

Ohio OTPTAT Board
Physical Therapist/Physical Therapist Assistant
Examination Application Instructions

The **examination application** applies to any individual:

- (1) Seeking approval to sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) **OR**
- (2) Who passed the NPTE under the approval of another state physical therapy regulatory entity but were never issued a license to practice physical therapy in the state that approved the individual to sit for the NPTE.

Applicants are not eligible to apply for a license by exam if the applicant has or will receive a license in another state. If a state does not plan to issue a license to the applicant after successful passage of the NPTE, the applicant must furnish proof of that fact to the Board before the applicant will be considered for a License by Examination.

TO APPLY

Applicants are required to electronically upload documents to apply for licensure.

Some documents are required to be sent directly to the Ohio OTPTAT Board, such as background checks, school transcripts and test results.

The application fee is non-refundable and must be paid by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover) or electronic check.

Failure to supply required information may result in denial of the application.

If your application remains incomplete for one year from the date it is received, your file will be closed.

Providing your Social Security Number for licensure is required by state & federal law.

AFTER YOU APPLY

Once the application is received and payment is made, you will receive an email confirming the application has been received and a payment receipt. The OTPTAT licensure staff will then review the application and the license will be issued within 3-5 business days.

To contact the Ohio OTPTAT Board, please visit: <http://otptat.ohio.gov/ContactUs.aspx>

PT/ PTA EXAMINATION APPLICATION CHECKLIST

(Use this checklist to help complete the examination application requirements for Ohio)

All forms are available on the Board's website <https://otptat.ohio.gov>

Document	Documents required for application submission	You request, other agency/source provides documentation. Upload the completed form to the online application where indicate.
Non-refundable application fee of \$100.00. Pay fee with online application. Acceptable forms of payment are: Master Card, Visa, Discover, or Electronic Check.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Criminal records check. Please review the <i>BCI/FBI Criminal Records Check Instructions</i> document on the Board's website for additional information. Please note that if your license is not issued within 6 months of the date the Board receives the criminal records check results, you will be required to submit new criminal records checks.		<input type="checkbox"/> BCI submits directly to Board
Certification of Applicant for Online Applications. This form must be notarized. Applicant will upload completed form with online application. Applicant does not need to mail in uploaded form.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Photograph. Please staple a 2 x 2 inch passport photograph of your full face, front-view, with a plain white or off-white background taken within the six month period immediately preceding the date of your application. Please review the <i>Passport Photograph Guidelines</i> document on the Board's website for additional information.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
NPTE Registration. You are required to register with the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) to sit for the NPTE. You will submit your examination fee directly to the FSBPT. The Board cannot make you eligible to sit for the NPTE until <i>after</i> you register to sit for the NPTE.		<input type="checkbox"/> Register with the FSBPT at https://pt.fsbpt.net/ExamRegistration
Ohio Jurisprudence Exam Registration. You are required to register with the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) to sit for the Ohio Jurisprudence Exam. You will submit your examination fee directly to the FSBPT. The Board cannot make you eligible to sit for the Ohio Jurisprudence Exam until <i>after</i> you register to sit for the exam. Do not register for this exam until you are within one month of completion of your entry level PT/PTA program.		<input type="checkbox"/> Register with the FSBPT at https://pt.fsbpt.net/ExamRegistration
Entry-Level Education Pre-Completion Form. If you want to be made eligible to sit for the NPTE prior to your program completion date, have your program director complete this form. The academic program will return completed form to the applicant. The applicant is required to upload the completed form with online application.	<input type="checkbox"/>	School mails directly to Applicant. Applicant will upload completed form with online application.
Certification of Entry-Level Education. Upon program completion, applicant will submit form to the academic program. The academic program will return completed form to the applicant. The applicant is required to upload the completed form with online application.	<input type="checkbox"/>	School mails directly to Applicant. Applicant will upload completed form with online application.
Verification of Licensure. You must provide an official verification from any jurisdiction in which you hold or have ever held a license, certification, or registration to practice physical therapy or another health care profession. Jurisdiction means any state, U.S. territory, or foreign country. Upload the completed form with online application. If submitting verifications from multiple states, please scan all verifications into one pdf document, then upload one attachment to the online application.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jurisdiction provides and mails directly to Applicant. Applicant will upload completed form with online application.
Testing Accommodation Requests. Please download and submit the <i>Testing Accommodations Request Form</i> from the Board's website if you qualify for testing accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act for the NPTE or the Ohio Jurisprudence Examination. Upload the completed form and all supporting documenting as one pdf file to the online application.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Non-U.S. Educated Applicants for Licensure. Please review the <i>Guidelines for Non-U.S. Educated Applicants for Physical Therapy Licensure</i> document on the Board's website for information about the additional application requirements for Non-U.S. educated applicants.		<input type="checkbox"/> Forms must be submitted directly to the Board
Applicants with Felony Convictions. Please review the <i>Requirements for Applicants with Felony Convictions</i> document on the Board's website for information about information that should be submitted to expedite the processing of your application. Upload documentation to the online application.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Instruction for Retaking the NPTE. Please review the <i>Instructions for Retaking the NPTE</i> document on the Board's website for information about submitting an application to retake the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE).	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Link to Online Application: https://elicense.ohio.gov		