

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

PHYSICAL THERAPY – GENERAL RULES

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R 338.7121, R 338.7122, R 338.7126, R 338.7131, R 338.7132, R 338.7133, R 338.7134, R 338.7135, R 338.7136, R 338.7137, R 338.7139, R 338.7141, R 338.7142, R 338.7145, R 338.7146, R 338.7147, R 338.7148, R 338.7149, R 338.7161, and R 338.7163 of the Michigan Administrative Code are amended, as follows:

PART 1. DEFINITIONS

R 338.7121 Definitions.

Rule 21. (1) As used in these rules:

- (a) "APTA" means the American Physical Therapy Association.
- (b) "Board" means the Michigan board of physical therapy created under section 17821 of the code, MCL 333.17821.
- (c) "CAPTE" means the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.
- (d) "Code" means the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211.
- (e) "Continuous instruction" means education or presentation time that does not include breakfast, lunch, or dinner periods, coffee breaks, or other breaks in the activity or program.
- (f) "Department" means the department of licensing and regulatory affairs.
- (g) "Direct supervision" means that the physical therapist is physically present and immediately available for direction and supervision when patients or clients are present when the act, task, or function is performed, and that the physical therapist has direct contact with the patient or client during each visit.
- (h) "FSBPT" means the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy.
- (i) "NPTE" means the National Physical Therapy Examination.

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(j) "Patient or client of record" means a patient or client that is receiving physical therapy services from a licensed physical therapist or from a licensed physical therapist assistant under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist.

(k) "PDR" means professional development requirement.

(l) "Prescription" is a written or electronic order for physical therapy.

(2) A term defined in the code has the same meaning when used in these rules.

PART 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

R 338.7122 Prescription.

Rule 22. (1) A prescription must include all the following information:

(a) The name of the patient.

(b) The patient's medical diagnosis.

(c) The signature of either an individual that is licensed and authorized to prescribe physical therapy in this state or an individual that has an equivalent license issued by another state, as provided in section 17820(1) of the code, MCL 333.17820.

(d) The date that the authorized licensee wrote the prescription.

(2) A prescription is valid for 90 days after the date that the authorized licensee writes the prescription unless the authorized licensee specifies a different termination date on the prescription.

R 338.7126 Training standards for identifying victims of human trafficking; requirements.

Rule 26. (1) Under section 16148 of the code, MCL 333.16148, the individual seeking licensure or who is licensed shall have completed training in identifying victims of human trafficking that satisfies all the following standards:

(a) Training content must cover all the following:

(i) Understanding the types and venues of human trafficking in the United States.

(ii) Identifying victims of human trafficking in healthcare settings.

(iii) Identifying the warning signs of human trafficking in healthcare settings for adults and minors.

(iv) Identifying resources for reporting the suspected victims of human trafficking.

(b) Acceptable providers or methods of training include any of the following:

(i) Training offered by a nationally-recognized or state-recognized, health-related organization.

(ii) Training offered by, or in conjunction with, a state or federal agency.

(iii) Training obtained in an educational program approved for initial licensure or by a college or university.

(iv) Reading an article related to the identification of victims of human trafficking that satisfies the requirements of subdivision (a) of this subrule and is published in a peer-reviewed journal, healthcare journal, or professional or scientific journal.

(c) Acceptable modalities of training include any of the following:

(i) Teleconference or webinar.

(ii) Online presentation.

(iii) Live presentation.

(iv) Printed or electronic media.

(2) The department may select and audit an individual and request documentation of proof of completion of training. If audited by the department, the individual shall provide an acceptable proof of completion of training, including either of the following:

(a) Proof of completion certificate issued by the training provider that includes the date, provider name, name of training, and individual's name.

(b) A self-certification statement by the individual. The certification statement must include the individual's name and 1 of the following:

(i) For training completed under subrule (1)(b)(i) to (iii) of this rule, the date, training provider name, and name of training.

(ii) For training completed under subrule (1)(b)(iv) of this rule, the title of article, author, publication name of the peer-reviewed journal, healthcare journal, or professional or scientific journal, and the date, volume, and issue of publication, as applicable.

(3) Under section 16148 of the code, MCL 333.16148, the requirements specified in subrule (1) of this rule apply for license renewals beginning with the 2017 renewal cycle and for initial licenses issued beginning January 6, 2022.

PART 3. PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

R 338.7131 Program accreditation standards; physical therapist; adoption of standards by reference.

Rule 31. (1) The standards and evaluative criteria for accreditation of physical therapist educational programs set forth by CAPTE, 3030 Potomac Avenue, Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085, in the publication titled "PT Standards and Required Elements" revised November 3, 2020, which are available at no cost on the commission's website at <https://www.capteonline.org>, are approved and adopted by reference. An educational program for physical therapists accredited by CAPTE satisfies the qualifications for an approved physical therapist educational program.

