BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY RENEWAL GUIDE

Instructions to Renew:
Renewals are available approximately 60 days prior to the license expiration date. You will receive an email notification when your renewal is available.

PHYSICAL THERAPIST – License Expiration December 31, 2026
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT – License Expiration December 31, 2026
PT ASSISTANT-INDIRECT SUPERVISION – License Expiration December 31, 2026
DIRECT ACCESS AUTHORIZATION – License Expiration December 31, 2026

DIRECT ACCESS AUTHORIZATION CANNOT BE RENEWED UNLESS PHYSICAL THERAPIST LICENSE IS RENEWED FIRST

HELPFUL INFORMATION

▲ Licensees can visit the Support Tab to Contact the Board or for answers to Frequently asked Questions by clicking on *Support* located in the blue bar on the PALS website.

▲ For continuing education requirements, review the regulations at section §40.63, 40.67 & 40.192 found on the board's website at www.dos.pa.gov/physther.

▲ A list of Board Approved Continuing Education Programs can be found on the board's website under renewal information.

▲ Continuing Education credits must be completed within the biennial period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026.

▲ Professional Liability Insurance requirement for Physical Therapists and Physical Therapists with Direct Access Authorization is one million dollars per occurrence or claim and three million dollars per annual aggregate

▲ The list of approved Act 31 Mandated Child Abuse Reporter Training Continuing Education Providers can be found here. Do not upload your certificate of completion to your online application. Verification of course completion must be received electronically from the course provider.

▲ Licensees who have been issued an initial license during the current biennium (January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026) will be exempt from the 30-hour continuing education requirement for licensure renewal in December 2026, with the exception of the 2 hours of Act 31 Mandated Child Abuse Reporter Training (**all licensees** must complete at least 2 hours of child abuse recognition and reporting training from an approved provider). You may not use the same course you used for initial licensure.

REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL

Physical Therapist

- Renewal fee: $90
- If you are actively practicing physical therapy in Pennsylvania, professional liability insurance is required.
- 30 contact hours:
  - ✓ 2 hours must be in law and/or ethics pertaining to physical therapy practice
  - ✓ 2 hours of Act 31 Mandated Child Abuse Reporter Training from an approved provider.

Direct Access Authorization

- Renewal fee: $45
- Renewal of your Physical Therapist license
- 10 hours of continuing education in evaluative procedures, which may be applied to the total 30 hours required for your physical therapist license

Physical Therapist and PT Assistant-Indirect Supervision

- Renewal fee: $45
- 30 contact hours:
  - ✓ 2 hours must be in law and/or ethics pertaining to physical therapy practice
  - ✓ 4 hours must be in recognizing & responding to emergency health conditions, which can be met by CPR certification/recertification through a preapproved provider such as the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, or the American Safety & Health Institute
  - ✓ 2 hours of Act 31 Mandated Child Abuse Reporter Training from an approved provider.