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**NOTICE FOR STAKEHOLDER MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2011 – SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M.**

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the general public and to the members of the Arizona Board of physical Therapy, that a stakeholder meeting, open to the public, will be held on Tuesday, **October 18, 2011** at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at **4205 N. 7th Ave, Second Floor Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ 85013**. For further information regarding the agenda, please contact Charles D. Brown, Executive Director, at 602-274-0236. Persons with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations by contacting the Arizona State Board of Physical Therapy (Board) at 602-274-0236. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodations.

Board Members: Mark Cornwall, PT, Ph.D., President; Lisa Akers, PT, MS, Vice President; Randy Robbins, Secretary; Melinda Richardson, PT, MA, Professional Member; James Miller, PT, DPT, Professional Member; Peggy Hunter, PTA, CLS, Professional Member

Staff: Charles D. Brown, Executive Director; Paula Brierley, Licensing Administrator; Karen Donahue, Investigator

Legal Counsel: Keely Verstegen, Assistant Attorney General

NOTICE:

The Board will not be conducting formal Board business, but a quorum of the Board may be present to participate in the open public discussion. The stakeholder meeting is being conducted to take input from the public and the physical therapy profession regarding fixed date testing for the national Physical Therapy Examination for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants; early testing, and interim licensure/certification. The agenda for the meeting is available to the public at the Board office.

ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY AGENDA

Stakeholders Meeting; Fixed Date Testing; Interim
Licensure/Certification; Early Testing

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8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Meeting called by: **Board of Physical Therapy**; Charles D. Brown, Executive Director

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8:30 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.	Introduction Welcome	<i>Charles Brown</i>	Board Room
8:35 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Review of Focus Early Testing Interim Licensure/ Certification	<i>Charles Brown</i> <i>Charles Brown</i>	Board Room
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Open Comments Early Testing	<i>All Attendees</i>	Board Room
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Writing Session Early Testing Language Drafting	<i>Attendees; Brandy Petrone</i>	Board Room
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Open Comments; Interim Licensure/Certification All Attendees		Board Room
12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Writing Session Interim Licensure/Certification Language Drafting	<i>Attendees; Brandy Petrone</i>	Board Room
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Additional Instructions:

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DRAFT
Adjusting Ability to Take
Exam Before Graduation
(10.14.11)

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32-2024. Examinations

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C. An applicant may take the ~~examination~~ EXAMINATIONS for certification if EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

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**Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy
Jurisdiction Licensure Reference Guide
Topic: Taking the NPTE before Graduation**

This table provides information on whether states will allow PT and PTA students to take the NPTE prior to graduation.

State	Take NPTE before graduation?	Comments
AK	No	
AL	Yes	School must send certificate of education verifying completion of education.
AR	No	AR is considering changing their rules.
AZ	No	
CA	No	
CO	No	
CT	Yes	School must verify that they have completed all academic requirements.
DC	Yes	Must submit transcript verifying completion of education and expected graduation date
DE	PTAs - Yes PTs - No	PTAs - temporary licensure for 90 days under direct supervision
FL	Yes	School must verify that the student is in the final year and has completed the physical therapy program.
GA	No	
HI	Yes	School must verify that the student is in the final year and has completed the physical therapy program.
IA	Yes	Must complete all requirements to graduate.
ID	No	
IL	No Data Provided	
IN	Yes	Must complete all requirements to graduate.
KS	No	
KY	No	
LA	Yes	Verification from the school of completion of PT/PTA program is required.
MA	No Data Provided	
MD	No	
ME	Waiting for further information	
MI	Yes	
MN	Yes	School must send certificate of education verifying completion of education. Certificate not accepted earlier than two weeks before graduation.
MO	No	
MS	Yes	Verification from the school of completion of PT/PTA program is required.
MT	No	

NC	No	
ND	Yes	School must sent certification of graduation date and that courses were completed.
NE	No.	
NH	Yes	Provide official transcript or letter from school with authenticated transcript stating degree not awarded until graduation ceremony.
NJ	No Data Provided	
NM	Yes	School must verify that student successfully completed all program requirements for graduation and the date that the degree will be conferred.
NV	No	
NY	Yes	School must verify that they have completed all academic requirements.
OH	Yes	Must complete all didactic requirements.
OK	No	
OR	No	
PA	No	
PR	No Data Provided	
RI	Yes	School must verify that the student is in the final year and has completed the physical therapy program.
SC	Yes	
SD	No Data Provided	
TN	Yes	School must provide letter verifying student has completed all didactic requirements and the graduation date.
TX	Yes	Must complete all didactic requirements.
UT	Yes	In their last semester of the PT program.
VA	Yes	School must fill out a Form L to verify that the student is in the final year and has completed the physical therapy program.
VI	No Data Provided	
VT	No	
WA	No	
WI	No Data Provided	
WV	PTAs – No PTs - Yes	PTs allowed to test up to 90 days before graduation. School must provide a candidate letter before they are allowed to take the NPTE.
WY	No	