(2) Copies of the standards and evaluative criteria adopted by reference in subrule (1) of this rule are also available for inspection and distribution at a cost of 10 cents per page from the Board of Physical Therapy, Bureau of Professional Licensing, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, 611 West Ottawa, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

R 338.7132 Licensure by examination; physical therapist; requirements.

Rule 32. An applicant for a physical therapist license by examination shall satisfy the requirements of the code and the rules promulgated under the code, as well as all the following requirements:

(a) Provide the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department.

(b) Provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying completion of 1 of the following:

(i) An accredited physical therapist educational program that satisfies the standards under R 338.7131(1).

(ii) A substantially equivalent physical therapist educational program under R 338.7135.

(c) Provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying a passing score on the examination adopted under R 338.7133(1).

(d) Provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying a converted score of not less than 75 on the Michigan Physical Therapist Jurisprudence Exam approved under R 338.7133(2).

R 338.7133 Examinations; physical therapist; adoption and approval.

Rule 33. (1) The NPTE for physical therapists developed, administered, and scored by FSBPT is approved and adopted. The passing score recommended by FSBPT is approved and adopted.

(2) The Michigan Physical Therapist Jurisprudence Exam on laws and rules related to the practice of physical therapy in this state, which is administered by a third-party approved by the department, is approved and adopted.

R 338.7134 Physical therapist examination; eligibility.

Rule 34. (1) To be eligible for the NPTE for physical therapists, an applicant shall satisfy 1 of the following requirements:

(a) Provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying the completion of an accredited physical therapist educational program that satisfies the standards under R 338.7131(1).

(b) Satisfy the requirements under R 338.7135.

(c) Provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying current enrollment in the final semester, term, or quarter of an accredited physical therapist educational program that satisfies the standards under R 338.7131(1) and the expected date of graduation.

(2) An applicant shall take the NPTE for physical therapists consistent with the FSBPT testing standards. An applicant requesting an appeal of the 6-time lifetime limit policy or the 2 very low scores policy shall first satisfy all other licensing requirements and complete the following requirements before the board shall consider the request. The department shall reject a request to the board if the applicant does not provide all the following information in writing:

(a) A completed NPTE appeal form, including the information under subdivisions (b) to (j) of this subrule.

(b) The candidate's name.

(c) Whether the request relates to the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant examination level.

(d) Whether the 6-time lifetime limit policy or the 2 very low scores policy is being appealed.

(e) The state where the applicant is seeking licensure.

(f) The reason for the appeal, including why the applicant believes the 6-time lifetime limit policy or the 2 very low scores policy should not apply to the applicant.

(g) A list of all physical therapist or physical therapist assistant examination level examinations taken by the applicant, including the date of the examinations, province or state where taken, and the scores on the examinations.

(h) A list of any disciplinary action taken against the applicant by the FSBPT or by a province of Canada or another state, including the date, the province or state, and an explanation of the circumstances surrounding the discipline.

(i) The applicant's signature.

(j) The date the applicant completed the form.

(3) An applicant that does not achieve a passing score on the Michigan Physical Therapist Jurisprudence Exam may retake the examination without limitation.

R 338.7135 Graduate of non-accredited postsecondary institution; physical therapist; examination; eligibility.

Rule 35. To ensure eligibility for examination, an applicant that graduated from a non-accredited physical therapist educational program shall provide the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department. To be eligible for the NPTE for physical therapists, an applicant shall provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying the completion of a physical therapist educational program that is substantially equivalent to an accredited physical therapist educational program that satisfies the standards under R 338.7131(1). Proof of having completed a substantially equivalent physical therapist educational program must include an evaluation of the applicant's non-accredited education through an evaluation that uses the current FSBPT Coursework Tool for Foreign Educated Physical Therapists.

R 338.7136 Licensure by endorsement of physical therapist; requirements.

Rule 36. (1) An applicant for a physical therapist license by endorsement shall satisfy the requirements of the code and the rules promulgated under the code, as well as all the following requirements:

(a) Provide the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department.

(b) Provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying a current and full physical therapist license in another state or in a province of Canada.

(c) If the applicant is licensed as a physical therapist in a province in Canada, provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying the completion of the educational requirements in Canada or in the United States for licensure as a physical therapist in Canada or in the United States.

(d) Provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying a passing score on either of the following examinations for a physical therapist license in another state or in a province of Canada:

(i) The NPTE for physical therapists required under R 338.7133(1).

(ii) The Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators Physiotherapy Competency Examination.

(e) Provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying a converted score of not less than 75 on the Michigan Physical Therapist Jurisprudence Exam approved under R 338.7133(2).

