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It's all on the PTLC page!

Are you wondering what the status of the Physical Therapy Licensing Compact (PTLC) is in each state? Not sure how close we are to the "BIG TEN" states needed to bring the Compact into existence? Want to know who endorses the PTLC?

Find that information and more on our [newly-revised PTLC page](#). We'll continue to update the page as we receive new information, so check back often.

Oregon first state to sign on to Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (PTLC)

In case you missed last month's news, here are more specifics.

Oregon has made physical therapy history by becoming the first state to join the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (PTLC), a system that aims to make it possible for PTs and PTAs to practice in multiple states through a single license and privilege.

The legislation, signed into law by Gov. Kate Brown, adopts standard language allowing Oregon to participate in a system in which a PT or PTA with a valid, unencumbered license in the participating home state may practice in any other participating state. Qualified PTs and PTAs would be able to choose any or all participating compact states to gain a Compact Privilege authorizing the PT or PTA to work legally, but would only need to maintain licensure in their "home" state.

The push for adoption of the PTLC among states is being led by FSBPT and APTA in partnership with the National Center for Interstate Compacts, working with state APTA chapters, state regulatory boards, and supporters of increased licensure portability. That effort officially launched earlier this year.

"The Federation is thrilled Oregon was the first state to enact the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact," said ***FSBPT President Maggie Donohue***, PT. "This is a demonstration of how APTA, FSBPT, the Oregon Chapter, and the Oregon Physical Therapy Licensing Board can work together to benefit the healthcare consumer. We trust Oregon is the model for continued collaboration and advancement of patient access to physical therapy services."

Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (PTLC) support

FSBPT appreciates the broad support received for the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact. From consumer groups to policy organizations, the following have publicly endorsed the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.

- The American Telemedicine Association
- Athletico Physical Therapy
- Citizen Advocacy Center (CAC)
- Cross Country Healthcare
- Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)
- HPA The Catalyst
- National Association for the Support of Long Term Care (NASL)

[Read the letters of support.](#)

New! Excellence in Regulation Award

The Excellence in Regulation Award recognizes jurisdictions that have made significant accomplishments towards increasing public protection for consumers of physical therapy services in a number of areas.

To nominate a jurisdiction, including your own, submit the [Excellence in Regulation Award Nomination Form](#) to communications@fsbpt.org by **Friday, July 1, 2016**.

A jurisdiction board must have made significant accomplishments towards increasing public protection in any of the following areas.

1. Rules were passed that substantially protect the public.
2. Legislation was passed that was based on the FSBPT Model Practice Act for Physical Therapy and the licensing authority was a key component in getting it passed.
3. The FSBPT Continuing Competence Model was adopted.
4. Maintained 5 stars in the Exam, Licensure and Disciplinary Database (ELDD) for three years in a row.
5. Increased the number of ELDD stars by three or more in one year.
6. First jurisdiction to adopt the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.
7. Engaged the public in a meaningful way or provided meaningful resources directed to the public.
8. Conducted research on a topic related to public protection.
9. Incorporated measures to increase the effectiveness and/or efficiency of the licensing board.

Annual meeting credentialing opens



The FSBPT annual meeting is November 3-5, 2016 in Columbus, Ohio.

Who will FSBPT fund to the 2016 annual meeting?

- Your Voting Delegate
- Your Primary Alternate Delegate
- Your Board Administrator (Board administrators can be voting and alternate delegates.)

Directions for credentialing delegates and administrators for the 2016 annual meeting have been emailed to the Council of Board Administrators. In addition, a short overview of the process has been emailed to board chairs. Administrators and board chairs, if you need a copy of those emails, contact communications@fsbpt.org.

Deadline for credentialing - June 17, 2016

It is imperative that administrators finish the credentialing process by June 17, 2016 to ensure that your representatives can attend LIF. Late submissions will be accepted if your board does not meet until after the deadline.

LIF: Leadership Issues Forum – July 30-31, 2016

The *Voting Delegate* and *Board Administrator* will automatically receive travel authorizations to the Leadership Issues Forum in Alexandria, Virginia.

FSBPT regulatory training in June – there is still room

FSBPT hosts annual training for all jurisdiction board members and administrators on physical therapy regulation. It receives *consistently exceptional reviews!* FSBPT funds your attendance. This year's training is **June 24-26, 2016** in Alexandria, Virginia.

Topics - Regulatory law, terminology, board powers/responsibilities/roles, the regulation of physical therapy, delegation of authority, immunity – and a familiarization with FSBPT services.

To ensure a seat, register by **April 15, 2016** by emailing communications@fsbpt.org.

FSBPT annual meeting topics due April 15, 2016

Maybe you've got a topic that your board is wrestling with or you've seen a speaker cover a topic that is pertinent to healthcare regulation.

- Does your board have a project to present to your peers at the annual meeting?
- Do you have a unique approach to some aspect of the regulation of physical therapy within your state?
- Do you have some specific experience or expertise in a regulatory topic?

Send it on!

If your proposal is chosen, two presenters will be funded to attend the annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio November 3-5, 2016. Programs are limited to one-hour sessions.

Due date: Friday, April 15, 2016

Proposal submissions must contain the following:

1. Title
2. Course description
3. Course objectives
4. Tentative outline of time and content
5. Biographical information for each speaker, including degrees/credentials, institution, city, and state

Send proposals to communications@fsbpt.org.



