4755-23-04 License by endorsement.

- (A) The physical therapy section may issue a license by endorsement, to an applicant who: (1) Is currently registered or 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 or country were substantially equal to the requirements in force in this state on the date of the applicant's initial registration or licensure; and, (2) In the case of a foreign educated applicant, the endorsement applicant shall furnish an education credentials review determined by the section to be substantially equivalent to an accredited program in the United States, satisfactory proof to the physical therapy section that he/she has met the requirements to practice physical therapy in the country where educated, including passage of the country's physical therapy examination, evidence of eligible licensure in that country, and passage of the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) before the application will be reviewed by the section. The foreign educated applicant shall also demonstrate a working knowledge of English as evidenced by passing rate on the test of English as a foreign language (TOEFL) exam, the test of spoken English (TSE) exam and the test of written English exam (TWE). Provided the applicant, if foreign educated, has met the requirements to practice physical therapy in the country where educated, including passage of the country's physical therapy examination: and, (3) Provided the applicant has taken the national examination for physical therapists or physical therapist assistants, whichever is appropriate, recognized by the physical therapy section of the Ohio occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic trainers board and attained a minimum passing score required in Ohio; and (4) Provided the applicant has taken the examination on the laws and rules governing the practice of physical therapy in Ohio and attained a score on said examination of not less than the minimum passing score established by the physical therapy section for the examination. (5) If the applicant has not been engaged in or actively associated with the practice of physical therapy for a period of five or more years, 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.
- (B) If the applicant has not been engaged in, or actively associated with, the practice of physical therapy for a period of three or more years, 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.
- (B)(C) All applicants licensed by endorsement shall be issued a certificate of licensure which shall be valid without further fees until the thirty-first day of January subsequent to licensure at which time the licensee must pay a renewal fee as prescribed in rule 4755-24-04 of the Administrative Code.

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