

327.050 Licensing provisions. (Effective July 15, 2026)

- (1) Before the board may issue a license to a physical therapist applicant or a physical therapist assistant applicant, the applicant shall have successfully completed an accredited program in physical therapy approved by the board. No school shall be approved by the board unless it has been approved for the educational preparation of physical therapists or physical therapist assistants by the recognized national accrediting agency for physical therapy educational programs.
- (2) Any person who possesses the qualifications required by this chapter and who desires to apply for licensure as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant in Kentucky shall make written application to the board, on forms to be provided by the board. The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee in an amount to be determined by the board.
- (3) If it appears from the application that the applicant possesses the qualifications required by this chapter and has not yet successfully completed the board-approved examination, the applicant shall be allowed to sit for the examination and tested in the subjects the board may determine to be necessary.
- (4) Examinations shall be held within the state at least once a year at the time and place as the board shall determine.
- (5) An applicant who is admitted to the examination or an applicant who has submitted satisfactory evidence that the applicant has been accepted as a candidate for licensure by examination in a state which offers an examination approved by the board may be granted a provisional license which shall be valid until the applicant's examination is graded and the applicant is notified by the board of the applicant's score. The board may summarily withdraw a provisional license upon determination that the person has made any false statement to the board on the application, or the person fails to pass an examination approved by the board.
- (6) An applicant who receives a passing score as determined by the board and who meets the other qualifications required by this chapter shall be licensed as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant.
- (7) An applicant who fails to receive a passing score on the examination shall not be licensed, but the board may, by administrative regulation, permit applicants to take the examination more than once.
- (8) All licenses shall be renewed biennially upon payment on or before March 31 of each odd-numbered year of a renewal fee in an amount to be promulgated by the board by administrative regulations.
- (9) Licenses which are not renewed by March 31 of each odd-numbered year shall lapse.

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sec. 5, effective July 15, 1980. -- Amended 1978 Ky. Acts ch. 313, sec. 6, effective June 17, 1978. -- Amended 1970 Ky. Acts ch. 115, sec. 5. -- Created 1958 Ky. Acts ch. 27, sec. 5, effective June 19, 1958.