

**Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy
Jurisdiction Licensure Reference Guide
Topic: Retaking NPTE**

The table below lists the requirements for retaking the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) for each jurisdiction.

Summary	
Number of attempts on NPTE limited?	
Yes	16
No	26
Number of attempts allowed before remedial coursework	
One	0
Two	6
Three	5
Board discretion	0
No requirement for remedial coursework after failing NPTE	3
Other	2

STATE	Number of Attempts Limited?	Total Attempts Allowed	Allowed to Fail Once before Remedial Coursework Required	Allowed to Fail Twice before Remedial Coursework Required	Allowed to Fail Three Times before Remedial Coursework Required	Decision under Board Discretion	No Remedial Coursework Requirement	Other
AL	Yes	3					✓	
AK	Yes	3			✓			
AZ	No							
AR	No							
CA	No							
CO	No							
CT	No Data Provided							
DE	No Data Provided							

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DC	Yes				✓			
FL	Yes	5			✓			
GA	No							
HI	No							
ID	No							
IL	No Data Provided							
IN	No							
IA	No							
KS	Yes				✓			
KY	Yes	6						Must submit remediation plan after 3 failed attempts.
LA	No							
ME	No Data Provided							
MD	No							
MA	No Data Provided							
MI	No Data Provided							
MN	No							
MS	Yes	5		✓				
MO	No							
MT	No							
NE	Yes						✓	
NV	No							

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NH	No							
NJ	No							
NM	No Data Provided							
NY	No							
NC	No							
ND	No							
OH	No							
OK	Yes	3		✓				
OR	No							
PA	No							
RI	Yes							After failing 3 times, must seek permission from Board
SC	Yes	3		✓				
SD	No Data Provided							
TN	No Data Provided							
TX	Yes	8		✓				
UT	No							
VT	Yes			✓				
VI								
VA	No							
WA	Yes			✓				
WV	No							

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WI	Yes				✓			
WY	Yes	3						After 2nd failed attempt, must submit a remedial plan which may include coursework

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The table below describes how the total number of NPTE attempts is defined for each jurisdiction.

Summary: Limits on number of times NPTE can be taken	
Number of NPTE attempts in jurisdiction	4
Number of NPTE attempts in jurisdiction per year	2
Number of NPTE attempts in all jurisdictions	4
Other	4

STATE	Limit Attempts in Jurisdiction	Limit Attempts in Jurisdiction/Year	Limit Attempts in all Jurisdictions	Other	Comments
AL	✓				
AK		✓			The exam must be passed within 12 months from the first exam. The applicant is allowed to take the exam 2 more times if they fail the first time. After failing the test 3 times, they can then reapply to take the exam with a new application.
AZ					
AR					
CA					
CO					
CT					
DE	No Data Provided				

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STATE	Limit Attempts in Jurisdiction	Limit Attempts in Jurisdiction/Year	Limit Attempts in all Jurisdictions	Other	Comments
DC			✓		The Board does not have a maximum number of attempts allowed. However, if the exam is failed 3 times, the applicant is required to come before the Board with a study plan to discuss with the Board prior to being reapproved.
FL			✓		
GA					
HI					
ID					
IL	No Data Provided				
IN					
IA					
KS				The total number of attempts is determined by Council on an individual basis.	After the first 3 attempts, the PT Council reviews each request to retest and makes the determination if the individual should be allowed to retest.
KY			✓		Must submit remediation plan after 3 failed attempts.
LA					
ME	No Data Provided				
MD					
MA	No Data Provided				
MI	No Data Provided				
MN					

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MS			✓		An applicant who has taken the exam more than 5 times in any jurisdiction and who is not licensed is not eligible to sit for the examination in MS.
MO					
MT					
NE				Limited by the FSBPT	
NV					
NH					
NJ					
NM	No Data Provided				
NY					
NC					
ND					
OH					
OK	✓				After three failures, a candidate is no longer eligible to sit for the exam in Oklahoma.
OR					
PA					
RI					
SC	✓				
SD	No Data Provided				
TN	No Data Provided				
TX			✓		
UT					

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VT					
VI					
VA					
WA	✓				
WV				Total number per year in any jurisdiction	
WI					There is no limit on the number of times a candidate can take the exam. However, after the third failure, candidates must go through remediation to take it a fourth time. Candidates must also go through remediation before they will be allowed to test a fifth time. This includes failed attempts in other jurisdictions.
WY		✓			