(2) An applicant that is or has been licensed, registered, or certified in a health profession or specialty by another state, the United States military, the federal government, or another country shall disclose that fact on the application form. The applicant shall satisfy the requirements of section 16174(2) of the code, MCL 333.16174, including verification from the issuing entity showing that disciplinary proceedings are not pending against the applicant and sanctions are not in force at the time of application. If licensure is granted and it is determined that sanctions have been imposed, the disciplinary subcommittee may impose appropriate sanctions under section 16174(5) of the code, MCL 333.16174.

R 338.7137 Requirements for relicensure; physical therapist.

Rule 37. (1) An applicant whose physical therapist license has lapsed may be relicensed within 3 years after the expiration date of the license under section 16201(3) of the code, MCL 333.16201, if the applicant satisfies the requirements of the code and the rules promulgated under the code, as well as all the following requirements:

(a) Provides the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department.

(b) Establishes good moral character as that term is defined in, and determined under, 1974 PA 381, MCL 338.41 to 338.47.

(c) Provides proof, as directed by the department, verifying a converted score of not less than 75 on the Michigan Physical Therapist Jurisprudence Exam approved under R 338.7133(2).

(d) Provides proof, as directed by the department, verifying either of the following:

(i) Accumulation of not less than 24 PDR credits that satisfy the requirements under R 338.7161 and R 338.7163 during the 2 years immediately before the date of the application for relicensure.

(ii) Employment as a licensed physical therapist in another jurisdiction recognized by FSBPT for a minimum of 500 hours during the 2-year period immediately before the date of application for relicensure.

(2) An applicant whose physical therapist license has lapsed may be relicensed more than 3 years after the expiration date of the license under section 16201(4) of the code, MCL 333.16201, if the applicant satisfies the requirements under the code and the rules promulgated under the code, as well as all the following requirements:

(a) Provides the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department.

(b) Establishes good moral character as that term is defined in, and determined under, 1974 PA 381, MCL 338.41 to 338.47.

(c) Provides fingerprints as required under section 16174(3) of the code, MCL 333.16174.

(d) Provides proof, as directed by the department, verifying a converted score of not less than 75 on the Michigan Physical Therapist Jurisprudence Exam approved under R 338.7133(2).

(e) Provides proof, as directed by the department, verifying either of the following:

(i) Employment as a licensed physical therapist in another jurisdiction recognized by FSBPT for a minimum of 500 hours during the 2-year period immediately before the date of application for relicensure.

(ii) A passing score on the examination adopted under R 338.7133(1) during the 2-year period immediately before the date of application for relicensure.

(3) An applicant that is or has been licensed, registered, or certified in a health profession or specialty by another state, the United States military, the federal government, or another country shall disclose that fact on the application form. The applicant shall satisfy the requirements of section 16174(2) of the code, MCL 333.16174, including verification from the issuing entity showing that disciplinary proceedings are not pending against the applicant and sanctions are not in force at the time of application. If licensure is granted and it is determined that sanctions have been imposed, the disciplinary subcommittee may impose appropriate sanctions under section 16174(5) of the code, MCL 333.16174.

R 338.7139 Delegation of acts, tasks, or functions to a licensed or unlicensed individual; direct supervision of a licensed or unlicensed individual; requirements.

Rule 39. (1) Under section 16215(6) of the code, MCL 333.16215, the requirements of this rule do not apply to a physical therapist who delegates to a physical therapist assistant if the physical therapist satisfies the requirements for delegation to a physical therapist assistant under R 338.7138.

(2) Except as provided under subrule (1) of this rule, a physical therapist who delegates the performance of selected acts, tasks, or functions to a licensed or unlicensed individual under section 16215 of the code, MCL 333.16215, shall supervise the individual under section 16109(2) of the code, MCL 333.16109, in addition to providing direct supervision of the individual.

(3) A physical therapist who delegates acts, tasks, or functions under subrule (2) of this rule shall also satisfy all the following:

(a) Ensure the qualifications of the individual under the physical therapist's direct supervision, including verification of the individual's training and education.

(b) Examine and evaluate the patient or client before delegating acts, tasks, or functions performed by the individual.

(c) Directly supervise the individual to whom acts, tasks, or functions are delegated.

(d) Provide predetermined procedures and protocols for acts, tasks, or functions delegated.

(e) Maintain a record of the names of the individuals to whom acts, tasks, or functions are delegated.

(f) Monitor the individual's practice and provision of assigned acts, tasks, or functions.

(g) Meet regularly and in-person with the individual to whom acts, tasks, or functions have been delegated to evaluate the individual's performance, review records, and educate the individual on the acts, tasks, or functions that have been delegated.

(4) A physical therapist shall not supervise more than 3 individuals under this rule at the same time.

