

**Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy  
Jurisdiction Licensure Reference Guide  
Topic: Initial License Requirements**

The table below lists the initial licensure requirements for PTs in each jurisdiction.

<b>PT Summary: Jurisdiction Requirements for Initial Licensure</b>	
SSN	41
Fingerprint	9
Insurance	1
Minimum Age	17
Criminal Records Check	15
Federal records check only	0
Jurisdiction records check only	4
Both	11

STATE	SSN	Fingerprint	Insurance	Minimum Age	Criminal Record Checks	Federal Records Check	Jurisdiction Records Check
AL	Yes				No		
AK	Yes				No		
AZ	Yes				No		
AR	Yes			21	No		
CA	Yes	✓			Yes	✓	✓
CO	Yes				No		
CT	Yes		✓		No		
DE	No Data Provided						
DC	Yes	✓		18	Yes	✓	✓
FL	Yes			18	No		
GA	Yes				No		
HI	Yes			18	No		
ID	No			21	No*		

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STATE	SSN	Fingerprint	Insurance	Minimum Age	Criminal Record Checks	Federal Records Check	Jurisdiction Records Check
IL	Yes			18	No		
IN	Yes				No		
IA	Yes				No		
KS	No			18	No		
KY	Yes				Yes		✓
LA	Yes	✓			Yes	✓	✓
ME	No Data Provided						
MD	Yes			18	No		
MA	No Data Provided						
MI	No Data Provided						
MN	Yes				No		
MS	Yes	✓			Yes	✓	✓
MO	Yes				No		
MT	Yes			18	Yes		✓
NE	Yes				Yes		✓
NV	Yes	✓			Yes	✓	✓
NH	Yes			18	Yes		✓
NJ	Yes	✓		18	Yes	✓	✓
NM	No Data Provided						
NY	No			21	No		
NC	Yes				No		
ND	Yes				No		
OH	Yes	✓			Yes	✓	✓
OK	Yes				Yes	✓	✓
OR	Yes			18	Yes	✓	✓

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STATE	SSN	Fingerprint	Insurance	Minimum Age	Criminal Record Checks	Federal Records Check	Jurisdiction Records Check
PA	Yes				No		
RI	Yes				No		
SC	Yes				No		
SD	No Data Provided						
TN	No Data Provided						
TX	Yes				No		
UT	Yes				No		
VT	Yes			18	No		
VI	No				No		
VA	Yes			18	No		
WA	Yes	✓			Yes	✓	✓
WV	Yes			18	No		
WI	Yes			18	No		
WY	Yes	✓			Yes	✓	✓

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The table below lists the initial licensure requirements for PTAs in each jurisdiction.

<b>PTA Summary: Jurisdictions Requirements for Initial Licensure</b>	
SSN	39
Fingerprint	9
Insurance	0
Minimum Age	19
Criminal Records Check	15
Federal records check only	0
Jurisdiction records check only	4
Both	11

<b>STATE</b>	<b>SSN</b>	<b>Fingerprint</b>	<b>Insurance</b>	<b>Minimum Age</b>	<b>Criminal Record Checks</b>	<b>Federal Records Check</b>	<b>Jurisdiction Records Check</b>
AL	Yes				No		
AK	Yes				No		
AZ	Yes				No		
AR	Yes			18	No		
CA	Yes	✓			Yes	✓	✓
CO	No				No		
CT	Yes				No		
DE	No Data Provided						
DC	Yes	✓		18	Yes	✓	✓

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FL	Yes			18	No		
GA	Yes				No		
HI	No				No		
ID*	No			21	No		
IL	Yes			18	No		
IN	Yes				No		
IA	Yes				No		
KS	No			18	No		
KY	Yes				Yes		✓
LA	Yes	✓			Yes	✓	✓
ME	No Data Provided						
MD	Yes			18	No		
MA	No Data Provided						
MI	No Data Provided						
MN	Yes				No		
MS	Yes	✓			Yes	✓	✓
MO	Yes			19	No		
MT	Yes			18	Yes		✓
NE	Yes				Yes		✓
NV	Yes	✓		18	Yes	✓	✓
NH	Yes			18	Yes		✓
NJ	Yes	✓		18	Yes	✓	✓
NM	No Data Provided						
NY	No			18	No		
NC	Yes				No		

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ND	Yes				No		
OH	Yes	✓			Yes	✓	✓
OK	Yes				Yes	✓	✓
OR	Yes			18	Yes	✓	✓
PA	Yes			18	No		
RI	Yes				No		
SC	Yes				No		
SD	No Data Provided						
TN	No Data Provided						
TX	Yes				No		
UT	Yes				No		
VT	Yes			18	No		
VI	No				No		
VA	Yes			18	No		
WA	Yes	✓			Yes	✓	✓
WV	Yes			18	No		
WI	Yes			18	No		
WY	Yes	✓			Yes	✓	✓

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