



# Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy

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## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT

<b>Physical Therapist</b>	<b>\$160.00</b>
<b>Physical Therapist Assistant</b>	<b>\$110.00</b>
<b>Jurisprudence Exam</b> <i>(JE is paid at time of exam)</i>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>Background Check</b> <i>(To be included in BGC &amp; FP return packet)</i>	<b>\$ 38.25</b>

### EDUCATION

Applicants for licensure as Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants must have graduated from a school of physical therapy approved by a national accrediting body recognized by the Board.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. **Application for Licensure** as a *Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant in Arkansas* with all sections completed by applicant, including current photograph embossed with an official notary seal or stamp, **a non-refundable application fee payable to ARPTB**. Personal checks, Cashier's Check or Money Orders are accepted for the application fee. A charge will be imposed for checks returned for insufficient funds.
2. **Certificate of completion of jurisprudence exam**. Log on to [www.arptb.org](http://www.arptb.org) to take the exam. Download the Practice Act and Rules and Regulations prior to taking the exam. Both will be referenced during the exam. Passing score is 70%. You may print a certificate for your records. ARPTB will print the certificate for your file.
3. **Official transcript** with registrar's seal, **including physical therapy degree and date of graduation**, must be mailed directly to ARPTB from the school before a permanent license is issued. ARPTB may also accept an electronic transcript **ONLY** if it is transmitted directly from the school through a *Secure Electronic PDF Transcript Delivery Service*. If an original transcript is provided to a credentialing agency for evaluation of education, a copy of the transcript is acceptable **only** from that agency in lieu of one transmitted from the school. Transcripts sent by any other means are not acceptable.
4. **Passing score** on a national physical therapy examination approved by the Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy. Contact the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Score Transfer Service at 703-739-9420 or [www.fsbpt.org](http://www.fsbpt.org).
5. **Official verification** of all current and/or all previously issued licenses to practice physical therapy. The candidate is responsible for requesting that each state in which they hold a license or has ever held a license send a verification of their license directly to the Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy, unless the state offers a Primary Source Verification on their website. The verification must include license number, date issued, current status of license, dates and reasons for disciplinary actions if any, and the official seal of the state licensing board.

6. **Background Check.** ArAC §17-39-303(b) & §17-39-304(b) requires all applicants for Physical Therapy and Physical Therapy Assistant to apply to the Identification Bureau of the Arkansas State Police for state and national criminal background checks prior to being issued licensure. A valid application for licensure must be on file prior to Background checks being processed. No Applicant will be issued licensure until the results of the criminal background check are received. Please note that it may take 2-6 weeks for the Board to receive the results.  
*Once a completed application & application fee have been received, ARPTB will send a BGC & FP Packet containing detailed instructions for your Background Check and Fingerprint Card.*
7. **English Language Proficiency Tests.** If the applicant is non-USA trained, proof of proficiency in the English language, both written and spoken, is required. Passing scores are required as follows: Reading - 21, Listening - 18, Speaking - 26, Writing - 24, Total - 89. Exam arrangements can be made with: TOEFL/TSE Services, P.O. Box 6151, Princeton, NJ 08541-6151, USA, Telephone: (609) 771-7100. The TOEFL code number for AR is 9862. Enter this code on the answer sheet and/or the score report request form. **Scores must be mailed directly to ARPTB from Educational Testing Service. Photocopies of score reports are not acceptable.**
8. **Educational Evaluation.** Applicants who are not graduates of a CAPTE-accredited program must submit an original evaluation done specifically for Arkansas by a Board approved agency.

### **BOARD APPROVED CREDENTIALING AGENCIES**

#### **Foreign Credentialing Commission on PT**

124 West Street S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
Phone: (703) 684-8562  
Fax: (703) 684-8715

#### **International Consultants of Delaware, Inc.**

3600 Market St., Ste. 450  
Philadelphia, PA 19104-2651  
Phone: 215-222-8454 Ext. 603  
Fax: (727) 549-9554

#### **International Educational Research Foundation, Inc.**

P. O. Box 3665  
Culver City, CA 90231  
Phone: (310) 258-9451  
Fax: (310) 342-7086



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Office Use Only

Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Licensure:**  Physical Therapist  Physical Therapist Assistant

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ANSWERS TO ALL QUESTIONS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip) (County)

Maiden/Former Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ City & State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Method of Correspondence:  Email  Mail *Preferred correspondence is the method the board office will contact you during the application process and when you are licensed. When licensure is issued correspondence includes, but is not limited to, newsletters and renewal forms. Scores will not be emailed.*

**Ethnic/Race Information:**  American Indian or Alaska Native  Black or African American  Hispanic/Latino  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  White/Caucasian

**EDUCATION**

List all colleges, physical therapy schools and universities attended in descending order beginning with the highest level of education.

