



# **Arizona Board of Physical Therapy**

## **Candidate Handbook**

**for the**

## **Jurisprudence Examination**

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## I. Security Information

Passing the Arizona Jurisprudence Examination is required in order to receive your license to practice as a physical therapist, or your certification to work as a physical therapist assistant. The Arizona Board of Physical Therapy (Board) requires ALL applicants for licensure and certification to pass the Jurisprudence Examination in order to demonstrate minimal understanding of the statutes and administrative code that governs the practice of physical therapy in Arizona. Requiring a passing score on the Jurisprudence Examination is one assurance that anyone granted physical therapist licensure or physical therapist assistant certification in Arizona possesses the necessary knowledge to treat patients with skill and safety.

Understandably, you will want to take advantage of all available resources when preparing for this important examination. While a student, you may have considered fellow students to be good resources for learning about questions that were on examinations. However, according to Arizona Revised Statute §32-2024(E), **it is illegal and unethical to recall (memorize) and share questions that are on the examination or to solicit questions that are on the Jurisprudence Examination from other applicants who have taken the exam.**

### **What Do You Mean by “It's Illegal to Recall Questions”?**

Each candidate who sits for the Jurisprudence Exam must accept the Security Agreement. The Security Agreement states that the exam and items contained therein are owned by the Arizona Board of Physical Therapy and the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy and protected by Federal Copyright Law.

It also informs applicants that no part of the examination may be copied or reproduced in part or whole by any means whatsoever, including memorization.

Recalling questions from the examination and sharing them with anyone else violates both the Federal Copyright Law and the FSBPT Security Agreement that applicants must accept before taking the Arizona Jurisprudence Examination.

### **ITEMS FROM THE EXAM ARE NOT TO BE RECALLED FOR ANY PURPOSE.**

#### **Why is it Unethical to Ask Someone Else for Recalled Questions?**

Soliciting recalled questions from applicants who have previously taken the examination is unethical for several reasons. The primary reason is obvious; you are expected to pass the test based on your own merit without assistance. The members of the public who will entrust you with their well-being expect that you are a trustworthy and competent individual.

You are encouraging applicants to commit illegal acts if you are soliciting questions from previous test takers who have accepted the FSBPT Security Agreement.

### **ITEMS FROM THE EXAM ARE NOT TO BE SOLICITED FOR ANY PURPOSE.**

#### **What Happens If I Do Share or Solicit Recalled Questions?**

- The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy will continue to actively prosecute individuals who violate the security agreement.
- The Federation will also report any incidents of applicants requesting questions or sharing questions to the Arizona Board of Physical Therapy.
- Applicants who are prosecuted by the Federation or who are reported to the Arizona Board of Physical Therapy for soliciting or sharing questions will severely damage their chances of being licensed pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2024(E).

**Protect Your Reputation and Your Career!**

## II. The Examination

### **Special Accommodations**

You must submit appropriate documentation of your request for special accommodations to the office of the Arizona Board of Physical Therapy at the time that you submit your application for licensure. Only those applicants who have been granted approval from the Board will receive special accommodations during testing. For further information about how to request special accommodations, contact the Board's Licensing Administrator at 602-274-0236.

### **Examination Fee, Method of Payment and Registration**

Applicants must apply and be approved before they can take the Jurisprudence Examination. In order to avoid delays, applicants should register with the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) for the Jurisprudence Examination at the time of application by Examination or by Endorsement to the Arizona Board of Physical Therapy.

**The fee for the Jurisprudence Exam is \$75.** This fee is in addition to the application fee submitted to the Arizona Board of Physical Therapy, and any other fee charged by FSBPT for the National Physical Therapy Examination (for applicants by Examination) or for the Examination score transfer (for applicants by endorsement). Payment below is as follows:

- \$50 Jurisprudence Examination fee payable on-line to the FSBPT. Visit their web site at <https://www.fsbpt.net/pt> regarding registering for the exam and other information. You may pay the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) either by Visa or MasterCard.
- \$25 Prometric testing fee payable to the Prometric Testing Center at the time of scheduling. Visit their web site at <http://www.prometric.com> for more information on scheduling the exam and other information. Payment for the Prometric Testing Center fee may be made by credit card (Visa or MasterCard) or by direct debit to a checking account. It is not possible to pay at the testing center.

