

**Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy
Jurisdiction Licensure Reference Guide
Topic: Jurisprudence Exams**

This table provides additional information on how jurisdictions use jurisprudence exams and the format of the exams for PTs seeking initial licensure or license renewal.

PT Summary	
Number of jurisdictions using jurisprudence exam for initial licensure only	17
Number of jurisdictions using jurisprudence exam for renewal only	1
Number of jurisdictions using jurisprudence exam for initial licensure and renewal	11
Jurisprudence exam format	
Computer-Based Exams	17
Paper-and-Pencil	7
Open-Book	18
Number of jurisdictions that require a minimum passing score	25

STATE	Jurisprudence Exam Required for PT	Computer-Based	Paper-and-Pencil	Open-Book	Is there a minimum passing score?	Comments
AL	Initial Licensure	✓			Yes	
AK	Both			✓	No	
AZ	Initial Licensure	✓			Yes	
AR	Both	✓		✓	Yes	
CA	Both	✓			Yes	
CO	Not Required					
CT	Not Required					
DE	No Data Provided					
DC	Initial Licensure	✓			Yes	
FL	Both	✓			Yes	
GA	Both	✓			Yes	

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STATE	Jurisprudence Exam Required for PT	Computer-Based	Paper-and-Pencil	Open-Book	Is there a minimum passing score?	Comments
HI	Not Required					
ID	Initial Licensure			✓	Yes	75% or above is the passing score.
IL	No Data Provided					
IN	Not Required					
IA	Not Required					
KS	Initial Licensure			✓	Yes	
KY	Both	✓		✓	Yes	
LA	Both	✓			Yes	
ME	No Data Provided					
MD	Initial Licensure		✓	✓	Yes	90%
MA	No Data Provided					
MI	No Data Provided					
MN	Not Required					
MS	Initial Licensure		✓	✓	Yes	
MO	Both	✓	✓	✓	Yes	
MT	Initial Licensure			✓	Yes	
NE	Both	✓		✓	Yes	100%
NV	Initial Licensure		✓	✓	Yes	
NH*	Initial Licensure			✓		
NJ	Initial Licensure			✓	Yes	
NM	No Data Provided					
NY	Not Required					
NC	Both	✓		✓	No	The jurisprudence exercises (2) are designed so that a test-taker cannot proceed to next question until he/she answers the question correctly.

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ND	Initial Licensure	✓	✓	✓	No	
OH	Initial Licensure	✓			Yes	
OK	Renewal	✓		✓	Yes	Passing required for renewal.
OR	Initial Licensure		✓	✓	Yes	25 multiple-choice questions; paper and pencil test. Must score at least an 80% and same form of the exam available for retakes. No limit on number of times may retake.
PA	Not Required					
RI	Not Required					
SC	Not Required					
SD	No Data Provided					
TN	No Data Provided					
TX	Both			✓	Yes	
UT	Initial Licensure		✓	✓	Yes	The jurisprudence exam is in the initial application.
VT	Not Required					
VI	Not Required					
VA	Not Required					
WA	Initial Licensure	✓			Yes	
WV	Not Required					
WI	Initial Licensure	✓		✓	Yes	
WY	Not Required					

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PTA Summary	
Number of jurisdictions using jurisprudence exam for initial licensure only	16
Number of jurisdictions using jurisprudence exam for renewal only	1
Number of jurisdictions using jurisprudence exam for initial licensure and renewal	11
Jurisprudence exam format	
Computer-Based Exams	16
Paper-and-Pencil	7
Open-Book	18
Number of jurisdictions that require a minimum passing score	25

STATE	Jurisprudence Exam Required for PTA	Computer-Based	Paper-and-Pencil	Open-Book	Is there a minimum passing score?	Comments
AL	Initial Licensure	✓			Yes	
AK	Both			✓	No	
AZ	Initial Licensure	✓			Yes	
AR	Both	✓		✓	Yes	
CA	Both	✓			Yes	
CO	Not Required					
CT	Not Required					
DE	No Data Provided					
DC	Initial Licensure	✓			Yes	
FL	Both	✓			Yes	
GA	Both	✓			Yes	

