Professional Development Requirements for re-licensure

Professional Development Requirements (PDRs) for PTs/PTAs begin with the 2019 renewal cycle. Click here for the Physical Therapy Rules.

- Pages 4 - 5 detail training to identify victims of human trafficking
- Pages 14 - 24 detail Professional Development Requirements (PDRs)

Please note: The Board of Physical Therapy re-opened the PT Rules at the January 10, 2017 meeting. The goal is to perfect the language and intent of the PT Rules. MPTA will keep all members updated on this process.

This information is accurate for licensed Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants only.

FAQs - Professional Development Requirements (PDRs) for re-licensure

Q. When do PTs / PTAs need to complete 24 PDRs for re-licensure?
A. To clarify – PDRs are only for renewing your license; PDRs do not apply to graduates seeking their initial license.

- For PTs/PTAs renewing in 2017, no additional training is required.
  - 2017 – 2019 is the first renewal cycle for this group. PTs / PTAs will need to complete 24 PDRs to renew their license in 2019.
    - The 24 PDRs must include 1 PDR in identifying victims of human trafficking and 1 PDR in pain management to renew their license in 2019.
- For PTs / PTAs renewing in 2018, no additional training is required.
  - 2018 – 2020 is the first renewal cycle for this group. PTs / PTAs will need to complete 24 PDRs to renew their license in 2020.
    - The 24 PDRs must include 1 PDR in identifying victims of human trafficking and 1 PDR in pain management to renew their license in 2020.

Q. Will I need to submit my PDRs when I do apply for renewal of my license?
A. No. The PT Rules state that submission of an application for renewal shall constitute the applicant’s certification of compliance with PDRs.

- LARA will audit a percentage of licensee’s applications to renew their license. If you are randomly selected for this audit, then you may need to provide LARA evidence that you completed the required 24 PDRs.

Q. Will MPTA help PTs / PTAs earn their PDRs?
A. MPTA will continue to offer approved, quality educational courses at Chapter and District meetings on a wide variety of clinical and PT practice topics. Being an MPTA member means that earning PDRs has never been easier.

Q. Will MPTA help PTs / PTAs keep track of their PDRs?
A. MPTA has already engaged a professional vendor called CEU Locker so members and non-members can conveniently keep track of their own PDRs.

Q. How long do I need to save my earned PDRs?
A. The PT Rules state that licensees need to retain documentation of meeting PDRs for 3 years from the date of applying for license renewal.

Q. How many activities qualify for PDRs?
A. Specific details apply in the PT Rules, but there are currently 19 activities that will earn PDRs.

- Continuing Education Units
  - 1 PDR = 1 CEU credit. A maximum of 20 PDR’s may be earned towards the 24 required PDR’s through earning CEU’s.
- No more than 12 PDR credits shall be earned for approved online continuing education programs or activities during one 24-hour period.
  - Post-graduate academic courses
  - Reading & evaluating professional PT articles
  - Viewing & evaluating professional PT media
  - Presenting approved CEU course
  - Presenting scientific exhibit/paper at conference
  - Writing professional article that is published
  - Writing professional chapter published in book
  - Completing American Board of PT Specialties
  - Participating a minimum of 1,000 hours in post graduate clinical training
  - Participating in health care organization’s committees related to physical therapy
  - Serving as a guest lecturer
  - Serving as a Clinical Instructor or Supervisor
    - 3 PDR credits may be earned for each 40 hours of clinical supervision for a maximum of 12 PDR’s in a two year re-licensure period.
  - Identifying, researching, addressing a PT issue
  - Participating in task force, board, council related PT
  - Participating as a surveyor for external agency – PT
  - Perform volunteer work (without pay) related to PT
  - Serving as Center Coordinator-Clinical Education
  - Complete FSBPT practice review tool

MPTA will keep all members updated; ongoing changes may still occur since the PT Rules were re-opened on January 10, 2017. Thank you for being a member of the MPTA.