

## SUBCHAPTER 48B - TYPES OF LICENSES

### 21 NCAC 48B .0101 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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### 21 NCAC 48B .0102 LICENSES BY ENDORSEMENT

- (a) Endorsement. Each application for endorsement shall be considered on an individual basis.
- (b) Examination Required. Only those persons initially licensed in another state by virtue of examination shall be considered for endorsement. Only the following examinations shall be considered:
- (1) For Physical Therapists:
    - (A) Therapists licensed on the basis of a PT exam shall present total scores that meet the North Carolina passing level as set forth in 21 NCAC 48D .0105. If scores and information are not available from the other state, the applicant shall have the scores issued through the testing agency. If scores are no longer available or destroyed, the Board shall accept a notarized copy of exam scores from another state. If the total score on the examination is unsatisfactory, the exam shall be repeated. The cost of the examination shall be paid by the applicant.
    - (B) If licensed in another state by an examination compiled by that Board, the applicant shall supply information for the Board to attempt to obtain the examination in order to determine if it meets the requirements set forth in 21 NCAC 48D .0105. If it cannot be determined that the examination was equal to the North Carolina examination or if the scores received on an acceptable examination did not meet the North Carolina passing requirement, the applicant shall take the PT exam. The cost of the examination shall be paid by the applicant.
    - (C) A physical therapist currently licensed in another state whose license in that state was granted on the basis of the American Registry of Physical Therapists Examination shall be considered for endorsement.
  - (2) For Physical Therapist Assistants: Only those physical therapist assistants licensed in another state by a PTA exam shall be considered for endorsement. The examination score shall meet the North Carolina passing level as set forth in 21 NCAC 48D .0105. If not, the applicant shall be required to take the PTA exam and pay the cost of the examination.
- (c) Active License. An applicant for licensure by endorsement shall submit verification of licensure in effect on the date the application for North Carolina licensure was filed with the Board in accordance with 21 NCAC 48E .0105.
- (d) Jurisprudence Exercise. All applicants for licensure by endorsement shall furnish proof of completion of the Jurisprudence Exercise 1 as set forth in 21 NCAC 48G .0105(7).

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### 21 NCAC 48B .0103 LICENSES BY EXAMINATION

- (a) Applicants. An applicant seeking an initial license or who fails to meet the requirements in Rule .0102 of this Section for endorsement must pass a computer-based examination set forth in Subchapter 48D of this Chapter to practice in North Carolina following the approval of the applicant's credentials.
- (b) Timing of Examination. The applicant shall take the examination within one year following the Board's approval of his or her application. If the applicant does not do so, the applicant must submit his or her credentials to the Board for review before he or she can take the exam.

(c) Examination Taken in Another State. Applicants not previously licensed who take a PT exam or a PTA exam in another state may be licensed in North Carolina if they provide scores that meet the North Carolina passing level set forth in Rule 48D .0105 of this Chapter and meet all other requirements set forth in this Chapter and the Physical Therapy Practice Act for North Carolina licensure in effect at the time of application.

(d) Jurisprudence Exercise. All applicants for licensure for exam shall furnish proof of completion of the Jurisprudence Exercise 1 as set forth in 21 NCAC 48G .0105(7).

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#### **21 NCAC 48B .0104 EXEMPTIONS**

A person seeking an exemption from licensure requirements pursuant to G.S. 90-270.101(a)(8) or (9) shall submit the Request for Exemption form approved by the Board ([www.ncptboard.org](http://www.ncptboard.org)), or a written request that includes license number and contact information. An exemption issued pursuant to G.S. 90-270.101(a)(8) or (9) expires on the next annual renewal date.

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