Institution and Locations <i>(Include city and state)</i>	Dates Attended <i>(Include month and year)</i>		Major	Degree
	From	To		
	From	To		
	From	To		
	From	To		

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

List all states/countries where you are currently licensed or have ever held licensure, registration or certification to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant. \_\_\_\_\_

*Verification of licensure must be sent directly from each state agency where licensed. This includes expired licenses. If you do not have a license in another state, you will need to complete the application for licensure by exam.*

How many times have you taken the physical therapist/physical therapist assistant national examination? \_\_\_\_\_  
(This includes PES or ASI examinations taken anywhere in the United States, not just Arkansas.)

Indicate dates and locations: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current resident of the United States?  Yes  No If yes, indicate home state. \_\_\_\_\_



**FBI Information – Please legibly print each answer**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_  
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Non-US Citizen: YES NO Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**The Following Information is required in order to perform a Federal Background Check**

Eye Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Home Address: City Rural

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Aliases / Former Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License State: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ swear/affirm that the contents of this page are true.

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_

## NONCRIMINAL JUSTICE APPLICANT'S PRIVACY RIGHTS

As an applicant who is the subject of a national fingerprint-based criminal history record check for a noncriminal justice purpose (such as an application for employment or a license, an immigration or naturalization matter, security clearance, or adoption), you have certain rights which are discussed below.

- You must be provided written notification<sup>1</sup> that your fingerprints will be used to check the criminal history records of the FBI.
- You must be provided, and acknowledge receipt of, an adequate Privacy Act Statement when you submit your fingerprints and associated personal information. This Privacy Act Statement should explain the authority for collecting your information and how your information will be used, retained, and shared.<sup>2</sup>
- If you have a criminal history record, the officials making a determination of your suitability for the employment, license, or other benefit must provide you the opportunity to complete or challenge the accuracy of the information in the record.
- The officials must advise you that the procedures for obtaining a change, correction, or update of your criminal history record are set forth at Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 16.34.
- If you have a criminal history record, you should be afforded a reasonable amount of time to correct or complete the record (or decline to do so) before the officials deny you the employment, license, or other benefit based on information in the criminal history record.<sup>3</sup>

You have the right to expect that officials receiving the results of the criminal history record check will use it only for authorized purposes and will not retain or disseminate it in violation of federal statute, regulation or executive order, or rule, procedure or standard established by the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council.<sup>4</sup>

If agency policy permits, the officials may provide you with a copy of your FBI criminal history record for review and possible challenge. If agency policy does not permit it to provide you a copy of the record, you may obtain a copy of the record by submitting fingerprints and a fee to the FBI. Information regarding this process may be obtained at <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/identity-history-synnart-checks>.

If you decide to challenge the accuracy or completeness of your FBI criminal history record, you should send your challenge to the agency that contributed the questioned information to the FBI. Alternatively, you may send your challenge directly to the FBI. The FBI will then forward your challenge to the agency that contributed the questioned information and request the agency to verify or correct the challenged entry. Upon receipt of an official communication from that agency, the FBI will make any necessary changes/corrections to your record in accordance with the information supplied by that agency. (See 28 CFR 16.30 through 16.34.)

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<sup>1</sup> Written notification includes electronic notification, but excludes oral notification.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/compact-council/privacy-act-statement>

<sup>3</sup> See 28 CFR 50.12(b)

<sup>4</sup> See 5 U.S.C. 552a(b); 28 U.S.C. 534(b); 34 U.S.C. § 4031 (formerly cited as 42 U.S.C. §14616), Article IV9c); 28 CFR 20.21(c), 20.33(d) and 906.2(d)