



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

PLEASE SHARE THIS NOTICE WITH COLLEAGUES, EMPLOYERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

***** New CE requirements- LGBTQ and Public Health CEs are now mandatory.*****

Read below for:

COVID-19 Update

Licensing and Renewal Information

CEU Changes

Invitation for DC residents to join the board and help make a difference!

Licensees should monitor the Board's webpage for the most up to date information: [Board of Physical Therapy](#). Those with additional questions should contact the Board, at dcbopt@dc.gov

COVID-19

In response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, DC Health remains operational. We continue to provide essential services; however, there are changes to how some services are provided. For the latest information please continue to review and monitor coronavirus.dc.gov or the Board's webpage: [Board of Physical Therapy](#).

The Health Regulation and Licensing Administration (HRLA) Processing Center will be open to the public by appointment only on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The online appointment scheduler is appts.dcvsim.com.

The District of Columbia recently launched the free DC COVID Alert Notice (DC CAN) to help provide quick notification of potentially exposure so you can reduce the risk of infection and help stop the spread.

For questions related to the District of Columbia's COVID-19 vaccination plan, please see coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine or send inquiries to covid-19.vaccine@dc.gov

LICENSURE/REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- Renewals are now live. Licenses are set to expire on January 31, 2021.
- Licensees that don't renew by January 31, 2021 will have a sixty (60) day grace period to do so with an additional late fee of \$85.
- The Board of Physical Therapy regulates the following two (2) professional groups:
 - Physical Therapists
 - Physical Therapist Assistants
- As graduates (an individual no longer in a student/intern/practicum status) are preparing to enter the workforce, physical therapists must remember that **a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant license is required before an individual can provide services.**
- **How to obtain Supervised Practice Approval:** A request for Supervised Practice Form must be submitted to the Board and approved before any provision of physical therapy services can begin. Supervised practice is a Board approved status which allows an individual with a complete* licensure application and negative criminal background check (CBC) results the opportunity to work, while the application is in the processing phase.

***A complete application means, all required forms and documents have been received, meet the requirements, and there is no positive criminal background result.**

- **A filed application is not a license and does not authorize the provision of services.**
- Verify a license by visiting doh.force.com/ver/s.
- Licensure Waiver Information for those in good standing in another jurisdiction: dchealth.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/page_content/attachments/Order%20-%20Licensure%20Waivers.20.03.13.pdf
- If your information (name, mailing address, email address, phone number, etc.) has changed since your last renewal, please send your new contact information to dcbopt@dc.gov. For name changes, please include copy of name change documents (marriage certificate, divorce decree, etc.).

UPDATED CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION:

- An application for renewal of a license expiring on January 31, 2021, shall complete, forty (40) continuing education units (CEUs) for Physical Therapist, and thirty (30) continuing education units for Physical Therapist Assistants.
- Two (2) hours of CEUs of the forty (40) or thirty (30) CEUs are required in cultural competence and appropriate clinical treatment specifically for individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender non-conforming, queer, or questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression.
- All licensed health care providers in the District of Columbia are now required to complete 10% or four (4) or three (3) CEUs of the required total of continuing education in the public health priorities of the District as determined by the Director and published every five (5) years or less frequently as deemed appropriate. Please follow the link and refer to the identified subjects areas for the public health considerations: dchealth.dc.gov/page/policy-statement-identifying-public-health-issues-continuing-education
- Proof of successful completion shall be submitted within thirty (30) days after it is requested by the Board.
- The LGBTQ and the public health priorities CEUs are also required for a reactivation and reinstatement application.
- For additional information pertaining to CEUs, please see the PT & PTA regulations located at [Board of Physical Therapy](#).
- In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board has suspended the in-person CE requirement. For additional information, please visit [Board of Physical Therapy](#) and view under Policy Statements.

BOARD INFORMATION:

- **Formation of Voluntary Subcommittee:** The Board is forming a voluntary subcommittee, who will review the current laws and regulations and make recommendations to the Board as it updates its laws and regulations for physical therapists and physical therapy assistants. The Board welcomes the participation from practitioners working in various settings as well as other stakeholders.
 - **TIME COMMITMENT:**
 - The subcommittee work will begin in March or April 2021 and is expected to conclude in a year or less.
 - The subcommittee will meet at least monthly for 2-4 hours.
 - If selected to serve you will be notified by the Board and informed of meeting times and dates.
 - If you are interested in being considered to serve on the voluntary subcommittee, please submit a resume along with a short statement indicating the current client population you work with and why you want to participate on the committee to dcbopt@dc.gov by February 1, 2021.
- If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact the Mayor's office of Talent and Appointments: <https://motaboardstheresumator.com/apply/>. The Board has **three (3) vacancies** for a **District of Columbia resident** to serve as a board member.
- The following seats are vacant on the Board, consumer member, physical therapist, and physical therapist assistant.
- The public is invited to attend the Open Session of Board meetings, which are held the second Wednesday of every month (except August) at 3:30PM. View the web page at [Board of Physical Therapy](#) for agendas and the meeting schedule.

SPECIAL THANKS to the following Board Members who are no longer on the Board for their years of dedication to the Board and the residents and visitors of the District of Columbia:

- Joel Hemphill
- Margaret Plack

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