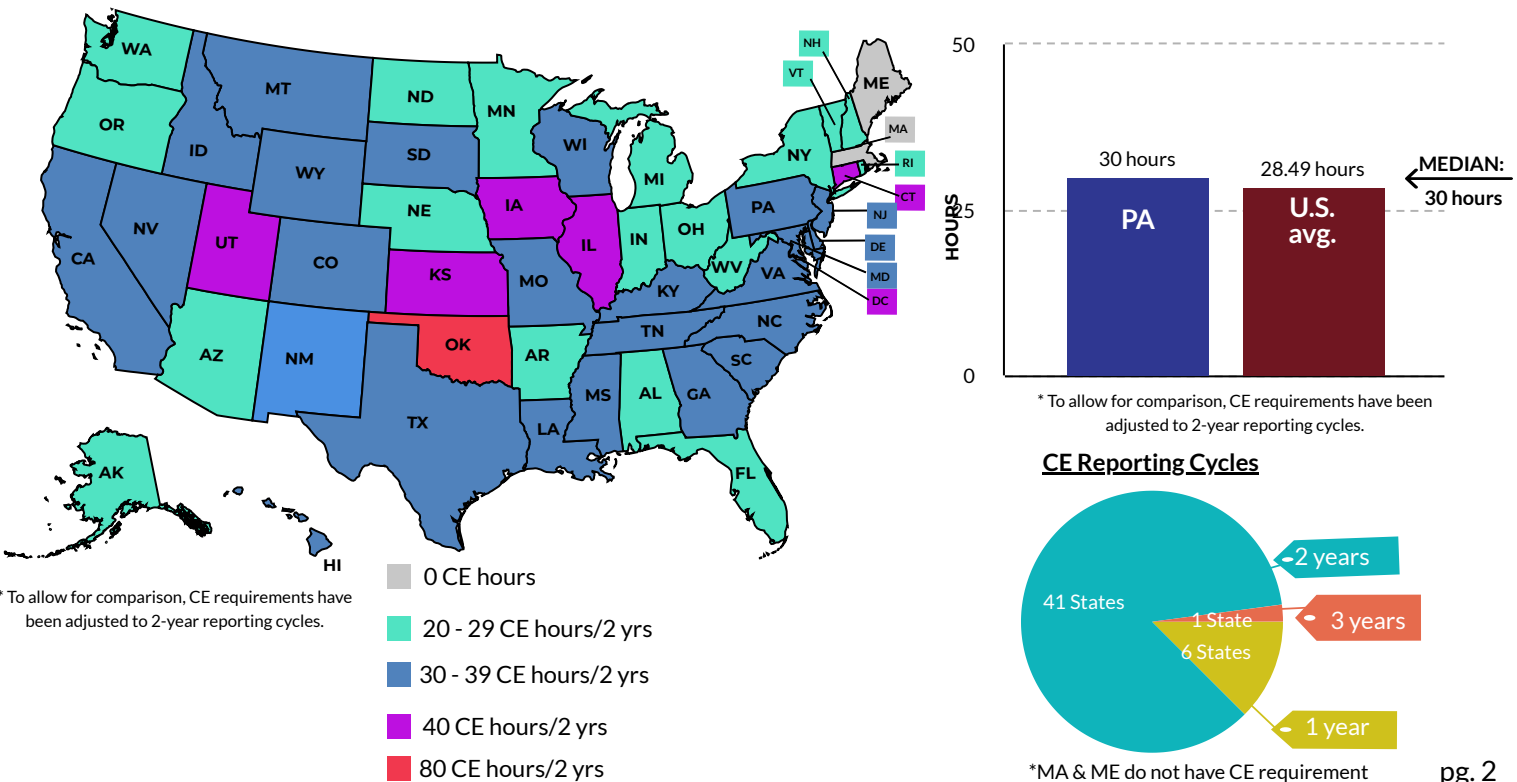
An individual certified by the state board to work under the direction and supervision of physical therapists.

