

U.S. Educated PT/PTA

Q: What do these initials mean?

- FSBPT: Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy
- NPTE: National Physical Therapy Examination
- AZSBPT: Arizona State Board of Physical Therapy
- AZLAW: Arizona Jurisprudence Examination

Q: What is the website for Arizona State Board of Physical Therapy?

- www.ptboard.az.gov

Q: What is Prometric?

Prometric is the company providing testing sites and is a separate entity from FSBPT and AZSBPT. The Web address is: www.prometric.com/fsbpt.

Q: How long does the licensing / Certification process take?

In essence, the process is dependent upon how long it takes all required information to be requested by the applicant and received by AZSBPT. The required documentation may take a few days to several weeks to receive. Once all required documentation is received, the more routine applications will be presented to the Board at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting for approval or denial and licenses are issued the following day. Please see our Calendar for deadlines and Board meeting dates. Applications that require additional background information or Board review may take longer.

Q: If I am licensed / certified / registered in another state, can I begin practicing in Arizona when you receive my application?

No. You must be licensed in Arizona before being to practice physical therapy in Arizona or work as a physical therapist assistant.

Q: I'm a traveler. Can I get a temporary license to practice in Arizona if I'm going to be there for less than a year?

No.

Q: Once I send in my application to AZSBPT, can I get a temporary license while my license is pending?

No.

Q: Do I need to take an Arizona Jurisprudence (AZLAW) exam?

Yes. Please review the instructions regarding the taking of the AZLAW exam that comes with our online application. We also have available for downloading a Candidate Handbook from our website.

Q: What happens if I fail the AZLAW exam?

You will receive a letter from AZSBPT shortly after taking and failing the exam that explains the next step. You may take the exam twice before having to reapply with a new application and new application fee. FSBPT requires that you submit the exam fee with each and every registration. Prometric requires the same with their testing site fee. FSBPT will allow you to retake the exam 3 times within one year beginning with the first exam.

Q: What happens if I fail the NPTE?

You will receive a letter from AZSBPT shortly after taking and failing the exam that explains the next step. You may take the exam twice before having to reapply with a new application and new application fee. FSBPT requires that you submit the exam fee with each and every registration. Prometric requires the same with their testing site fee. FSBPT will allow you to retake the exam 3 times within one year beginning with the first exam.

Q: I took the NPTE years ago. How do I transfer the score to Arizona?

Contact FSBPT via their website at www.FSBPT.com and request that they be transferred electronically to AZSBPT.

Q: My school has issued a transcript directly to me. Can I send that one?

No, our administrative rules require that the transcript be sent directly from the school of physical therapy.

Q: What is the process for having a verification of my Arizona license sent to another state?

Submit a request along with a check for \$15.00 made payable to Arizona State Board of Physical Therapy. Our address is 4205 N. 7th Ave., Ste 208, Phoenix AZ 85013.

Q: Do I need to request verification of other state licensure if I have an expired or lapsed license in another state?

Yes.

Q: I am a foreign student. Do I have to request an evaluation of my transcript?

Yes. AZSBPT strongly suggests that foreign applicants wait until the credential evaluation is completed specifically for Arizona before an application for licensure is submitted. Please refer to the instructions included with the application for foreign trained physical therapists for a list of agency names and address. The instructions also include a list of all requirements necessary for licensure in Arizona. Please see the *Often Asked Questions for Applicants Educated in a Foreign Country*.