

Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis (Part A)**Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board**

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Rule Number

NEW

TYPE of rule filing

Rule Title/Tag Line

Requirements for foreign educated applicants.**RULE SUMMARY**

1. Is the rule being filed consistent with the requirements of the RC 119.032 review? **No**

2. Are you proposing this rule as a result of recent legislation? **Yes**

Bill Number: **HB403**General Assembly: **126**Sponsor: **Fessler**

3. Statute prescribing the procedure in accordance with the agency is required to adopt the rule: **119.03**

4. Statute(s) authorizing agency to adopt the rule: **4755.411**

5. Statute(s) the rule, as filed, amplifies or implements: **4755.42, 4755.43, 4755.44, 4755.45**

6. State the reason(s) for proposing (i.e., why are you filing,) this rule:

To locate the requirements pertaining to foreign educated applicants into one rule, which should make it easier for individuals reviewing the rules to identify these requirements.

7. If the rule is an AMENDMENT, then summarize the changes and the content of the proposed rule; If the rule type is RESCISSION, NEW or NO CHANGE,

then summarize the content of the rule:

Previously, the requirements that applied to foreign educated applicants for licensure was contained in the various rules dealing with application for licensure and educational requirements. This proposed change would put the foreign educated requirements into one rule and cross reference to this rule in all of the other rules pertaining to the application and education requirements. In accordance with the change included in H.B. 403, the rule also clarifies that the credential evaluation used by applicants must be the tool adopted by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. A list of the approved services that utilize this tool will be listed on the Board's website. The rule also increases the number of CLEP or AP credits that an applicant may use from 9 to 15 credits. The rule also clarifies that individuals whose native language is English and who graduated from physical therapy programs in Australia, Canada (except Quebec), Ireland, New Zealand, or the United Kingdom are not required to demonstrate a working knowledge of English. Finally, the rule states that applicants who submit a notarized copy of either a Type I Comprehensive Credentials Evaluation prepared by the Foreign Credential Commission on Physical Therapy or a notarized copy of a Visascreen Certificate prepared by the International Commission on Healthcare Professions automatically meets the foreign license and working knowledge of English requirements specified in paragraphs (H) and (I) of the rule.

8. If the rule incorporates a text or other material by reference and the agency claims the incorporation by reference is exempt from compliance with sections 121.71 to 121.74 of the Revised Code because the text or other material is **generally available** to persons who reasonably can be expected to be affected by the rule, provide an explanation of how the text or other material is generally available to those persons:

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9. If the rule incorporates a text or other material by reference, and it was **infeasible** for the agency to file the text or other material electronically, provide an explanation of why filing the text or other material electronically was infeasible:

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10. If the rule is being **rescinded** and incorporates a text or other material by reference, and it was **infeasible** for the agency to file the text or other material, provide an explanation of why filing the text or other material was infeasible:

Not Applicable.

11. If **revising** or **refiling** this rule, identify changes made from the previously filed version of this rule; if none, please state so:

The revised rule adds the name of the three credential evaluation organizations from which the Board will accept evaluations of foreign physical therapy education. The initial version of the rule only referred to a list of approved entities that would be posted on the Board's website.

12. 119.032 Rule Review Date:

(If the rule is not exempt and you answered NO to question No. 1, provide the scheduled review date. If you answered YES to No. 1, the review date for this rule is the filing date.)

NOTE: If the rule is not exempt at the time of final filing, two dates are required: the current review date plus a date not to exceed 5 years from the effective date for Amended rules or a date not to exceed 5 years from the review date for No Change rules.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

13. Estimate the total amount by which *this proposed rule* would **increase / decrease** either **revenues / expenditures** for the agency during the current biennium (in dollars): Explain the net impact of the proposed changes to the budget of your agency/department.

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

\$0.00

Not applicable.

14. Identify the appropriation (by line item etc.) that authorizes each expenditure necessitated by the proposed rule:

Not applicable.

15. Provide a summary of the estimated cost of compliance with the rule to all directly affected persons. When appropriate, please include the source for your information/estimated costs, e.g. industry, CFR, internal/agency:

The cost for compliance associated with this rule, which currently exists under the

current language, would be tied to the cost for the credential evaluation and the tests of English as a foreign language. The cost for a credential evaluation ranges from \$350 (ierf.org) to \$450 (www.fccpt.org). The fee for the TOEFL is \$150 (www.ets.org).

16. Does this rule have a fiscal effect on school districts, counties, townships, or municipal corporations? **No**

17. Does this rule deal with environmental protection or contain a component dealing with environmental protection as defined in R. C. 121.39? **No**