Physical Therapist

Good Moral Character Requirement

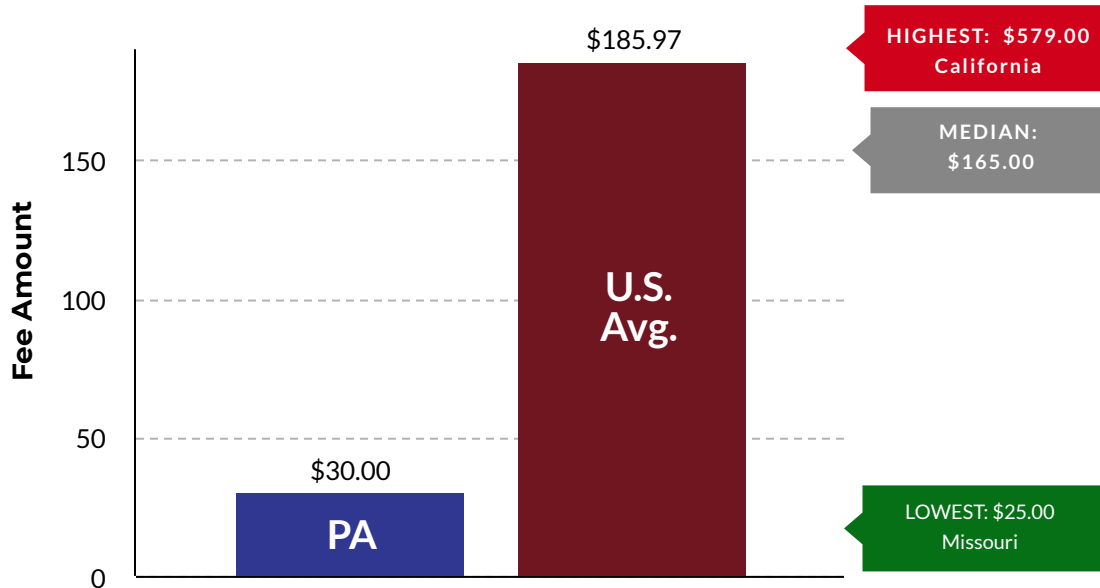


Continuing Education Requirement



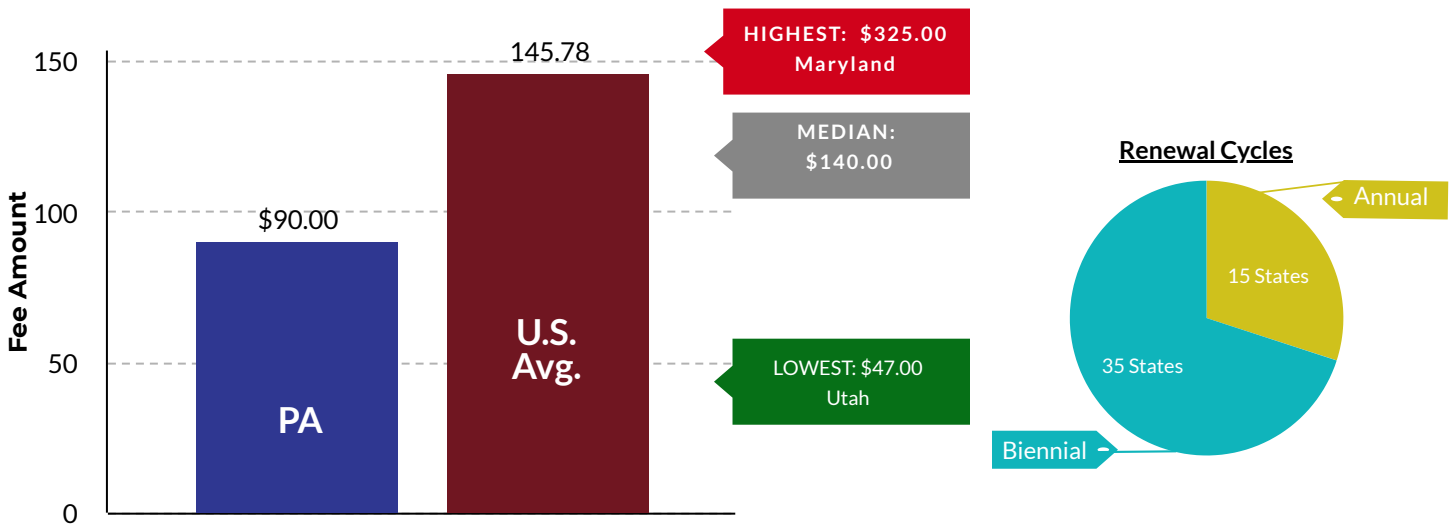
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Initial Licensing Fee