Interim Licensure/Certification Issues:

1. Why do we want on interim license?
2. What do we want to call it?
3. Who is the primary target of the interim license?
 - a. Who are the secondary targets?
4. At what stage in the application process do we issue the interim license?
 - a. Is it appropriate to issue the interim license to all targets at the same period in the application process?
5. Do we issue a document or just create a list on the website?
6. Do they work under onsite supervision or is more direct supervision needed?
7. How long should they be issued for and is it different for PT's or PTA's?
8. Once it is issued, do we limit time to test dates or a set period of months?
9. Once they test should it expire?
 - a. Or expire just when failed?
 - b. If they pass should it stay in place until they are licensed or certified?
10. Once it is issued, what type of oversight is wanted or needed?
11. What are the due process issues or revoking or terminating an interim license?
12. If an applicant fails the test, do we revoke or terminate the interim license?
 - a. If so, how?
 - i. Letter to applicant and employer?
 - ii. Certified mail?
 - iii. Require them to return the document?
 - iv. Do we send staff to ensure they are not working?
 - v. What can interim PT's and PTA's do?
 1. Can PT's do evaluations and discharges?
13. What is the cost of issuing the interim license?
 - a. We receive 500+ applications a year.
14. What is the cost of regulating the interim license holder?
 - a. Investigations?
 - b. Discipline?
 - c. Hearings?
15. Should the interim license include students doing clinical in Arizona?
16. What are we not thinking of?

**Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy
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Topic: Temporary Licenses and Permits**

The table below lists the information on temporary licenses and permits for each jurisdiction.

Summary	
Issue Temporary License?	
Yes	23
No	21
Length of Time Temporary License or Permit is Valid	
60 days	2
90 days	9
120 days	0
180 days	5
One year	2
Until the next board meeting	1
Until the results of the first exam	9
Until the candidate passes the exam	0
Until supervised clinical practice is completed	4
Other	5

STATE	Issue Temp License?	60 days	90 days	120 days	180 days	One year	Until Next Board Meeting	Until Results of First Exam	Until Candidate Passes Exam	Until Supervised Clinical Practice is Completed	Other	Comments
AL	Yes							✓				Until applicant passes the first attempt on the NPTE
AK	Yes										Eight months - Temporary permit holder must work under	The reason for eight months was because in

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MD	No																		
MA	No																		
MI	No																		
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MS																			
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MT	Yes																		
NE	No																		
NV	Yes																		
NH	No																		
NJ																			

A 60-day license can be issued to people coming into the state who have been licensed in numerous jurisdictions. This is done because sometimes it takes so long to get all the verifications back from all the states. As long as all the other application requirements have been fulfilled, we will issue a 60-day temp after verification has been received. The applicant then has 60 days to get the rest of the verifications in. If not received in 60 days, or if there is adverse information not disclosed by the applicants, the temp licensed is withdrawn. If everything comes in within the 60 days, the temp license is upgraded to regular status.

Medical emergency licenses are valid for six months.

No Data Provided

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The table below lists those eligible for a temporary license for each jurisdiction.

Summary: Number of Jurisdictions Offering Temporary Licenses or Permits to	
Out-of-state licensees seeking professional endorsement	9
First-time exam candidates	19
Foreign educated personnel seeking initial licensure in the US	11
Foreign educated personnel already licensed in the US	7
Candidates retaking the examination	2
Other	3

STATE	Out-of-State Licensees	First-Time Exam Candidates	Foreign Educated Personnel Seeking Licensure	Foreign Educated Personnel Already Licensed	Candidates Retaking Exam	Other
AL	✓					
AK	✓	✓		✓		
AZ			✓	✓		Re-entry to practice
AR						
CA	✓	✓				Foreign educated after passing NPTE
CO						
CT				<i>No Temporary License</i>		
DE				<i>No Data Provided</i>		
DC	✓	✓	✓	✓		
FL						
GA				<i>No Temporary License</i>		
HI						
ID						
IL				<i>No Temporary License</i>		

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IA						
KS		✓				
KY		✓	✓	✓		
LA		✓	✓		✓	
ME				No Data Provided		
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	✓	✓	✓	✓		Foreign educated: 6 months temp permit with 6 month supervised traineeship
MS	✓	✓				
MO		✓				
MT		✓	(PTS only)			
NE						
NV		✓				Medical emergency as defined by governor or president
NH						
NJ				No Data Provided		
NM		✓				
NY		✓	✓		✓	
NC						
ND						
OH						

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OK						
OR	✓	✓				Foreign educated PTs whose PT program was CAPTE accredited
PA		✓				
PR				No Data Provided		
RI				No Data Provided		
SC						
SD				No Data Provided		
TN						
TX		✓	✓			
UT						
VT				No Data Provided		
VI				No Data Provided		
VA						
WA	✓					
WV	✓	✓	✓	✓		
WI		✓	✓			
WY						