

**Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy
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Topic: Re-entering the Workforce**

This table provides information about which jurisdictions define those who are re-entering the workforce after a period of inactivity, how that is defined and what are the requirements for re-entering the workforce.

Summary: Jurisdictions Defining "Re-entering" PT Workforce

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Not Reported	10
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AL	✓				✓					
AK				✓	✓					
AZ	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓			
AR										All PTs and PTAs that allow their license to lapse are reinstated with a reinstatement, form, fee and delinquent continuing education.
CA	<i>No Data Provided</i>									
CO	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				
CT	<i>No Data Provided</i>									
DE				✓	✓					
DC					✓					Verification from other jurisdiction licenses
FL	✓									
GA	✓			✓	✓					Retake the NPTE is time dependent (> 5yrs no active practice)
HI										

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ID					✓					It would be up to board consideration based on the individual circumstances
IL										
IN	✓							✓		
IA					✓					Verification of licensure from every jurisdiction the applicant is or has been licensed. NPTE within one year of reactivation in lieu of con. ed.
KS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
KY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		
LA		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				Currently just continuing ed, proposed rules will cover the other checked
ME	<i>No Data Provided</i>									
MD	✓				✓					
MA									✓	
MI	<i>No Data Provided</i>									
MN	✓			✓						

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MS				✓	✓					Restrict practice to Mississippi, cannot supervise any support personnel.
MO				✓						
MN					✓			✓		
NE					✓					
NV				✓	✓			✓		
NH	✓	✓	✓	✓						
NJ	<i>No Data Provided</i>									
NM					✓					Provides evidence of additional competency to practice as required by the board
NY					✓					
NC										If license has lapsed, the applicant must meet continuing competence requirements outlined in the Board's rules.
ND	✓			✓	✓			✓		
OH	✓									
OK	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		Could be required to complete one or more of the above

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OR								✓		See below.
PA									✓	
PR	<i>No Data Provided</i>									
RI	<i>No Data Provided</i>									
SC					✓					if five years or more may have to do supervised clinical practice
SD	<i>No Data Provided</i>									
TN	<i>No Data Provided</i>									
TX	✓									
UT										They must provide documentation that demonstrates that they are competent to engage in physical therapy.
VT										§ 2108. Reinstatement
VI	<i>No Data Provided</i>									
VA				✓	✓					

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WA										Some of the above apply such as retaking the NPTE but only if the practitioner has not been in active practice for the past five years.
WV					✓					Application for Licensure, Board Verifications, and NPTE scores.
WI					✓					Oral eXam with the board, open book jurisprudence eXam. The board may impose any reasonable conditions on reinstatement of license
WY	✓			✓	✓					Complete prescribed remedial courses

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STATE	Jurisdiction Define?	Describe Individuals Re-entering the PT Workforce
AL	Yes	If their license has been inactive for longer than 5 years and they are not licensed in any other state, they would have to re-take the NPTE and apply as a new grad. If less than 5 years, they would have to pay fees for each year's renewal, one restoration fee, and provide copies of pre-approved CE for required for each year.
AK	Yes	Those who previously had a license that has expired
AZ	No	Individuals re-entering the workforce are not defined; however, individuals previously licensed or certified in Arizona whose license has lapsed for three years or more can be required to prove competence before gaining a new license or certificate. This can include remedial courses, continuing education, supervised practice, or examinations.
AR	No	N/A
CA		<i>No Data Provided</i>
CO	Yes	Not practicing in any state for more than two years: 32 hours CE, 6-month practice monitor, 240-hour internship, retake the NPTE or PRT, or any other means approved by the Director.
CT		<i>No Data Provided</i>
DE	Yes	11.1 Any person who has been registered in the State and is not actively engaged in the practice of physical therapy or athletic training in the State may, upon request, be placed on the inactive register for the remainder of the biennial licensure period. Subsequent requests for extensions of inactive status should be submitted biennially. The Board may reactivate an inactive license if the Physical Therapist, Physical Therapist Assistant or Athletic Trainer: 11.1.1 Files a written request for reactivation; 11.1.2 has been actively engaged in the practice for the past five years. If the licensee has not met this condition, the following requirements shall be completed: 11.1.2.1 The Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant working in a clinical setting shall work under the direct supervision of a Physical Therapist in Delaware for a minimum of six months. 11.1.2.2 The Athletic Trainer shall work under the direct supervision of an Athletic Trainer in Delaware for a minimum of six months. 11.1.2.3 At the end of the period, the supervising Physical Therapist/Athletic Trainer shall certify to the applicant's clinical competence on forms supplied by the Board; 11.1.3 Submits proof of completion of 1.5 CEUs during the previous 12 months. 11.2 Provided reinstatement is requested within 5 years of the expiration date, the Board may reinstate the license of a Physical Therapist, Physical Therapist Assistant, or Athletic Trainer who allowed their license to lapse without requesting placement on the inactive register if the Physical Therapist, Physical Therapist Assistant, or Athletic Trainer: 11.2.1 completes a form supplied by the Board 11.2.2 provides proof of completion of 3.0 CEUs during the previous 24 months.
DC	Yes	A physical therapist who has let their license lapse in the District of Columbia has a 5 year window to reinstate their license. They are required to submit 20 hours of continuing education units for every year their license was expired (maximum of 100 hours).