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Renewal Fees



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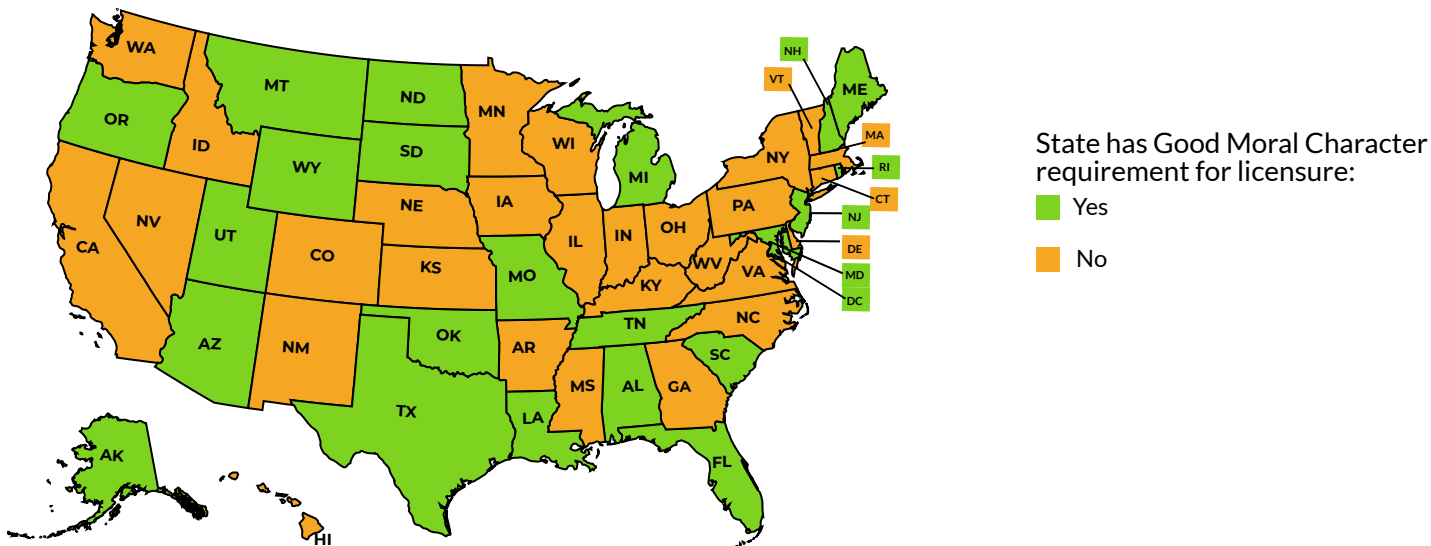
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<u>Endorsement</u>	