

**Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy  
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**English Language Proficiency Requirements**

<b>Summary - No. of Jurisdictions that Require:</b>	
TOEFL	25
TWE	22
TSE	28
TOEFL iBT	35

STATE	Which English language tests required?					Required passing scores for TOEFL, TWE and TSE			Required passing scores for TOEFL iBT					Comments
	TOEFL	TWE	TSE	TOEFL iBT	Comments	TOEFL	TWE	TSE	Writing	Speaking	Reading	Listening	Total	
AL	✓	✓	✓	✓		220- computer	4.5	50	24	26	21	18		Did not adopt total passing score.
AK	✓	✓	✓	✓		220- computer	4.5	50	24	26	21	18		
AZ	✓	✓	✓	✓		560- paper	4.5	50	25	25	25	25	100	
AR	✓	✓	✓	✓		220- computer	4.5	50	24	26	21	18	89	
CA				✓						26			89	Composite of reading comprehension, listening comprehension and writing: 63
CO														
CT														
DE														
DC	✓	✓	✓	✓		560- paper	4.5	50	24	26	21	18	89	
FL														
GA	✓	✓	✓			240- computer	4.5	50						

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HI	✓			✓					24	26	21	18		
ID	✓			✓		220-computer			24	26	21	18	89	Proof of passing scores on standardized English proficiency exam is required if English is not the applicant's native language. There are no exemptions to this requirement.
IL			✓	✓				50	24	26	21	18	89	
IN														
IA				✓					24	26	21	18	89	
KS			✓	✓					24	26	21	18	89	
KY			✓	✓				50	24	26	21	18	89	
LA	✓	✓	✓	✓		220-computer	4.5	50	24	26	21	18	89	Requires passing scores on each section, not just the total score.
ME	✓	✓	✓											
MD	✓			✓		220-computer			24	25	21	18		The Board adopted the individual scores but not a total score.
MA														
MI	✓		✓	✓		550-paper		50					89	We are drafting changes to the administrative rules to require the scores recommended by FSBPT. New rules take up to two years to promulgate.
MN				✓					24	26	21	18		
MS	✓	✓	✓	✓		220-	4.5	50	24	26	21	18		No total. Must meet minimum

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						computer								score in each category.
MO	✓		✓	✓		560- paper		50	24	26	21	18	89	
MT	✓													If from a non-English speaking culture, the applicant shall display competency in the English language by passing the national examination test of English as foreign language (TOEFL) with a passing score as designated by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT).
NE	✓	✓	✓			560- paper	4.5	50	24	26	21	18	89	In proposed regulations that are going through promulgation process.
NV	✓	✓	✓	✓		230- computer	4.5	50	24	26	21	18		Each component must be passed. We do not base it on a total.
NH	✓	✓	✓			560- paper	4.5	50						
NJ	✓			✓		220- computer			24	26	21	18		
NM														
NY					Passage of the examination can be the determining factor.									
NC	✓	✓	✓	✓		560-	4.5	50	24	26	21	18	89	

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						paper								
ND				✓					24	26	21	18	89	
OH	✓	✓	✓	✓		220-computer	4.5	50	24	26	21	18	89	
OK	✓	✓	✓	✓		220-computer	4.5	50	24	26	21	18	89	
OR	✓	✓	✓	✓		220-computer	4.5	50	24	26	21	18	89	
PA														
RI				✓					24	26	21	18	89	
SC	✓	✓	✓	✓		560-paper	4.5	55	24	26	21	18	89	
SD	✓					220-computer								
TN				✓					24	26	21	18	89	
TX	✓	✓	✓	✓		237-computer	5.5	50	24	26	21	18		
UT				✓					24	26	21	18	89	
VT	✓													
VI	✓					220-computer or 560-paper								Use whatever score is accepted by FSBPT.
VA	✓		✓	✓		213-computer or 550-		50	24	26	21	18	89	

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						paper								
WA	✓	✓	✓	✓		560- paper		50	24	26	21	18	89	
WV	✓	✓	✓	✓		560- paper	4.5	50	24	26	21	18	89	
WI	✓	✓	✓	✓		220- computer	4.5	50	24	26	21	18	89	
WY	✓	✓	✓	✓		560- paper	4.5	50	24	26	21	18	89	