(5) Under section 16171 of the code, MCL 333.16171, the requirements of subrule (3)(b) of this rule do not apply to a student enrolled in an accredited physical therapist or physical therapist assistant educational program approved by the board.

PART 4. PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS

R 338.7141 Program accreditation standards; physical therapist assistant; adoption of standards by reference.

Rule 41. (1) The standards and evaluative criteria for accreditation of physical therapist assistant educational programs set forth by CAPTE, 3030 Potomac Avenue, Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085, in the publication titled "PTA Standards and Required Elements," revised November 3, 2020, which are available at no cost on the commission's website at <https://www.capteonline.org>, are approved and adopted by reference. An educational program for physical therapist assistants accredited by CAPTE satisfies the qualifications for an approved physical therapist assistant educational program.

(2) Copies of the standards and evaluative criteria adopted by reference in subrule (1) of this rule are also available for inspection and distribution at a cost of 10 cents per page from the Board of Physical Therapy, Bureau of Professional Licensing, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, 611 West Ottawa, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

R 338.7142 Licensure by examination; physical therapist assistant; requirements.

Rule 42. (1) An applicant for a physical therapist assistant license by examination shall satisfy the requirements of the code and the rules promulgated under the code, as well as all the following requirements:

(a) Provide the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department.

(b) Provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying completion of 1 of the following:

(i) An accredited physical therapist assistant educational program that satisfies the standards under R 338.7141(1).

(ii) A substantially equivalent physical therapist assistant educational program under R 338.7147.

(c) Provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying a passing score on the examination adopted under R 338.7145(1).

(d) Provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying a converted score of not less than 75 on the Michigan Physical Therapist Assistant Jurisprudence Exam approved under R 338.7145(2).

(2) An applicant that graduated on or before January 1, 2008, from an accredited educational program that satisfies the standards under R 338.7141(1) is presumed to satisfy the requirements of this rule.

R 338.7145 Examinations; physical therapist assistant; adoption and approval; passing score.

Rule 45. (1) The NPTE for physical therapist assistants developed, administered, and scored by FSBPT is approved and adopted. The passing score recommended by FSBPT is approved and adopted.

(2) The Michigan Physical Therapist Assistant Jurisprudence Exam on laws and rules related to the practice of physical therapy in this state, administered by a third party approved by the department, is approved and adopted.

R 338.7146 Physical therapist assistant examination; eligibility.

Rule 46. (1) To be eligible for the NPTE for physical therapist assistants, an applicant shall satisfy 1 of the following requirements:

(a) Provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying the completion of an accredited physical therapist assistant educational program that satisfies the standards under R 338.7141(1).

(b) Satisfy the requirements under R 338.7147.

(c) Provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying current enrollment in the final semester, term, or quarter of an accredited physical therapist assistant educational program that satisfies the standards under R 338.7141(1) and the expected date of graduation.

(2) An applicant shall take the NPTE for physical therapist assistants consistent with the FSBPT testing standards. An applicant requesting an appeal of the 6-time lifetime limit policy or the 2 very low scores policy shall first satisfy all other licensing requirements and complete the following requirements before the board shall consider the request. The department shall reject a request to the board if the applicant does not provide all the following information in writing:

(a) A completed NPTE Appeal form, including the information under subdivisions (b) to (j) of this subrule.

(b) The candidate's name.

(c) Whether the request relates to the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant examination level.

(d) Whether the 6-time lifetime limit policy or the 2 very low scores policy is being appealed.

(e) The state where the applicant is seeking licensure.

(f) The reason for the appeal, including why the applicant believes the 6-time lifetime limit policy or the 2 very low scores policy should not apply to the applicant.

(g) A list of all physical therapist or physical therapist assistant examination level examinations taken by the applicant, including the date of the examinations, province or state where taken, and the scores on the examinations.

(h) A list of any disciplinary action taken against the applicant by the FSBPT or by a province of Canada or another state, including the date, the province or state, and an explanation of the circumstances surrounding the discipline.

(i) The applicant's signature.

(j) The date the applicant completed the form.

(3) An applicant that does not achieve a passing score on the Michigan Physical Therapist Assistant Jurisprudence Exam may retake the examination without limitation.

R 338.7147 Graduate of non-accredited postsecondary institution; physical therapist assistant; examination; eligibility.

Rule 47. To ensure eligibility for examination, an applicant that graduated from a United States military or non-accredited physical therapist assistant educational program

shall provide the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department. To be eligible for the NPTE for physical therapist assistants, an applicant shall provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying the completion of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant educational program that is substantially equivalent to an accredited physical therapist assistant educational program that satisfies the standards under R 338.7141(1). Proof of having completed a substantially equivalent physical therapist assistant educational program must include an evaluation of the applicant's non-accredited education through an evaluation that uses the current FSBPT Coursework Tool for Foreign Educated Physical Therapist Assistants.