<u>Reciprocity</u>	<u>Not Specified in Legislation</u>
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Florida	<u>Reciprocity/Endorsement</u>	
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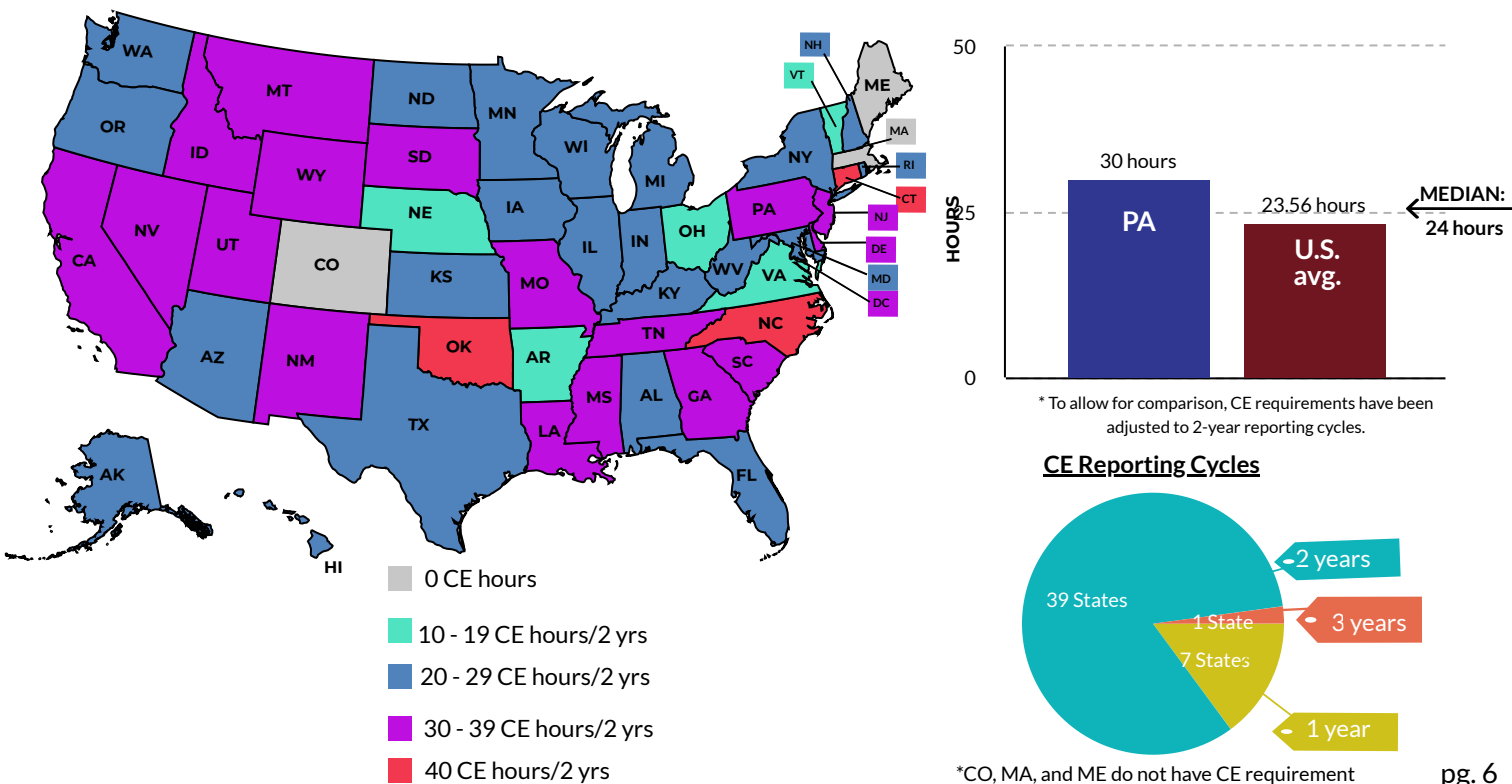
