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License by endorsement.

- (A) The physical therapy section may issue a license by endorsement to an applicant who is currently licensed as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant under the laws of another state, provided the requirements for registration or licensure under the appropriate category in that state, including minimal education and passing score on the national physical therapy examination (NPTE) were substantially equal to the requirements in force in this state on the date of the applicant's initial licensure.
- (B) In addition to the other requirements of this rule, a foreign educated applicant for licensure by endorsement shall:
- (1) Complete an education credentials review from an entity approved by the section to be used by the section to determine if the applicant's foreign education was substantially equivalent to an accredited physical therapy program in the United States;
 - (2) Demonstrate that the individual met the requirements to practice physical therapy in the country of education, including passage of that country's physical therapy examination before the application will be reviewed by the section; and
 - (3) Demonstrate a working knowledge of English by obtaining;
 - (a) Scores of at least:
 - (i) 4.5 on the test of written English (TWE);
 - (ii) Fifty on the test of spoken English (TSE); and
 - (iii) Two hundred twenty on the computer based test of English as a foreign language (TOEFL) or five hundred sixty on the paper based TOEFL; or
 - (b) Scores on the TOEFL iBT of at least:
 - (i) Twenty-four on the writing section;
 - (ii) Twenty-six on the speaking section;
 - (iii) ~~Eighteen~~ Twenty-one on the reading section;

(iv) ~~Twenty-one~~Eighteen on the listening comprehension section; and

(v) Eighty-nine on the overall examination.

(C) ~~If the~~An applicant who has not been engaged in, or actively associated with, the practice of physical therapy for a period of three or more years shall be subject to additional requirements that may include, but not be limited to; ~~the section may require that the applicant successfully complete a refresher course, including clinical affiliation, as approved by the section, and/or take an examination for physical therapists or physical therapists assistants approved by the section.~~

(1) Various educational activities;

(2) A remedial educational program approved by the section or its designee;

(3) Re-taking the national physical therapy examination; and/or

(4) Supervised clinical practice

(D) An applicant who fulfills the requirements listed in paragraphs (A) to (C) of this rule shall be issued a license to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant.

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