

## TO BE RESCINDED

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**Continuing education.**

Pursuant to division (A) of section 4755.52 of the Revised Code, no person shall qualify for license renewal as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant unless he or she has completed the required continuing education units (CEU's) outlined in paragraph (A) of this rule. A "unit" is one clock hour spent in a continuing education activity meeting the requirements for licensure renewal under section 4755.52 of the Revised Code.

- (A) Physical therapists and physical therapist assistants shall participate in continuing education activities which meet the requirements outlined in division (B) of section 4755.52 of the Revised Code. A physical therapist must complete twenty-four units of continuing education activities within the two year period, ending December thirty-first, preceding the January thirty-first expiration of their license.
- (B) A physical therapist assistant must complete twelve units of continuing education activities within the two year period, ending December thirty-first, preceding the January thirty-first expiration of their license.
- (C) All continuing education activities must meet the criteria in section 4755.52 and section 4755.53 of the Revised Code.
- (D) Accumulated CEU's may not be carried over from one renewal period to another.
- (E) Pursuant to section 4755.52 and section 4755.53 of the Revised Code, the physical therapy section may contract with the Ohio physical therapy association (hereinafter referred to as OPTA). The OPTA will assist the section with the performing of its continuing education duties. The OPTA will accept, review, and approve proposals for professional workshops, seminars, and/or conferences for continuing education units. The OPTA will accept, review, and approve other continuing education activities reported by physical therapists and physical therapist assistants who qualify under section 4755.53 of the Revised Code. The OPTA will maintain an accurate record of continuing education units earned by physical therapists and physical therapist assistants; will issue a written report of recorded continuing education units accumulated by physical therapists and physical therapist assistants; and will perform any other duties agreed upon by the section and the OPTA necessary for the approval, maintenance, and/or reporting of continuing education activities for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.
- (F) A license shall not be renewed unless acceptable continuing education activities which meet the required minimum number of units has been completed by the licensee. The licensee shall certify on the biennial licensure renewal form the necessary continuing education requirements have been met.

- (G) The physical therapy section may conduct a random audit of the continuing education records of a number of the licensees to be determined by the section each renewal year. Notification that the licensee has been selected for an audit of ceu compliance will be included in the packet for license renewal and will be performed in accordance with paragraphs (B) and (C) of rule 4755-23-06 of the Administrative Code.
- (H) Licensees, chosen randomly, will be required to submit records and documentation to support the continuing education activities listed on the continuing education audit reporting form to the board office.
- (I) In the event any licensee fails to complete the continuing education requirements by the thirty-first day of December preceding the license expiration date, or fails to respond to the imposed CEU audit, the license shall expire, even if the renewal fee was paid on time.
- (J) An expired license can only be reinstated in accordance with rule 4755-23-10 of the Administrative Code which pertains to reinstatement of a license.

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