### **Scheduling the Examination**

1. You will be required to register on-line with the FSBPT for the Jurisprudence Examination at <http://www.fsbpt.org> (use the Quick Link to "Exam Registration"). It is recommended that you register with the FSBPT at the time you submit your application for licensure to the Board of Physical Therapy to avoid delays.
2. Once the Board of Physical Therapy has approved you to sit for the examination, they will approve your eligibility by notifying the FSBPT.
3. FSBPT will send you an "Authorization to Test" (ATT) letter containing instructions on how to schedule an appointment with Prometric Testing Center.
4. Questions regarding registration processing may be directed to [examregistration@fsbpt.org](mailto:examregistration@fsbpt.org)
5. Schedule an appointment for the examination with Prometric by calling the telephone number listed in your ATT letter or you may schedule on-line at <http://www.prometric.com>. You will be required to give the name of the examination, when and where you would like to test, your name, social security number or alternate identification number, daytime telephone number and method of payment: credit card or direct debit.
6. Sit for the examination at your chosen Prometric Testing site. You must sit for the examination within your 60-day eligibility period as indicated on the ATT letter provided by FSBPT. If you do not sit for the examination, or withdraw your registration, within these 60 days, you will be removed from the eligibility list and will be required to begin the registration process again.

## **Content Overview**

The Jurisprudence Examination consists of fifty (50) multiple-choice questions, 40 of which are scored and 10 that are pre-test questions that are not scored. Applicants are given one hour (60 minutes) with which to complete the computer-based test.

Applicants are **NOT** allowed to bring any reference materials, including the Arizona Revised Statutes and the Arizona Administrative Code, into the examination room. The Jurisprudence Examination will cover:

- Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §32-2001 et seq.
- Arizona Administrative Code Title 4, Chapter 24, Articles 1 through 5

These materials are provided to all applicants for physical therapist licensure and physical therapist assistant certification after the licensure/certification application and fee have been filed with the office of the Arizona Board of Physical Therapy. The statutes and administrative code may also be downloaded from the Board's web-site at [www.ptboard.state.az.us](http://www.ptboard.state.az.us).

The Arizona Jurisprudence Examination Content Outline is attached as Appendix A.

## **SAMPLE QUESTIONS:**

\_\_\_\_1. A physical therapist assistant working under the supervision of a physical therapist can supervise the maximum number of assistive personnel?

1. 0
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3

\_\_\_\_2. When is a physical therapist exempt from being licensed to practice as a physical therapist in the State of Arizona?

1. While awaiting the national physical therapy examination scores.
2. While traveling in Arizona with a sports team for 60 days.
3. While licensed in another jurisdiction under restrictions
4. While serving on the Arizona Physical Therapy Association Board.

\_\_\_\_3. A physical therapist assistant has moved from Tucson to Tempe. The physical therapist needs to notify which organization/agency of the address change?

1. Arizona Department of Economic Security
2. Arizona Physical Therapy Association
3. Arizona Board of Physical Therapy
4. Arizona Department of Administration

Correct Answers: (1.) 1; (2.) 2; (3.) 3

## **Pre-test Items**

The examination will contain 10 "pre-test" questions. The purpose of including pre-test questions on the examination is to expand and improve the bank of questions from which future examinations will be drawn. This is a common practice used by many national and state examination programs and is a critical step in ensuring the continued reliability and validity of an examination. Pre-test questions are **NOT** identified so that they won't be skipped by the candidate thereby rendering the results invalid. The development of a valid examination requires accurate candidate response information for the pre-test questions.

