

# LICENSURE CHECKLIST

from the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

For details, see Administrative Rules of Montana, Title 24, Chapter 177, at [rules.mt.gov](https://rules.mt.gov) and Montana Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapters 1 and 11, at [archive.legmt.gov/bills/mca](https://archive.legmt.gov/bills/mca).

## All applicants...

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- age 18 or older**  
*At time of licensure.*
- application with fee**  
*Apply online at [pt.mt.gov](https://pt.mt.gov).*
- fingerprint background check**  
*Find instructions at [pt.mt.gov](https://pt.mt.gov).*
- verification of other licenses**  
*All current, previous, and expired in any profession from other jurisdictions.*
- checklist from desired license type**

# Physical Therapist

## IF U.S. EDUCATED

### OPTION 1

- out-of-state license**  
*From a state with standards substantially equivalent to Montana's.*
- practice in the last four years or remedial study**  
*Unless waived by board review.*

### OPTION 2

- doctoral degree**  
*Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). Submit certificate of graduation -OR- transcripts -OR- letter of expected graduation.*
- optional requirements**  
*Only if getting a temporary license before exam:*
  - supervisor**  
*A licensed physical therapist performing direct supervision.*
  - additional form and fee**  
*Find "Forms" at [pt.mt.gov](http://pt.mt.gov).*
- exam scores**  
*600 or higher on the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE).*

## IF FOREIGN EDUCATED

- education evaluation**  
*By the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT).*
- optional requirements**  
*Only if getting a temporary license before exam:*
  - supervisor**  
*A licensed physical therapist performing direct supervision.*
  - additional form and fee**  
*Find "Forms" at [pt.mt.gov](http://pt.mt.gov).*
- exam scores**  
*600 or higher on the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE).*
- English scores**  
*From the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), only if from a non-English-speaking culture.*
- oral interview**  
*Only if considered necessary.*

# Physical Therapist *Assistant* (U.S. educated only)

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## OPTION 1

- out-of-state license**  
*From a state with standards substantially equivalent to Montana's.*
- practice in the last four years or remedial study**  
*Unless waived by board review.*

## OPTION 2

- associate's degree**  
*Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). Submit certificate of graduation -OR- transcripts -OR- letter of expected graduation.*
- optional requirements**  
*Only if getting a temporary license before exam:*
  - supervisor**  
*A licensed physical therapist performing direct supervision.*
  - additional form and fee**  
*Find "Forms" at [pt.mt.gov](http://pt.mt.gov).*
- exam scores**  
*600 or higher on the National Physical Therapy Assistant Examination (NPTAE).*