R 338.7148 Licensure by endorsement of physical therapist assistant; requirements.

Rule 48. (1) An applicant for a physical therapist assistant license by endorsement shall satisfy the requirements of the code and the rules promulgated under the code, as well as all the following requirements:

(a) Provide the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department.

(b) Provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying a current and full physical therapist assistant license in another state or in a province of Canada.

(c) Provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying the completion of the educational requirements in Canada or in the United States for licensure as a physical therapist assistant in Canada or in the United States if the applicant is licensed as a physical therapist assistant in a province in Canada.

(d) Provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying a passing score on the NPTE for physical therapist assistants required under R 338.7145(1) for a physical therapist assistant license in another state or in a province of Canada.

(e) Provide proof, as directed by the department, verifying a converted score of not less than 75 on the Michigan Physical Therapist Assistant Jurisprudence Exam approved under R 338.7145(2).

(2) An applicant that is or has been licensed, registered, or certified in a health profession or specialty by another state, the United States military, the federal government, or another country shall disclose that fact on the application form. The applicant shall satisfy the requirements of section 16174(2) of the code, MCL 333.16174, including verification from the issuing entity showing that disciplinary proceedings are not pending against the applicant and sanctions are not in force at the time of application. If licensure is granted and it is determined that sanctions have been imposed, the disciplinary subcommittee may impose appropriate sanctions under section 16174(5) of the code, MCL 333.16174.

R 338.7149 Requirements for relicensure; physical therapist assistant.

Rule 49. (1) An applicant whose physical therapist assistant license has lapsed may be relicensed within 3 years after the expiration date of the license under section 16201(3) of the code, MCL 333.16201, if the applicant satisfies the requirements of the code and the rules promulgated under the code, as well as all the following requirements:

(a) Provides the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department.

(b) Establishes good moral character as that term is defined in, and determined under, 1974 PA 381, MCL 338.41 to 338.47.

(c) Provides proof, as directed by the department, verifying a converted score of not less than 75 on the Michigan Physical Therapist Assistant Jurisprudence Exam approved under R 338.7145(2).

(d) Provides proof, as directed by the department, verifying either of the following:

(i) Accumulation of not less than 24 PDR credits that satisfies the requirements under R 338.7161 and R 338.7163 during the 2 years immediately before the date of the application for relicensure.

(ii) Employment as a licensed physical therapist assistant in another jurisdiction recognized by FSBPT for a minimum of 500 hours during the 2-year period immediately before the date of application for relicensure.

(2) An applicant whose physical therapist assistant license has lapsed may be relicensed more than 3 years after the expiration date of the license under section 16201(4) of the code, MCL 333.16201, if the applicant satisfies the requirements under the code and the rules promulgated under the code, as well as all the following requirements:

(a) Provides the required fee and a completed application on a form provided by the department.

(b) Establishes good moral character as that term is defined in, and determined under, 1974 PA 381, MCL 338.41 to 338.47.

(c) Provides fingerprints as required under section 16174(3) of the code, MCL 333.16174.

(d) Provides proof, as directed by the department, verifying a converted score of not less than 75 on the Michigan Physical Therapist Assistant Jurisprudence Exam approved under R 338.7145(2).

(e) Provides proof, as directed by the department, verifying either of the following:

(i) Employment as a licensed physical therapist assistant in another jurisdiction recognized by FSBPT for a minimum of 500 hours during the 2-year period immediately before the date of application for relicensure.

(ii) A passing score on the examination adopted under R 338.7145(1) during the 2-year period immediately before the date of application for relicensure.

(3) An applicant that is or has been licensed, registered, or certified in a health profession or specialty by another state, the United States military, the federal government, or another country shall disclose that fact on the application form. The applicant shall satisfy the requirements of section 16174(2) of the code, MCL 333.16174, including verification from the issuing entity showing that disciplinary proceedings are not pending against the applicant and sanctions are not in force at the time of application. If licensure is granted and it is determined that sanctions have been imposed, the disciplinary subcommittee may impose appropriate sanctions under section 16174(5) of the code, MCL 333.16174.

PART 5. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS

R 338.7161 License renewals; requirements; applicability.

Rule 61. (1) An applicant for renewal shall satisfy the requirements of the code and the rules promulgated under the code.

(2) An applicant for license renewal who has been licensed in the 2-year period immediately before the expiration date of the license shall accumulate not less than 24 PDR credits in activities approved under these rules during the 2 years immediately before the expiration date of the license.

(3) Submission of an application for renewal constitutes the applicant's certification of compliance with the requirements of this rule. A licensee shall keep documentation of satisfying the requirements of this rule for 4 years after the date of applying for license renewal. Failure to satisfy this rule is a violation of section 16221(h) of the code, MCL 333.16221.

