

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

This document reports CEU (continuing education units) and CCU (continuing competence units) requirements for renewal. It describes:

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

Number of CEUs/CCUs required for renewal

Summary	
No. Jurisdictions that require CEUs/CCUs for renewal of PT license	40
No. Jurisdictions that require CEUs/CCUs for renewal of PTA license	36

STATE	PT Renewal Requires CEUs/CCUs	CEUs/CCUs per Renewal Period	PTA Renewal Requires CEUs/CCUs	CEUs/CCUs 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	30 CC hours	Yes	30 CC hours
CO	No			
CT	Yes	20 hours	No	
DE	Yes	3.0 CEUs	Yes	3.0 CEUs
DC	Yes	4.0 CEUs	Yes	4.0 CEUs
FL	Yes	24 hours	Yes	24 hours
GA	Yes	30 hours	Yes	30 hours
HI	No		No	
ID	Yes	16 hours	No	

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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	2.4 CEUs	Yes	2.4 CEUs
MO	Yes	30 hours	Yes	30 hours
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	30 hours	Yes	30 hours
NY	Yes	36 hours	Yes	36 hours
NC	Yes	30 points	Yes	30 points
ND	Yes	25 hours	Yes	25 hours
OH	Yes	24 hours	Yes	12 hours
OK	Yes	40 hours	Yes	30 hours
OR	Yes	24 hours	Yes	12 hours

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PA	No		No	
RI	Yes	24 hours	Yes	24 hours
SC	Yes	3.0 CEUs	Yes	3.0 CEUs
SD	No		No	
TN	Yes	30 hours	Yes	20 hours
TX	Yes	3.0 CEUs	Yes	2.0 CEUs
UT	No		N/A	
VT	No		No	
VI	No		No	
VA	Yes	30 hours	Yes	30 hours
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/Competence Approval and Required Courses

This table reports

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

Summary of Approving Entities for CEUs/CCUs	
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

Summary of Required Courses	
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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		State PT association	Licensing board	APTA	AMA	Other		Jurisprudence	Ethics	HIV	Other
						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 for 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 Board -two 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 hours	Yes	60 hours
MN	Yes	320 hours every 5 years	Yes	320 hours every 5 years
VA	Yes	160 hours	Yes	160 hours
WA	Yes	200 hours	Yes	200 hours