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FL	No	This is not specifically address in the laws or rules. However, if an applicant does not have an active license in another state and they are attempting to "re-enter" the workforce, they are required to pass the NPTE again if it has been more than 5 years
GA	Yes	Each applicant for licensure is asked to answer a yes/no question regarding active practice during the preceding two years.
HI	No	
ID	No	We don't have a definition for this
IL	No	
IN	Yes	Someone who has not practiced physical therapy or physical therapy assisting in more than 3 years.
IA	Yes	Licensees hold an "active" or "inactive" license and there is no particular designation for those re-entering the workforce.
KS	Yes	person who has not been engaged in an educational program recognized by the board and has not engaged in the practice of physical therapy during the five years preceding the date of the application.
KY	Yes	If not holding a current license more than 3 years, the following is required: a. submission of evidence of professional competency; b. supervision of practice up to 6 months c. completion of the board-approved examination; or d. any combination of (a) thru (c)
LA	Yes	Allowing a license to lapse - must re-instate
ME		<i>No Data Provided</i>
MD	No	They can re-enter at any time provided they have held an active license in some jurisdiction at least three years prior to re-entering. If they have not held an active license for three years, they must re-enter as a new applicant.
MA	No	
MI		<i>No Data Provided</i>
MN	Yes	For both PTs and PTAs: someone who has not practiced the equivalent of eight full weeks (320 hours) during the past 5 years.
MS	Yes	License has been expired and has not practiced in 5 years.
MO	Yes	
MN	Yes	Lapsed or terminated
NE	No	
NV	Yes	More than 2 years lapse.
NH	Yes	The Board shall conditionally, rather than fully, reinstate licenses when they have been lapsed for 4 years or more without the reinstatement applicants having been active in the profession as defined in Phy 401.or for the just preceding 4 years if the applicant has retaken and passed the applicable national exam or if the applicant has

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		taken and passed the general practice version of the practice review tool.
NJ		<i>No Data Provided</i>
NM	Yes	Applicants who have not practiced as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant for a period of more than three (3) consecutive years, full licensure requires.....
NY	No	Licensees may go to "inactive" status. To get back into practice, they would have to complete the continuing education requirement for the length of time they have been inactive (up to 36 hours).
NC	No	N/A
ND	Yes	From 1-3 years without practice they can be reinstated as long as they are up to date on the cumulative CEUs. More than 3 years they may be required to re-take the NPTE, Practice under supervision, complete remediation all at the discretion of the board
OH	Yes	Out of practice is defined as being actively engaged in the practice of physical therapy for fewer than 500 hours over the 5 year period prior to the date the applicant submits the application for licensure.
OK	Yes	licenses lapsed more than three months
OR	Yes	In Oregon a therapist may let their professional license lapse for up to five years. They may reinstate a lapsed license anytime during the five years by paying the back renewal fee and late charge for each year the license has lapsed. There is no requirement to prove competency. If their license has lapsed for more than five years and they hold a valid therapist license in another jurisdiction, they would make a new application for endorsement licensure. If they do not hold a current license in another jurisdiction they must make a new examination application with the Board and provide evidence to the Board they can practice competently, this is handled on a case by case basis and may include continuing education course, the Board may require a refresher course or have the applicant take the NPTE again or both.
PA	No	
PR		<i>No Data Provided</i>
RI		<i>No Data Provided</i>
SC	Yes	Individuals that have allowed their license to lapse or have been inactive three years or more.
SD		<i>No Data Provided</i>
TN		<i>No Data Provided</i>
TX	Yes	There is no definition or mention of re-entry per se, but a person with a license lapsed more than a year is required to take the exam. I leave it up to you to decide if that falls into the category.
UT	No	A PT or PTA whose license expired over two years ago must meet all requirements that a new PT or PTA must meet.

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VT	Yes	§ 2108. Reinstatement If a physical therapist's license has lapsed for more than five consecutive years, that person may have his or her license reinstated upon payment of all applicable renewal and reinstatement fees, and demonstration of competence to practice the profession by one or more of the following, as determined by the director: (1) practice for a specified time under a limited or supervised license; (2) completion of a remedial course; (3) completion of continuing competence requirements; (4) passage of an examination approved by the director; or (5) practice with a license in good standing in another jurisdiction
VI		<i>No Data Provided</i>
VA	Yes	B. A physical therapist or physical therapist assistant whose Virginia license is lapsed for more than two years and who is seeking reinstatement shall: 1. Practice physical therapy in another jurisdiction for at least 320 hours within the four years immediately preceding applying for reinstatement or successfully complete 480 hours as specified in 18VAC112-20-140; and 2. Complete the number of continuing competency hours required for the period in which the license has been lapsed, not to exceed four years.
WA	Yes	WAC 246-915-050 Reinstatement. (1) If the license has expired for three years or less, the practitioner must meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2. (2) If the license has expired for over three years, and the practitioner has been in active practice in another United States jurisdiction, the practitioner must: (a) Submit verification of active practice from any other United States jurisdiction; (b) Meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2. (3) If the license has expired for over three years, and the practitioner has not been in active practice in another United States jurisdiction, the practitioner must meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2. Before recommending reinstatement, the board may require reexamination and may impose any other requirements necessary to ensure professional competence and protect the public.
WV	Yes	Inactive License Lapse License Endorsement
WI	Yes	Has not practiced as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant for a period of 3 years prior to application, unless the applicant has been graduated from a school of physical therapy or a physical therapist assistant educational program within that period.
WY	Yes	If the applicant has not practiced physical therapy during the past three (3) years