(4) The requirements of this rule do not apply to a licensee during the initial licensure cycle.

(5) The PDRs satisfy the PDRs under section 17823 of the code, MCL 333.17823.

(6) The department shall receive a request for a waiver of PDRs for the board's consideration not less than 30 days before the last regularly scheduled board meeting before the expiration date of the license.

R 338.7163 Acceptable PDR activities; requirements; limitations.

Rule 63. (1) The 24 PDR credits required under R 338.7161(2) for the renewal of a license must satisfy the following requirements, as applicable:

(a) No more than 12 PDR credits are allowed for approved online continuing education programs or activities completed in one 24-hour period.

(b) A licensee shall not earn PDR credit for a continuing education program or activity that is equivalent or substantially equivalent to a program or activity for which the licensee has already earned credit during that renewal period.

(c) Under section 16204(2) of the code, MCL 333.16204, a licensee shall earn at least 1 PDR credit in pain and symptom management by completing a continuing education program or activity. Credits in pain and symptom management may include, but are not limited to, courses in behavior management, psychology of pain, pharmacology, behavior modification, stress management, clinical applications, and drug interventions as they relate to the practice of physical therapy.

(2) The standards for recognition of accrediting organizations developed and adopted by the Council for Higher Education (CHEA), One Dupont Circle NW, Suite 510, Washington, D.C. 20036, in the publication titled "CHEA Standards and Procedures for Recognition," effective October 4, 2021, which are available at no cost on the council's website at <https://www.chea.org>, are approved and adopted by reference. If a higher education institution is accredited by the accrediting body of the region in which the institution is located and the accrediting body satisfies the recognition standards of CHEA, then the institution is approved. Copies of the standards and criteria approved and adopted by reference in this subrule are available for inspection and distribution at a cost of 10 cents per page from the Board of Physical Therapy, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Professional Licensing, 611 W. Ottawa Street, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

(3) The criteria for recognition and the process for the secretary's recognition of accrediting agencies of the United States Department of Education, Office of

Postsecondary Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20202, in 34 CFR 602.10 to 602.39, effective July 1, 2020, which are available at no cost on the department’s website at <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/index.html>, are approved and adopted by reference. If a higher education institution is accredited by the accrediting body of the region in which the institution is located and the accrediting body satisfies the recognition criteria and process of the United States Department of Education, then the institution is approved. Copies of the standards and criteria approved and adopted by reference in this subrule are available for inspection and distribution at a cost of 10 cents per page from the Board of Physical Therapy, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Professional Licensing, 611 W. Ottawa Street, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

(4) Any of the following are considered acceptable PDR activities:

Activity Code	Activity	Number of PDR credits earned for activity
(a)	<p>Completing an approved continuing education program or activity related to the practice of physical therapy or any non-clinical subject relevant to the practice of physical therapy. A continuing education program or activity is approved, regardless of the format in which it is offered, if it is approved or offered for continuing education credit by any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another state board of physical therapy. • Another board or task force regulated under article 15 of the code, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838. • FSBPT. • The APTA or its components. APTA components include the APTA Michigan and other APTA Chapters, APTA Sections, and APTA Academies. • An accredited physical therapist educational program that satisfies the standards under R 338.7131. • An accredited physical therapist assistant educational program that satisfies the standards under R 338.7141. <p>If audited, a licensee shall provide a copy of a letter or certificate of completion showing the licensee’s name, number of credits earned, sponsor name or the name of the organization that approved the program or activity for</p>	<p>The number of credits approved by the sponsor or the approving organization are granted.</p> <p>When the sponsor or approving organization calculates credit at a rate of 0.1 credit for every 50 to 60 minutes of continuous instruction, then 0.1 credit equals 1 PDR credit.</p> <p>A maximum of 20 PDR credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>

	continuing education credit, and the date or dates the program was held or activity completed.	
(b)	<p>Passing a postgraduate academic course related to the practice of physical therapy offered by either of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An accredited physical therapist educational program that satisfies the standards under R 338.7131. • A nationally accredited university or college that satisfies the standards in subrule (2) or (3) of this rule. <p>If audited, a licensee shall provide a copy of the transcript showing credit hours of the academic courses related to physical therapy.</p>	<p>Fifteen PDR credits are granted for each semester credit earned and 10 PDR credits are granted for each quarter or term credit earned.</p> <p>A maximum of 20 PDR credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
(c)	<p>Reading an article related to the practice of physical therapy in a professional or scientific journal.</p> <p>This activity does not include articles approved for PDR credit under activity code 1.</p> <p>To receive credit, a licensee shall successfully complete an evaluation that was provided with the article or the general response form provided by the department as an evaluative component for this activity.</p> <p>If audited, a licensee shall provide documentation from the professional or scientific journal or a copy of the completed general response form to verify that the licensee completed an evaluation.</p>	<p>One PDR credit is granted for each article.</p> <p>A maximum of 6 PDR credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
(d)	<p>Viewing or listening to media devoted to professional education related to the practice of physical therapy, other than online programs not approved or offered for continuing education credit.</p> <p>To receive credit, a licensee shall successfully complete an evaluation that was provided with the educational media or the general response form provided by the department as an evaluative component for this activity.</p>	<p>One half of 1 PDR credit is granted for every 30 minutes of continuous instruction.</p> <p>A maximum of 6 PDR credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>