### III. Scoring Information and Notification

#### **Passing Grade and Results**

After the administration of the examination, your examination will be scored by the FSBPT. The results will then be transmitted to the Arizona Board of Physical Therapy. The Board office will notify you of your results. A scaled score of 600 is required in order to pass the examination.

#### **Re-Examination Information**

An applicant who fails to achieve the required passing score on the Jurisprudence Examination shall be required to be re-examined by completing the scheduling of the examination process, as previously outlined on page 2, and submitting the same fees.

#### **Test Taking Advice**

The advice offered here is presented primarily to help you demonstrate your knowledge and maximize your chances of passing the examination.

- Read all instructions carefully.
- Before selecting the correct answer, read all options carefully.
- You should answer all questions; do not omit an answer for any test question.
- For best results, pace yourself by periodically checking your progress and the time. This will allow you to make any necessary adjustments. Remember, the more questions you answer, the better your chances of achieving a passing score, so you should select an answer for every question.
- Alert the examination supervisor of any problems that may occur during the examination. Do not wait until the examination is over to inform someone of a problem.
- Be sure to select an answer for each question, even the questions about which you are not completely sure. You can skip the questions you wish to reconsider and return to them later.

### IV. Admission to the Examination:

#### **Supplies and What to Bring**

You must arrive 30 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment with two forms of acceptable identification. Acceptable identification is:

- 1) A currently valid, military or government-issued photo ID (passport, driver's license, etc.)
- 2) A currently valid, pre-printed identification with your name and your signature such as a credit card or check cashing card.

You will have to be checked in before taking the examination (i.e., sign in and present the appropriate identification). Once at the Prometric testing center, you will be thumb-printed and photographed at the center. All testing sessions are videotaped. On both forms of ID your signature must match your pre-printed name. Your first and last name on both forms of ID must exactly match the first and last name on your ATT letter issued by FSBPT. A Social Security card is not an acceptable form of identification.

#### **What Not to Bring**

Unauthorized supplies, including those not listed below, will be subject to removal by the examination supervisor at the examination site. The following items are **NOT** allowed in an examination room:

1. Purses, briefcases, portfolios, fanny packs or backpacks
2. Cameras, tape recorders, calculators or computers;
3. Cellular phones, pagers, electronic transmitting devices or telephones;
4. Any bound or loose-leaf reference materials and notes; books
5. Dictionary, thesaurus, or other spelling aids;
6. Canisters of mace, pepper spray or other personal defense items.
7. Coats or jackets

Watches with alarms must be disabled during the examination administration.

### **Appropriate Attire**

Please dress comfortably but appropriately for the examination. The examination room is usually climate controlled. However, it is not always possible to maintain a temperature suitable to each candidate. It is suggested that you dress in layers that can be removed if you become uncomfortable. For security reasons, Prometric does not allow bulky jackets to be worn.

## **V. Administrative Policies**

### **Rules For The Examination**

1. No examination materials, documents, or memoranda of any kind are to be taken from an examination room.
2. Computer knowledge is not required to take a computerized examination. Before the examination begins, a simple introductory lesson (tutorial) is presented that explains the process of selecting answers and moving from question to question. The time you spend on the tutorial does not count against the time allotted for the examination. You may select your answers using either the keyboard or the mouse. You are strongly encouraged to take the tutorial prior to taking the examination.
3. You should alert Prometric staff immediately to disruptions occurring within the testing room or computer malfunctions while taking the examination.
4. You are permitted to sign out and leave the room for a break. However, the time remaining on your examination will continue to elapse. This means any time you spend on a break is time that you are electing not to spend on the examination.
5. Do not bring food or drink into an examination room.

### **Change Of Address**

If you have a change of address, you must submit it in writing to the Arizona Board of Physical Therapy within 30 days from the change. You may submit that information using any of the Board office contact information listed below.

