

Board of Physical Therapy



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BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2013

The 2013 Board Meetings will be held at 227 French Landing, Heritage Place, Metro Center, Nashville, TN, 37243 Room on the Ground Floor

February 8, 2013
Iris Room
9:00 a.m.

May 10, 2013
Iris Room
9:00 a.m.

August 16, 2013
Iris Room
9:00 a.m.

November 15, 2013
Iris Room
9:00 a.m.

The Tennessee Open Meetings Act passed by the General Assembly in 1974 requires that meetings of state, city and county government bodies be open to the public and that any such governmental body give adequate notice of such meeting. Open meeting notices can also be accessed at

<http://health.state.tn.us/boards/calendar.htm>

This form is also available on the bulletin board in the reception area of the Health Related Boards located at 227 French Landing, Suite 300, Heritage Place Metro Center, Nashville, TN 37243. A copy may also be requested by calling the Board office.

ACCESSING THE BOARD'S WEB SITE

- Log on to <http://tn.gov/health>
- In the title bar: Click on For Health Care Professionals
- Under Health Related Boards: Click on Physical Therapy

There are many resources on our web site including, but not limited to, the rules, statutes, applications, policy statements and a list of approved educational schools/programs. License renewal and licensure verification may also be utilized on this web site. This is a valuable resource. Please use it.

PUBLIC NOTICE INFORMATION

Public Chapter 230

Provides that each health-related board shall establish a procedure to expedite the issuance of a license, certificate, or permit for an applicant who is certified or licensed in another state to perform the same profession that is the subject of the application; whose spouse is a member of the armed forces; whose spouse is the subject of a military transfer to Tennessee; and who has left employment to accompany the person's spouse to Tennessee. The procedure shall include issuing the applicant a license, certificate, or permit if the licensure requirements in the other state are substantially equivalent to Tennessee's requirements or developing a method to authorize the applicant to practice in Tennessee with a temporary permit in accordance with current law (T.C.A. §63-1-142). **Effective May 20, 2011.**

Public Chapter 435

Provides that any governmental entity or private business or establishment that provides or offers a place of assembly or entertainment, transportation, lodging, dining, educational, medical or leisure activities or services, or any business or any establishment licensed by the State or any political subdivision thereof, or that is engaged in commerce in this State is strongly encouraged to post a sign indicating that certain information regarding the Tennessee human trafficking resource center hotline is in a location within the establishment that is visible to employees and the general public. The Department of Labor and Workforce Development shall provide the sign authorized by this section on its internet website for entities or establishments to print as needed. **Effective October 1, 2011.**

Notice to All Healthcare PROFESSIONALS LICENSED Under Title 63

On January 1, 2013, a new law, Public Chapter 952, became effective requiring your licensing board to provide electronic notices to you. The law gives you the **option** of being notified electronically of the following: (1) Renewals of license, certification or registration; (2) Any fee increases; (3) Any changes in state law that impact the license holder; and (4) Any board meeting where changes in rules or fees are on the agenda. If you “opt in”, the Department of Health will also be able to alert you of critical public health matters impacting the State of Tennessee.

Please visit <https://apps.tn.gov/hlrs/begin.jsp> and complete the registration process to opt in. Once you opt in and provide a current email address, you will begin to receive **ALL** notices electronically rather than through the United States mail. Please note that opting in means your renewal notification will be delivered electronically approximately 45 days in advance of your expiration. The e-notice will direct you to the appropriate webpage to renew. If your profession does not permit you to renew your license online, a paper renewal will continue to be provided.

Questions? Contact your professional board at <http://health.state.tn.us/providers.htm>

LICENSURE FEE INCREASE

Rule 1150-01-.06 (4) (a) (h) was amended increasing the initial licensure fee for a physical therapist from \$50.00 to \$100.00 and the initial licensure fee for a physical therapist assistant from \$40.00 to \$90.00. Renewal fees for both physical therapists and physical therapists assistants were increased from \$40.00 to \$65.00. **Effective March 26, 2012.**

2013 NATIONAL PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAM DATES & DEADLINES

2013 PT Dates & Deadlines

PT Test Date	Registration & Payment Deadline:	Jurisdiction Approval Deadline:	Seats are reserved for PT candidates until:	Scores Reported to Jurisdictions:
Jan 29, 2013	Dec 22, 2012	Dec 31, 2012	Jan 8, 2013	Feb 5, 2013
Apr 30, 2013	Mar 23, 2013	Apr 1, 2013	Apr 9, 2013	May 7, 2013
Jul 24, 2013	Jun 17, 2013	Jun 24, 2013	Jul 3, 2013	Jul 31, 2013
Oct 30, 2013	Sep 23, 2013	Sep 30, 2013	Oct 9, 2013	Nov 6, 2013

2013 PTA Dates & Deadlines

PTA Test Date	Registration & Payment Deadline:	Jurisdiction Approval Deadline:	Seats are reserved for PTA candidates until:	Scores Reported to Jurisdictions:
Jan 8, 2013	Dec 1, 2012	Dec 10, 2012	Dec 18, 2012	Jan 15, 2013
Apr 8, 2013	Mar 1, 2013	Mar 8, 2013	Mar 18, 2013	Apr 15, 2013
Jul 10, 2013	Jun 3, 2013	Jun 10, 2013	Jun 19, 2013	Jul 17, 2013

Exam News to Use (and Share)

Free Score Reports Now Available

Candidates can now obtain free NPTE score reports from the FSBPT website for a limited time period: free reports will become available 10 business days after they test and will continue to be free for another 30 days. Outside of this free period, candidates can continue to purchase score reports as they always have. The reporting timeframe to our member boards has not changed – they receive score reports 5 business days after the exam.

To obtain free score reports:

Free score reports are available 10 business days after an individual's test day and continue to be free for another 30 days.

Click on “Candidate and Licensee Home” at the top of the FSBPT website (www.fsbpt.org) and then click on “Check the Status of My Request.”

TENNESSEE PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Board of Physical Therapy in addition to other enumerated powers and duties has as its purpose to assist in the rehabilitation of impaired practitioners. To that end, the Physical Therapy Board has contracted through the Tennessee Nurse's Foundation with the Tennessee Professional Assistance Program (TnPAP) to offer peer assistance to its practitioners.

The concern is for both the practitioner and the public. It is the mission of TnPAP to assist in the rehabilitation of impaired healthcare professionals by providing consultation, referral, and monitoring services to facilitate a safe return to practice

Protect your license, your career and your health much more effectively by seeking help **BEFORE** you are confronted in your place of employment, by the police, or investigated by the Tennessee Department of Health. TnPAP serves healthcare professionals impaired by certain mental illnesses, such as anxiety, depression, bipolar, and chemical dependence, including alcoholism.

If you or a healthcare provider you know needs assistance, please review the information available at the TnPAP website, www.tnpap.org.

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