	<p>If audited, a licensee shall provide a copy of the completed evaluation or completed general response form to verify that the licensee completed an evaluation, and identify the title of the media, the name of the publisher of the media, the date the media was published or copyrighted, and the length of the media.</p>	
(e)	<p>Presenting a continuing education program related to the practice of physical therapy.</p> <p>To receive credit, the presentation must be approved or offered for continuing education credit by any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another state board of physical therapy. • Another board or task force regulated under article 15 of the code, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838. • FSBPT. • APTA or its components. APTA components include the APTA Michigan and other APTA Chapters, APTA Sections and APTA Academies. • An accredited physical therapist educational program that satisfies the standards under R 338.7131. • An accredited physical therapist assistant educational program that satisfies the standards under R 338.7141. <p>If audited, a licensee shall provide a letter from the program sponsor confirming the licensee as the presenter and the presentation date and time, or a copy of the presentation notice or advertisement showing the date of the presentation, the licensee's name listed as a presenter, and the name of the organization that approved or offered the presentation for continuing education credit.</p>	<p>Two PDR credits are granted for every 50 minutes of continuous instruction. A presentation may not be less than 50 minutes in length.</p> <p>A maximum of 12 PDR credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
(f)	<p>Presenting a scientific exhibit or scientific paper accepted for presentation through a peer-review process at a state, regional, national, or international physical therapy conference, or its components, or a related professional organization.</p>	<p>Two PDR credits are granted for every 50 minutes of continuous instruction.</p>

	<p>If audited, a licensee shall provide a copy of the document presented with proof of presentation or a letter from the program sponsor verifying the exhibit or paper was accepted for presentation through a peer-review process and the date of the presentation.</p>	<p>A maximum of 12 PDR credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
(g)	<p>Authoring an article related to the practice, education, or research of physical therapy published in any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The journal of a national physical therapy association or its components. • A peer-reviewed journal. • A healthcare journal. • A professional or scientific journal. <p>If audited, a licensee shall provide a copy of the publication that shows the licensee as the author of the article or a publication acceptance letter.</p>	<p>Six PDR credits are granted for each article.</p> <p>A maximum of 12 PDR credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
(h)	<p>Writing a chapter related to the practice, education, or research of physical therapy published in a book.</p> <p>If audited, a licensee shall provide a copy of the publication that shows the licensee as the author of the chapter or a publication acceptance letter.</p>	<p>Six PDR credits are granted for each chapter.</p> <p>A maximum of 12 PDR credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
(i)	<p>Successfully completing 1 of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS) certification examination. • An ABPTS recertification examination. • The APTA's PTA Advanced Proficiency Pathways Program. <p>If audited, a licensee shall provide proof of certification or recertification.</p>	<p>Twenty-three PDR credits are granted for each successful completion.</p> <p>A maximum of 23 PDR credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
(j)	<p>Participating as a student for a minimum of 1,000 hours in any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A postgraduate clinical training program related to the practice of physical therapy provided through or recognized by an accredited physical therapist educational program that 	<p>Twelve PDR credits are granted for 1,000 hours of participation.</p> <p>A maximum of 12 PDR credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>

	<p>satisfies the standards under R 338.7131.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A postgraduate clinical training program related to the practice of physical therapy provided through or recognized by an accredited physical therapist assistant educational program that satisfies the standards under R 338.7141. • A postgraduate clinical training program related to the practice of physical therapy offered through a healthcare organization accredited by an organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. • A postgraduate clinical training program related to the practice of physical therapy accredited or credentialed by the APTA or an organization approved by the board. <p>If audited, a licensee shall provide a letter from the program director verifying the number of hours the licensee participated in the clinical training program and that the program was provided, offered, or accredited by an educational program or organization that satisfies the requirements of this rule.</p>	
(k)	<p>Participation in a healthcare organization committee, physical therapy or physical therapy assistant educational program, or task force dealing with patient care related issues, which may include physical therapy education, research, or practice or quality of patient care and utilization review.</p> <p>If audited, a licensee shall provide a letter from an appropriate official representing the committee, educational program, or task force verifying that the committee, educational program, or task force dealt with patient care related issues, which may include physical therapy education, research, or practice or quality of patient care and utilization review. The letter must also include the dates and the</p>	<p>One PDR credit is granted for every 50 minutes of participation.</p> <p>A maximum of 6 PDR credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>

