

Information Pertaining to Examination

Each applicant for licensure as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant must be a graduate of Physical Therapy and Physical Therapist Assistant program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). An application for licensure may be obtained from this website from the FORMS page or request an application to be mailed to you by emailing the board at lsbpte@laptboard.org. Please provide your name, full mailing address, and indicate if you want an application to practice physical therapy or physical therapist assisting.

Fee Information – Examination candidates are responsible for three type of payment:

- **LOUISIANA PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD (LPTB):** A fee of \$200 made payable to the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board with your application.
- **FEDERATION OF STATE BOARDS OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (FSBPT):** A fee of \$370 payable to FSBPT by credit card. Register for exam online at <https://fsbpt.net/cfm>
- **PROMETRIC TESTING CENTER – COMPUTERIZED TESTING:** Physical therapists and Physical Therapist Assistant applicants must pay a \$15 per hour computer usage to the testing center at the time of examination scheduling.

Examination applicants must submit the following to the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board:

1. Completed application with \$200 application fee.
2. One (1) recent passport type color photograph of the applicant, approximately two (2) inches by two (2) inches in size.
3. The Certificate of the Dean/Registrar form signed by the Dean or Registrar of the physical therapy program/physical therapist assistant program.
4. A notarized copy of a marriage certificate or an official affidavit indicating any legal name change, if your name differs from that on any documents.
5. A copy of the Diploma from the University/College (translated into English if not in English)
6. Graduates of a foreign physical therapy program must comply with §137 and §139. Documents must be forwarded directly to the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board.

Testing Accommodation Request

If you have a disability that may require some accommodation in taking this examination, please obtain an ADA form from this website on the Forms page. Accommodation request must be submitted with the application for the National Physical Therapy Examination to the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990

The Louisiana Physical Therapy Board (the "Board") complies with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990. To assure equal opportunity for all qualified persons, the Board will make reasonable accommodations for candidates having certain physical or mental impairments that might affect their ability to take the licensing examination. If you have a

physical or mental impairment which limits one or more of your major life activities for which you desire accommodation in the testing process, please notify the Board office upon submission of your application. All requests for accommodations for the NPTE must be received with the application packet.

FAQs

1. Must candidates test in the jurisdiction in which they are seeking licensure?

No. Candidates may sit for the examination at any of the 220 testing centers nationwide. They are not required to sit for the examination within the jurisdiction in which they are seeking licensure; however, the examination is not available overseas.

2. When will I receive my Authorization to Test Letter?

FSBPT will send an Authorization to Test letter after the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board approves eligibility for the candidate to sit for the exam. The candidate may schedule the examination at the location of their choice. Do not contact the Prometric Center prior to receiving your Authorization to Test Letter.

3. When may examinations be taken?

The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy moved to fixed date testing for physical therapists in July 2011. Fixed date testing will begin for physical therapist assistants beginning February 2012. Please look to the FSBPT website for additional information on fixed-date testing.

4. How much time is given for the examination?

Candidates for the national physical therapy examination are allowed 5 hours and physical therapist assistants are given 4 hours for the examination. There are 250 items on the physical therapist exam and 200 items on the physical therapist assistant examination.

5. Are refunds available for no-shows?

No. If the candidate chooses not to sit for the scheduled examination, the candidate must contact the FSBPT to withdraw from that examination date.

6. What information must be provided when candidates call to schedule their examinations with the testing centers?

Candidates must provide:

- Name
- Social Security Number (Candidate ID#)
- Daytime telephone
- The name of the examination (i.e., PT or PTA)
- Location selected to take the examination

7. What are the requirements for admission to the testing center?

Candidates must arrive fifteen minutes prior to their scheduled appointment. Candidates must have a government-issued photo ID (passport, driver's license, etc.), as well as another piece of identification which contains a signature (i.e., a credit card). All candidates will be thumb-printed and photographed at the testing center. All testing sessions will be videotaped.

8. If unable to keep the scheduled testing appointment, how does rescheduling work?

Candidates must contact the FSBPT to withdraw from the scheduled examination date.

9. Is computer knowledge necessary?

No computer knowledge is definitely not required to take a computerized examination. Before the examination begins, a simple introductory lesson is presented which explains the process of selecting answers and moving around the examination from question to question. The time candidates spend on the practice lesson does not count against the time allotted for the examination. Candidates may choose to select a letter on the keyboard and press 'ENTER' to record answers, or they may use the mouse to click on the chosen response.

10. While taking the examination, can candidates move back and forth between sections?

No. After a section has been submitted, the candidate cannot go back to that section. Each section will be a "mini-exam" in that it will follow the same basic content outline as the larger exam and contain both scored and pre-test questions.

11. Is there a formal break structure?

There will be a 15-minute scheduled break after completing the first two sections. Unscheduled breaks may be taken after sections 1, 3 and 4 for the PT exam and after sections 1 and 3 for the PTA exam.

12. When will I receive my score report?

FSBPT reports exam scores to the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board within 10 days of the exam administration. Pass/fail status will be available to candidates. Candidates must not call the Board or FSBPT for examination results. The board emails examination results password protected within 8 hours of receipt from FSBPT.