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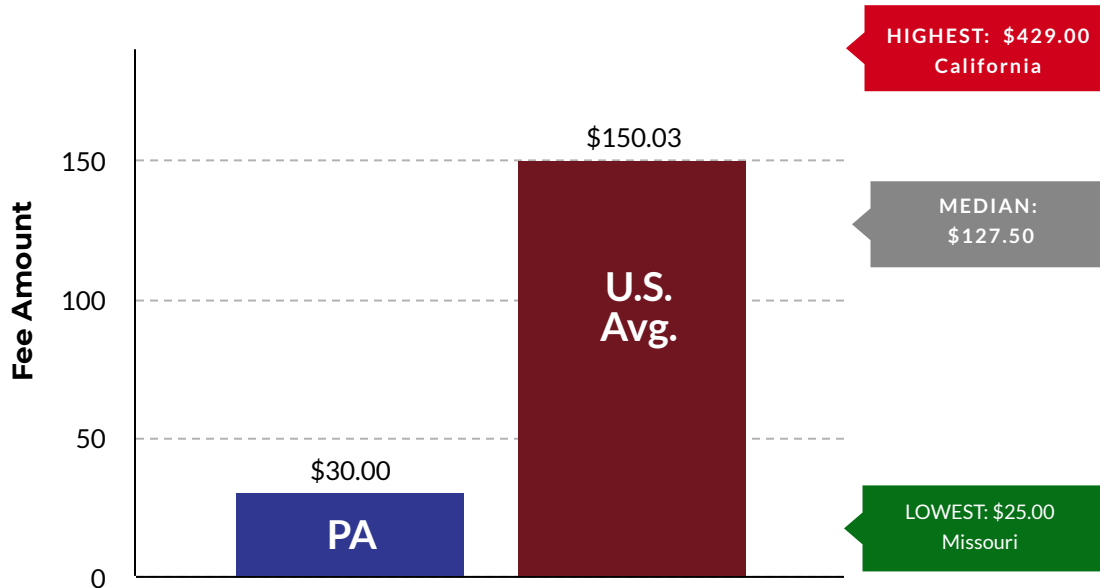


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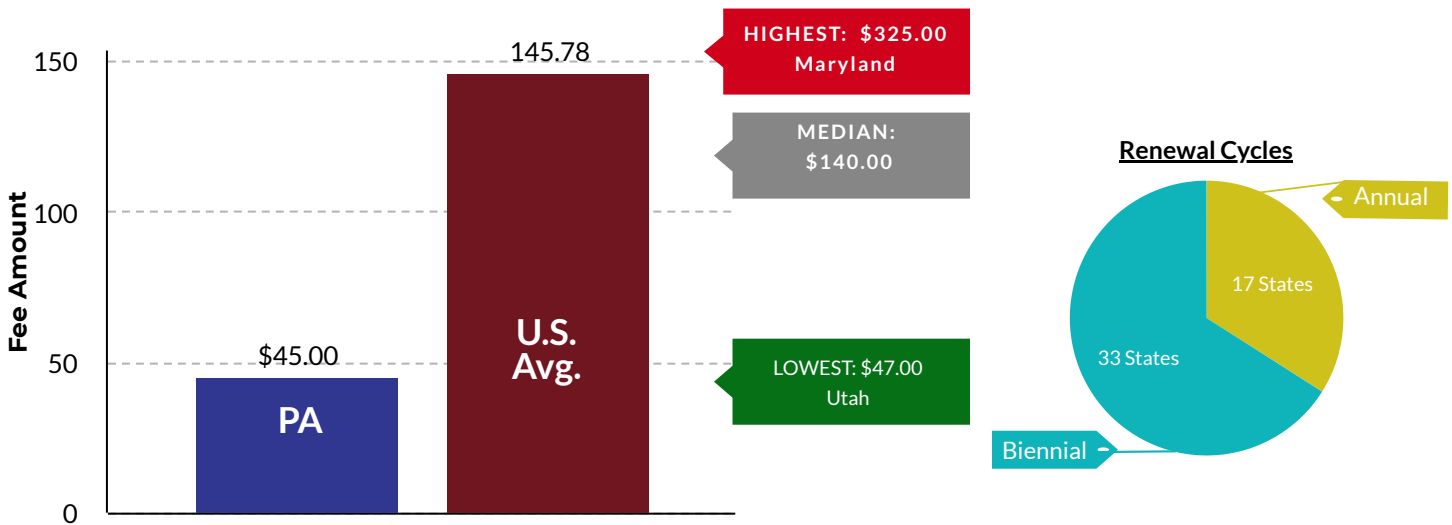
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