

# Inactive and Retired Status Overview

## Physical Therapist & Physical Therapist Assistants

On July 20, 2011, the changes to the Arizona Physical Therapy Practice Act in [HB 2194](#) will go into effect. These changes will allow licensed physical therapists and certified physical therapist assistants in Arizona that are active and in good standing with the Board, to change the status of their license or certificate.

If you are no longer practicing physical therapy in Arizona, but continue to practice outside of Arizona, you may inactivate your license or certificate. If you are retired from working in the practice of physical therapy all together, you can retire the license or certificate. Each status will still require a renewal by August 31 of every even numbered year.

No continuing competence activities will be required until you apply to reinstate the license or certificate. Retirement status renewals will have no fee associated with the renewal. Inactive status renewals are intended to have a reduced fee by the renewal required before August 31, 2012. However, the change to the fee must be done by the Board in Rule. Please review the overview below to see the effects of Inactive or Retired Status.

Inactive: ([PT](#), [PTA](#))

- Intended for use by licensees or certificate holders who have temporarily stopped practicing or working in Arizona. (i.e. travelers, multiple jurisdiction license/certificate holders, work separation for family needs)
- My not engage in the practice of physical therapy while on inactive status.
- No continuing competence activities required for renewal. Renewal required by August 31, 2012 of every even numbered year.
- Continuing Competence activities required for reinstatement to active status.
- On inactive status for more than three years may cause additional requirements before reinstatement of license or certificate to active status.
  - Practicing or working for a specified time under an interim permit.
  - Completing remedial courses.
  - Completing continuing competence requirements for the period of the retired license or certificate.
  - Passing an examination as prescribed by the board.
- A.R.S. §32-2032(C) allows the Board to set the renewal fee in Rule. The Board intendeds to establish a reduced Inactive Status Renewal fee before the next renewal in required.

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Retired: ([PT](#), [PTA](#))

- Intended for use by licensees or certificate holders that are no longer engaged in the practice of physical therapy or working as a physical therapist assistant in any jurisdiction.
- My not engage in the practice of physical therapy while on retired status.
- No continuing competence activities required for renewal. Renewal required by August 31, 2012 of every even numbered year.
- A.R.S. §32-2031(C) makes renewal of a retired licensee free.
- A.R.S. §32-2042(A, B) allows a retired licensee or certificate holder to still use the initials “PT” or “PTA” after their name if they include “(Retired)” or “(Ret.)” after the initials.
- Continuing Competence activities required for reinstatement to active status.
- On retired status for more than three years may cause additional requirements before reinstatement of license or certificate to active status.
  - Practicing or working for a specified time under an interim permit.
  - Completing remedial courses.
  - Completing continuing competence requirements for the period of the retired license or certificate.
  - Passing an examination as prescribed by the board.