Application Process Available for PT's and PTA's ; Testing Prior to Graduation

1. Accredited Educational Institution Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant students may now apply for licensure or certification before graduation, and request to take the AZLAW and NPTE examinations before completion of their program.

2. Students must submit a complete application, pay the appropriate fee, and have submitted to the Board a letter from their school, signed by their Program Director, stating that the student is a candidate for degree (PT or PTA) at the next scheduled graduation, including the date of the next graduation (date must be included), and has meet any established requirements of the program.

3. The Board does not mandate any program provide the required letter for an applicant (student). Programs (Schools) must make their own determination if a student or students are ready to take the examinations. Therefore, if a program declines to provide the letter required under A.R.S. §32-2024(B)(2)(c) or A.R.S. 2-2022(D)(2)(c) the applicant (student) may not test prior to completion of their program. If a program wishes to provide the letter of eligibility, on school letterhead, the language below may be used.

> In accordance with A.R.S. §32-2024(B)(2)(c) or A.R.S. §32-2024(D)(2)(c) this letter shall serve notice that First Name, Middle Initial, Last name is a student of Name of Program, School or University. Mr. or Ms. Last Name is a Candidate for a Name of Degree and is on track to graduate at the next scheduled graduation of Insert Date. As Program Director, I am declaring Mr. or Ms. Last Name is current on all program requirements and may be eligible to take the National Physical Therapy Exam of (Physical Therapist) (Physical Therapist Assistants) on insert the date of the exam closest to and before the expected graduation.

4. The examination must be before *and* the one closest to, the students expected graduation.

5. The examination cannot be taken more than 90 days before the student's expected graduation. (FSBPT Policy)