

Chapter 54. State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted.)

12 AAC 54.030(b) is amended to read:

(b) An application must be reviewed and approved by a majority of the board members before an applicant may take the examination. The board will not review an application until all documents required under (a) of this section have been received by the department; **however, the board may approve an applicant to take the examination when a statement, sent directly from the educational institution to the department indicating that the applicant is on track to graduate, and the required documents under (a)(1), (3), and (4) of this section have been received.**

(Eff. 10/30/82, Register 84; am 7/4/84, Register 90; am 9/26/91, Register 119; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 10/20/99, Register 152; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.030 AS 08.84.040

12 AAC 54.040(f) is amended to read:

(f) **The** [UPON COMPLETION OF THE INTERNSHIP, THE] preceptor shall submit [A LETTER SENT] directly to the department, **a national performance evaluation tool recognized by the board to determine competence upon completion of a supervised clinical practice experience** [ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT] attesting to the applicant's

(1) satisfactory or unsatisfactory completion of the internship;

(2) proficiency in English, if English is the applicant's second language; and

(3) level of skill in completion of evaluation, program planning, therapeutic practice, potential ability to practice safely while unsupervised with sound professional judgment, and ethics related to the practice of physical therapy.

(Eff. 10/30/82, Register 84; am 7/4/84, Register 90; am 9/26/91, Register 119; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 10/20/99, Register 152; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 8/23/2003, Register 167; am 8/19/2004, Register 171; am 10/18/2007, Register 184; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am ___/___/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.032 AS 08.84.065

12 AAC 54.080(c) is amended to read:

(c) An applicant for licensure who does not pass the examination on the first attempt may retake the examination two additional times without reapplication for licensure within 12 months of the first failure. Before the board may approve an application for subsequent testing beyond three attempts, an applicant shall reapply for licensure under 12 AAC 54.030 and shall submit evidence satisfactory to the board of having successfully completed additional course work offered by **an education program that is accredited by a national accreditation agency** [THE APPROVED EXAMINATION BODY SPECIFIED IN (a) OF THIS SECTION]. (Eff. 10/30/82, Register 84; am 9/26/91, Register 119; am 6/1/95, Register 134; am 10/20/99, Register 152; am 10/18/2007, Register 184; am ___/___/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.080

12 AAC 54.420(b) is repealed:

(b) **Repealed** _____ / _____ / _____ [IF AN APPLICANT FOR RENEWAL IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER A PARTICULAR CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY WILL MEET THE STANDARDS OF THIS SECTION, THE APPLICANT MAY REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL BEFORE CLAIMING THOSE CONTACT HOURS].

(Eff. 6/3/89, Register 110; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 8/19/2004, Register 171; am _____ / _____ / _____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.100

12 AAC 54.530(b)(1) is repealed:

(1) **repealed** _____ / _____ / _____ [MUST BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN THE STATE WHILE PERFORMING TELEREHABILITATION UNDER THIS SECTION];

(Eff. 9/27/2008, Register 187; am _____ / _____ / _____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010

12 AAC 54.620 is amended to read:

12 AAC 54.620. Supervised field work. As used in AS 08.84.030(b)(2), "supervised field work" means experience that is part of the educational program completed by the applicant under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist. **The** [IF THE TRAINING OCCURRED IN A STATE THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE LICENSURE, THE] supervising occupational therapist must be certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). Supervised field work must include

(1) for occupational therapists, at least two three-month internships and shall

provide for the development of skills in data collection, treatment planning, and treatment implementation; and

(2) for occupational therapy assistants, at least one two-month internship. (Eff. 9/26/91, Register 119; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.030 AS 08.84.060

12 AAC 54.710 is amended to read:

12 AAC 54.710. Occupational therapy continuing education requirements. (a)

Except as provided in 12 AAC 54.725, an applicant for renewal of an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant license who has been licensed for 12 months or more of the concluding licensing period shall have

(1) completed, during that period, 24 contact hours of continuing education; **or**

(2) evidence of current certification by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).

(b) An applicant for renewal of an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant license who has been licensed for less than 12 months of the concluding licensing period shall have

(1) completed, during that period, 12 contact hours of continuing education; [OR]

(2) passed the national occupational therapy examination during the 12 months immediately before the date that the applicant's license is due to lapse; **or**

(3) evidence of current certification by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).

(c) [(b)] An applicant shall complete at least one-half of the required contact hours in

courses or programs offered by an accredited academic institution or a professional organization approved by the board under 12 AAC 54.715(a).

(d) [(c)] For the purposes of this section,

(1) one "contact hour" equals a minimum of 50 minutes of instruction;

(2) one continuing education unit awarded by a professional health care association equals 10 contact hours;

(3) one academic semester credit hour equals 15 contact hours; and

(4) one academic quarter credit hour equals 10 contact hours.

(e) [(d)] Repealed 5/21/97.

(f) [(e)] An applicant for renewal is responsible for maintaining adequate and detailed records of all continuing education contact hours claimed and shall make the records available to the board upon request under 12 AAC 54.720. Records must be retained for three years from the date the contact hours were obtained.

(g) [(f)] The following activities will not be accepted for continuing education contact hours under this section:

(1) routine staff meetings attended by the applicant;

(2) rounds conducted by the applicant;

(3) routine courses required for employment, including courses on cardiopulmonary resuscitating, first aid, and training related to Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements.

(h) The board recognizes the maintenance of NBCOT certification as fulfilling the requirements of (a) and (b) of this section.

(i) To document current proof of the current certification with the National Board

for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), the applicant shall submit a

photocopy of the front and back of the current NBCOT certificate. (Eff. 9/26/91, Register

119; am 5/21/97, Register 142; am 10/3/2002, Register 163; am 7/21/2006, Register 179; am

4/24/2009, Register 190; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.100

12 AAC 54.715(b) is repealed:

(b) **Repealed** ____/____/____ [IF AN APPLICANT FOR RENEWAL IS

UNCERTAIN WHETHER A PARTICULAR CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

WILL MEET THE STANDARDS OF THIS SECTION, THE APPLICANT MAY REQUEST

BOARD APPROVAL BEFORE CLAIMING THOSE CONTACT HOURS].

(Eff. 5/21/97, Register 142; am 2/17/2002, Register 161; am 8/19/2004, Register 171; am

____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.100

12 AAC 54.825(b)(1) is repealed:

(1) **repealed** ____/____/____ [MUST BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN THE

STATE WHILE PERFORMING TELEREHABILITATION UNDER THIS SECTION];

(Eff. 9/27/2008, Register 187; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010

12 AAC 54.915(b) is amended to read:

(b) The form titled "Application Checklist for Temporary Permit," dated **February 2019**

[APRIL 2005], is adopted by reference. This form is established by the board for review by staff of an application for a temporary permit to practice as an occupational therapist, occupational therapy assistant, physical therapist, or physical therapy assistant.

(Eff. 10/3/2002, Register 163; am 7/21/2006, Register 179; am 8/18/2013, Register 207; am ____/____/____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.84.010 AS 08.84.065 AS 08.84.075
AS 08.84.030

Editor's note: The application checklist forms adopted by reference in 12 AAC 54.915 are available at the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing offices in Anchorage and Juneau.