Our volunteers hard at work

This month, FSBPT hosted the following groups:

EDC-PT Committee

Jeanne Cook

Jade Bender-Burnett

Nicolle Samuels

Manuel Domenech

Michelle Layton

Sara Maher
Frank Glenn
Robert Nithman
Julie Ronnebaum
Martha Somers
Carlo De Castro

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Barbara Behrens
Tawny Chamberlain
Daniel Curtis
Bruce Danner
Mona Fazzina
Sujay Galen
Jessica Garvey
Kellee Hanigan
Jerrold Hess
Tarang Jain
Elizabeth Jensen
Dianne Jewell
Kellie Johnson
Anthony Kadenzy
Morey Kolber
Mike Little
Melissa Ramos
Leona Rodriguez
Craig Ruby
Carol Sawyer
Gregg Talley
Brad Thuringer
Liyongo Tolin
Hunter Van Houten
Jennifer Whitney
Rick Young
David Relling, Board Liaison

TOEFL Standard Setting Task Force

Violet Acuna-Parker
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Ronald Barredo
Morris Beato
Jai Bhawsar
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Carlo De Castro
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Jodan Garcia
Min-Hui Huang
Jasmin Jimeno
Irene Khair
Kathleen Lieu
Ruth Maher
Ajay Middha
Thomas Mohr
Sarvarkhan Pathan
Kanikkai Steni Balan Sackiriyas
Robert Sandoval
Dakshesh Sanghavi
Liyongo Tolin
Frances Wedge
Nancy Kirsch, Board Liaison

aPTitude Update

Starting with its March 2016 renewal, **Oregon** joins the list of jurisdictions that allow licensees to utilize **aPTitude** to track their continuing competence activities. In the renewal application, if an Oregon licensee is using **aPTitude**, they don't need to manually enter their continuing competence activities when using the online renewal system. In addition, if they are selected for the compliance audit, board staff will use the materials uploaded in **aPTitude** in lieu of the licensee sending in copies of the certificates of completion.

Jurisprudence Assessment Modules

Earlier this year, FSBPT started development of the Jurisprudence Assessment Modules (JAMs) for **Georgia** and **Oregon**. More recently, the **Texas** board voted to adopt a JAM to replace their current, board-developed jurisprudence tool. The Texas JAM will also include questions addressing ethics and professional responsibility, and will be required of all renewing licensees to meet the required to CCUs in ethics/professional responsibility. The Texas JAM item writing workshop will take place in April. The Georgia, Oregon, and Texas JAMs will all be launched later this year.

If your jurisdiction is interested in a JAM, please email competencestaff@fsbpt.org.

Spotlight on member resources: Minimum Data Set



We recently posted new resources to the Federation's Minimum Data Set (MDS) webpage. The MDS is a project to create a PT database (MDS) that will substantially facilitate workforce planning in the nation.

Review the latest on the MDS by reading an article from the 2015 Federation Forum magazine. See what each state collects (or does not collect) on physical therapists' demand/education/supply data by viewing the *State Health Workforce Inventory*.

[View the MDS webpage.](#)

Cheating in the News: ‘Cheating watches’ warning for exams

On March 3, 2016, Sean Coughlan reported in BBC News, “Teachers have complained about ‘cheating watches’ being sold online to give students an unfair advantage in exams.

“These digital watches include an ‘emergency button’ to quickly switch from hidden text to a clock face.

“The watches hold data or written information which can be read in exams.

Watches are advertised on Amazon with the claim that they are ‘specifically designed for cheating on exams.’ ”



[View article.](#)






Board of Directors Report

There were no motions from the March 2016 board of directors meeting.

Board Liaisons to Jurisdictions

Find out which member of the board of directors is liaison to your jurisdiction.

 <p>Jurisdictions</p>	<p>Your Board Liaisons</p>
<p>Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah</p>	<p>Charles Brown</p> 
<p>Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina</p>	<p>Tom Caldwell</p>

	
<p>Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont</p>	<p>Maggie Donohue</p> 
<p>Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, Tennessee</p>	<p>Natalie Harms</p> 
<p>Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Washington</p>	<p>Jim Heider</p> 
<p>Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia</p>	<p>Nancy Kirsch</p> 
<p>Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming</p>	<p>David Relling</p>



Staff Contact Information
Who Should I Contact?

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Subject	Point of Contact
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Credentials review	Jaime Nolan, FCCPT Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffmann, PT, PhD, FCCPT
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Exam registration processing	Christine Sousa
Foreign educated issues	Mark Lane Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffmann, PT, PhD, FCCPT
Immigration	Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffmann, PT, PhD, FCCPT
Legislation or Model Practice Act	Mark Lane Leslie Adrian
Meeting arrangements	Paul Delaney
Member contact updates	Maribeth C. Decker
NPDB reports/questions	Angela Burnham
Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (PTLC)	compact@fsbpt.org

Practice Review Tool (PRT)	practicereview@fsbpt.org
PT and PTA Practice Exam & Assessment Tool (PEAT)	peat@fsbpt.org
Reimbursement of expenses; other financial matters	Tracy Leadmon Linda Michelsen
School reports	SchoolReports@fsbpt.org
Score transfer & reporting	Christine Sousa
Security issues	Susan Layton
Anything else, including news to share with members	William A. Hatherill Maribeth C. Decker



Sign off:

That's all the news today from the warming redbud tree-lined banks of the Potomac, where the fish are faster, the fishing boats are longer, and the fishermen are still full of stories.

- William A. Hatherill, CEO