	amount of time the licensee took part on each date.	
(l)	<p>Serving as a guest instructor of students, staff, or other licensees at any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A clinical training program related to the practice of physical therapy provided through or recognized by an accredited or developing physical therapist educational program that satisfies the standards under R 338.7131. • A clinical training program related to the practice of physical therapy provided through or recognized by an accredited or developing physical therapist assistant educational program that satisfies the standards under R 338.7141. • A clinical training program related to the practice of physical therapy offered through a healthcare organization accredited by an organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. • A clinical training program related to the practice of physical therapy accredited or credentialed by APTA or an organization approved by the board. <p>If audited, a licensee shall provide a letter from the program director verifying the licensee's role, the number of instructional sessions on specific subjects provided by the licensee, and the length of the instructional sessions. Also, the letter must verify that the clinical training program provided, offered, or accredited by an educational program or organization satisfies the requirements of this rule.</p>	<p>Two PDR credits are granted for every 50 minutes of continuous instruction.</p> <p>A maximum of 12 PDR credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
(m)	<p>Serving as a clinical instructor or clinical supervisor for students completing an internship, residency, or fellowship program that recognized or approved by any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An accredited or developing educational program for physical 	<p>Three PDR credits are granted for 40 hours of clinical instruction or supervision.</p> <p>A maximum of 12 PDR credits may be earned for</p>

	<p>therapists that satisfies the standards under R 338.7131.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An accredited or developing educational program for physical therapist assistants that satisfies the standards under R 338.7141. • APTA or an organization approved by the board. <p>If audited, a licensee shall provide a letter from the educational program or clinical agency director verifying the licensee's role, the number of hours of instruction or supervision provided by the licensee, and that the internship, residency, or fellowship program is recognized or approved by an educational program or organization that satisfies the requirements of this rule.</p>	<p>this activity in each renewal period.</p>
(n)	<p>Identifying, researching, and addressing an event or issue related to professional practice.</p> <p>If audited, a licensee shall provide a completed experiential activity form provided by the department for each issue or event.</p>	<p>One PDR credit is granted for each separate event or issue.</p> <p>A maximum of 6 PDR credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
(o)	<p>Participating on an international, national, regional, state, state component, or local task force, committee, board, council, or association related to the field of physical therapy that is considered acceptable by the board. A task force, committee, board, council, or association is acceptable if it enhances the participant's knowledge and understanding of the field of physical therapy.</p> <p>If audited, a licensee shall provide documentation verifying the licensee's participation in not less than 50% of the regularly scheduled meetings of the task force, committee, board, council, or association.</p>	<p>Four PDR credits are granted for participation on each task force, committee, board, council, or association.</p> <p>A maximum of 12 PDR credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
(p)	<p>Participating as a surveyor for an external agency in a program involving the accreditation, certification, or inspection of an educational program for physical therapists or</p>	<p>One PDR credit is granted for every 50 minutes of participation.</p>

	<p>physical therapist assistants or a certification process for a clinical agency.</p> <p>If audited, a licensee shall provide a letter from the accreditation, certification, or inspection program verifying the licensee's participation, the location of the inspections, and the number of hours the licensee spent participating as a surveyor.</p>	<p>A maximum of 12 PDR credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
(q)	<p>Performing volunteer work related to the field of physical therapy without reimbursement.</p> <p>If audited, a licensee shall provide a letter from an official other than the licensee verifying the number of hours and the type of volunteer work performed by the licensee.</p>	<p>One PDR credit is granted for every 50 minutes of volunteer work performed.</p> <p>A maximum of 6 PDR credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
(r)	<p>Serving as a center or site coordinator of clinical education at an agency that provides clinical internships for students enrolled in programs that are recognized or approved by either of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An accredited or developing educational program for physical therapists that satisfies the standards under R 338.7131. • An accredited or developing educational program for physical therapist assistants that satisfies the standards under R 338.7141. <p>If audited, a licensee shall provide a letter from the educational program or clinical agency director verifying the licensee's role and that students were placed and participated in the internship program during the time for which the licensee is claiming PDR credit.</p>	<p>Two PDR credits are granted per year of serving as the coordinator.</p> <p>A maximum of 4 PDR credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>
(s)	<p>Completing a self-review tool developed by FSBPT.</p> <p>To receive credit, a licensee shall provide documentation from FSBPT verifying completion of the self-review tool.</p>	<p>Three PDR credits are granted for each completion.</p> <p>A maximum of 3 PDR credits may be earned for this activity in each renewal period.</p>

