



Tips for Applying for a Physical Therapist Assistant License

- Apply early! Send your completed application along with the \$100 application fee prior to graduation. Mail application and fee to:
Department of Health
PO Box 1099
Olympia WA 98507-1099
- Sign up to take the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) before you graduate. You do not need to wait until after graduation to sign up for the exam. Register at www.fsbpt.org.
- You may be eligible for an interim permit. The interim permit is available only to graduates waiting to take the exam and have graduated from an approved school. To apply, you must complete the [Interim Permit Sponsor Form](#).
 - Have the form signed by your supervising licensed physical therapist. If you have more than one supervisor, you must submit separate forms signed by each supervising licensed physical therapist.
 - Request your school to send a letter verifying you successfully completed the program and date of graduation. Documents must be sent directly from the issuing institution.
 - You may begin to work as a graduate physical therapist assistant only after you receive your interim permit.
 - Post your interim permit in a conspicuous place at your place of employment.
 - You must wear identification stating your clinical title and role in the facility as a “graduate physical therapist assistant.”
 - If you fail the examination, you must stop practicing as a graduate physical therapist assistant immediately upon notification of examination failure. Mail your interim permit back to the Department of Health.
- Request your school to send an official transcript indicating degree and date conferred. We will not issue your license until we receive the official school transcript.
- We can issue your physical therapy license when we receive all documentation and confirmation of a passing score on the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE). We usually get score within 24–48 hours after you take the examination.
- If you have questions please visit our website at www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/professions/physical_therapy/default.htm or call our customer service center at 360-236-4700.