### **Who to Contact for Questions**

#### **Arizona Board of Physical Therapy**

4205 North 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 208  
Phoenix, AZ 85013  
602-274-0236 (main #) 602-274-1378 (facsimile)  
[www.ptboard.state.az.us](http://www.ptboard.state.az.us)

#### **Registration On-line Information**

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy  
509 Wythe Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
Exam Services: (703) 739-9420  
<https://www.fsbpt.net/pt> (note the "s" after "http")

#### **Prometric Testing Centers**

Registration: 1-800-796-9857  
Special Accommodations, 1-800-967-1139  
[www.prometric.com](http://www.prometric.com) (to schedule your exam appointment or locate a test center)





Appendix A  
Jurisprudence Examination Content Outline

<b>Model Practice Act Key Area</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Arizona Law</b>	<b>Arizona Rules</b>	<b>Specs: Per Section</b>	<b>Specs: %</b>
Definitions	1000 1100 Physical therapy/practice of physical therapy	32-2001 (5), (7), (9), (11)	R4-24-101 (30)	7	17.50%
	1200 Definition of physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, aides, assistive personnel	32-2001 (1), (7), (8), (10)			
	1300 Supervision	32-2001 (3), (6)	R4-24-101 (5), (26), (27), (32), (35)		
Board of Physical Therapy: Powers and Duties	2000 2100 Powers and Duties: Evaluate qualifications of licensees  Adopt Passing Scores for examinations Issue licenses, permits or certificates Regulate Practice Adopt and revise rules Continued competence Report and publish disciplinary Action Interpret statute and rules Other	32-2003 (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (7), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), (15), (16), (17), (18)	R4-24-506	2	5%

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Licensure and Examination	3000	3100 Qualifications for licensure and application, including examination/re-examination	32-2023, 32-2024	R4-24-101 (15), R4-24-201, R4-24-205	12	30%
		3200 Application for reinstatement, reinstatement, inactive status	32-2028	R4-24-202		
		3300 Foreign Educated Application, FEPT Supervised Clinical Pract.; Facility approval for FEPT Clinical Practice	32-2022 B	R4-24-101 (12), (13), R4-24-203		
		3400 Application by Endorsement, licensure by endorsement	32-2026	R4-24-101 (15), R24-201 C		
		3500 Interim/temporary permits	32-2001 (4), 32-2025			
		3600 Exemptions from licensure	32-2021 (A-C)			
		3700 Renewal/name changes	32-2027	R4-24-208, R4-24-401		
		3800 Internship under restricted license, restricted license	32-2001 (12), (13)	R4-24-202 C (1-4)		
		3900 Continuing Competence		R4-24-101 (8), (9), 24-208 A.1.n, R4-24-401, R4-24-402		
Patient Care Management	4000	4100 Lawful Practice	32-2041	R4-24-301, APTA Code of Ethics	12	27.50%
		4200 Use of Titles	32-2042	R4-24-302		
		4300 Components of Care/Standards of Practice Documentation/Medical Records, Supervision	32-2043	R4-24-204, R4-24-303, R4-24-304		

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Disciplinary Action/Unlawful Practice	5000	5100 Grounds for Disciplinary Action	32-2044	R4-24-312	4	10%
		5200 Disciplinary Actions/Procedures, penalties	32-2045, 32-2046, 32-2047, 32-2052	R4-24-305, R4-24-306, R4-24-307, R4-24-308, R4-24-309		
		5300 Unlawful practice, classification, civil penalties, injunctive relief; Disclosure Prohibition	32-2048, 32-2049			
Consumer Advocacy	6000	6100 Substance abuse recovery program	32-2050	R4-24-310	3	10%
		6200 Rights of Consumers	32-2051 (A-F), (H)			
		6300 Display of License	32-2051 (G)	R4-24-311		
		6400 Confidential Information, Judicial review, Reporting violations, immunity	32-2002 (E), 32-2051 (I) 32-2052	R4-24-104		
					40	100.00%