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HI	Not Required					
ID	Initial Licensure			✓	Yes	
IL	No Data Provided					
IN	Not Required					
IA	Not Required					
KS	Not Required				Yes	
KY	Both	✓		✓	Yes	
LA	Both	✓		✓	Yes	
ME	No Data Provided					
MD	Initial Licensure		✓	✓	Yes	90%
MA	No Data Provided					
MI	No Data Provided					
MN	Not Required					
MS	Initial Licensure		✓	✓	Yes	
MO	Both	✓	✓	✓	Yes	
MT	Initial Licensure			✓	Yes	
NE	Both	✓		✓	Yes	100%
NV	Initial Licensure		✓	✓	Yes	
NH*	Initial Licensure			✓		
NJ	Initial Licensure			✓	Yes	
NM	No Data Provided					
NY	Not Required					
NC	Both	✓		✓	No	The Jurisprudence Exercises (2) are designed so that a test-taker cannot proceed to next question until he/she answers the question correctly.

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ND	Initial Licensure	✓	✓	✓	No	
OH	Initial Licensure	✓			Yes	
OK	Renewal	✓		✓	Yes	Passing required for renewal.
OR	Initial Licensure		✓	✓	Yes	25 multiple-choice questions; paper and pencil test. Must score at least an 80% and same form of the exam available for retakes. No limit on number of times may retake.
PA	Not Required					
RI	Not Required					
SC	Not Required					
SD	No Data Provided					
TN	No Data Provided					
TX	Both			✓	Yes	
UT	Initial Licensure		✓	✓	Yes	The jurisprudence exam is in the initial application.
VT	Not Required					
VI	Not Required					
VA	Not Required					
WA	Initial Licensure	✓			Yes	
WV	Not Required					
WI	Initial Licensure	✓		✓	Yes	
WY	Not Required					

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The table below lists who develops the jurisprudence exams for each jurisdiction.

Summary	
Jurisdictions using jurisprudence exams	
Yes	29
No	11
Will be required soon	2
Who develops and administers the jurisprudence exam	
State Board	19
FSBPT	5
Outside Vendor	0
State Board develops and FSBPT administers	3
Other	1

STATE	Jurisprudence Exam Used?	State Board Develops & Administers	FSBPT Develops & Administers	Outside Vendor Develops & Administers	FSBPT Develops & State Board Administers	State Board Develops & FSBPT Administers	Other
AL	Yes		✓				
AK	Yes	✓					
AZ	Yes		✓				
AR	Yes	✓					
CA	Yes					✓	
CO	No						
CT	No						
DE	No Data Provided						

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DC	Yes					✓	
FL	Yes		✓				
GA	Yes		✓				
HI	No						
ID	Yes	✓					
IL	No Data Provided						
IN	No						
IA	No						
KS	Yes						PT Council and Board staff
KY	Yes	✓					
LA	Yes	✓					
ME	No Data Provided						
MD	Yes	✓					
MA	No Data Provided						
MI	No Data Provided						
MN	Will be required soon						
MS	Yes	✓					
MO	Yes	✓					
MT	Yes	✓					
NE	Yes					✓	
NV	Yes	✓					
NH	Yes						
NJ	Yes	✓					
NM	No Data Provided						

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NY	No						
NC	Yes	✓					
ND	Yes	✓					
OH	Yes		✓				
OK	Yes	✓					
OR	Yes	✓					
PA	No						
RI	No						
SC	No						
SD	No Data Provided						
TN	No Data Provided						
TX	Yes	✓					
UT	Yes	✓					
VT	No						
VI	No						
VA	No						
WA	Yes	✓					
WV	No						
WI	Yes	✓					
WY	Will be required soon						