

**Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy  
Jurisdiction Licensure Reference Guide  
Topic: Continuing Competence**

This document reports CEU requirements for renewal. It describes:

- Number of CEUs required for renewal
- Who approves continuing education
- Required courses for renewal
- Which jurisdictions require active practice for renewal

**Number of CEUs required for renewal**

<b>Summary</b>	
No. Jurisdictions that require CEUs for renewal of PT license	37
No. Jurisdictions that require CEUs for renewal of PTA license	33

STATE	PT Renewal Requires CEUs	CEUs per Renewal Period	PTA Requires CEUs	CEUs per Renewal Period
AL	Yes	10 hours	Yes	6 hours
AK	Yes	24 hours	Yes	24 hours
AZ	Yes	20 hours	No	
AR	Yes	2.0 CEUs	Yes	1.0 CEU
CA	Yes	Not yet determined. It is anticipated the cont. competency regulation will become effective in 2008.	Yes	Not yet determined. It is anticipated the cont. competency regulation will become effective in 2008.
CO	No			
CT	Yes	20 hours	No	
DE	Yes	30 hours	Yes	30 hours
DC	Yes	4.0 CEU	Yes	4.0 CEU
FL	Yes	24 hours	Yes	24 hours
GA	Yes	40 hours	Yes	40 hours
HI	No		No	

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ID	Yes		No	
IL	Yes	40 hours	Yes	20 hours
IN	No		No	
IA	Yes	40 hours	Yes	20 hours
KS	Yes	40 hours	Yes	20 hours
KY	Yes	30 hours	Yes	20 hours
LA	Yes	1.2 CEUs	Yes	1.2 CEUs
ME	No		No	
MD	Yes	3.0 CEUs	Yes	2.0 CEUs
MA	No		No	
MI	No		No	
MN	Yes	20 hours	Yes	20 hours
MS	Yes	22.4 CEUs	Yes	2.4 CEUs
MO	Yes	3	Yes	3.0 CEUs
MT	Yes	20 hours	Yes	20 hours
NE	Yes	20 hours	Yes	10 hours
NV	Yes	1.5 CEUs	Yes	1.5 CEUs
NH	Yes	30 hours; half must be clinical hours	Yes	20 hours; half must be clinical hours
NJ	Yes	30 credits	Yes	30 credits
NM	Yes	20	Yes	20
NY	No		No	
NC	No	In 2006, adopted legislation to require continued competence for PTs and PTAs. Rules are being developed and will take 2-3 years. Currently, there are no requirements for CEUs.	No	In 2006, adopted legislation to require continued competence for PTs and PTAs. Rules are being developed and will take 2-3 years. Currently, there are no requirements for CEUs.

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ND	Yes	25 contact hours	Yes	25 contact hours
OH	Yes	24 contact hours	Yes	12 contact hours
OK	Yes	40 hours	Yes	30 hours
OR	Yes	24 contact hours	Yes	12 contact hours
PA	No		No	
RI	No		No	
SC	Yes	3.0 CEUs	Yes	3.0 CEUs
SD	No		No	
TN	Yes	30 hours	Yes	20
TX	Yes	3.0 CEUs	Yes	2.0 CEUs
UT	No			
VT	No		No	
VI	No		No	Virgin Islands does not license PTAs
VA	Yes	30 hours	Yes	30
WA	Yes	40 hours	No	
WV	Yes	1.0 CEU	Yes	1.0 CEU
WI	Yes	30 hours	Yes	20 hours
WY	No		No	

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**Continuing Education Approval and Required Courses**

This table reports

- Which jurisdictions require continuing education course approval
- Who can approve courses and which courses are mandatory

<b>Summary of Approving Entities for CEUs</b>	
No. Jurisdictions that require approval	22
No. Jurisdictions that use state PT association	10
No. Jurisdictions that use licensing board	14
No. Jurisdictions that use APTA	7
No. Jurisdictions that use AMA	3

<b>Summary of Required Courses</b>	
No. Jurisdictions that require jurisprudence exam for renewal	8
No. Jurisdictions that require ethics courses for renewal	7
No. Jurisdictions that require HIV courses for renewal	2

STATE	Courses Must be Approved	Who approves?					Specific Courses Required	What courses are required?			
		State PT association	Licensing board	APTA	AMA	Other		Jurisprudence	Ethics	HIV	Other
AL	Yes	✓	✓				No				
AK	No						Yes	✓			
AZ	Yes					Ten of the 20 contact hours must be courses or activities that are approved by a health	No				

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		State PT association	Licensing board	APTA	AMA	Other		Jurisprudence	Ethics	HIV	Other
						care, medical or physical therapy association, accredited program or specialty society.					
AR	Yes		✓				Yes	✓			
CA	No										
CO											
CT	No						No				
DE	Yes		✓				No				
DC	Yes		✓	✓			No				
FL	Yes	✓		✓		Courses sponsored by a CAPTE accredited program.	Yes			✓	Two hours of medical errors. One hour of HIV for their first biennium.
GA	Yes		✓				Yes	✓	✓		
HI	No						No				
ID	No										
IL	Yes		✓								
IN	No						No				
IA	No						No				
KS	Yes	✓					No				
KY	Yes	✓		✓		Other state licensing boards	Yes	✓		✓	
LA	Yes		✓				No				

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ME											
MD	Yes		✓				No				
MA	No						No				
MI	No						No				
MN	Yes		✓				No				
MS	Yes		✓				Yes		✓		
MO	Yes			✓	✓	AOA, FSBPT	No				
MT	No						No				
NE	No					No preapproval, however, the Board approves during a random audit a percentage of renewal notices.	No				
NV	Yes		✓				No				
NH	No					The Governing Board only responds to individual licensee requests for review of courses and only provides that the courses meet either "clinical" or "other" contact hours as defined in rules	No				
NJ	Yes		✓	✓			Yes	✓	✓		
NM	No	✓				Preapproval is not required; however,	No				

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						providers may submit courses for preapproval.					
NY	No						Yes				
NC	No						No				
ND	No						No				
OH	Yes	✓					No				
OK	Yes		✓				Yes	✓	✓		
OR	No						No				Current proposed legislation may require pain management CE of all healthcare professionals.
PA	No						No				
RI	No						No				
SC	No						No				
SD	No						No				
TN	Yes	✓	✓				Yes	✓	✓		
TX	Yes	✓					Yes		✓		
UT							No				
VT	No										
VI	No						No				
VA	Yes	✓		✓	✓	The board lists the only approved organizations in the regulations. The other approved	No				

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						organizations are: Local, State, or Federal Government Agencies; regionally accredited Colleges and Universities;					
WA	No						No				
WV	Yes					A committee of the Bd- 2 members	No				
WI	Yes	✓		✓	✓	many CE activities are authorized by Board rule. The Board does not review and approve specific individual choices.	Yes	✓	✓		
WY	No						No				

**Requirements for Active Practice**

The following jurisdictions have reported that they require active practice for renewal of PT and PTA licenses.

STATE	Active practice required for PT renewal	No. hours	Active practice required for PTA renewal	No. hours
AK	Yes	60	Yes	60
MN	Yes	320 hrs every 5 years	Yes	320 hours every 5 years
VA	Yes	160 hours	Yes	160 hours
WA	Yes	200 hours	Yes	200 hours