

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §30-20-8

## **§30-20-8. License to practice physical therapy.**

(a) To be eligible for a license to engage in the practice of physical therapy, the applicant must:

- (1) Submit an application to the board;
- (2) Be at least eighteen years of age;
- (3) Be of good moral character;
- (4) Have graduated from an accredited school of physical therapy approved by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education or a successor organization;
- (5) Pass a national examination as approved by the board;
- (6) Not be an alcohol or drug abuser, as these terms are defined in section eleven, article one-a, chapter twenty-seven of this code: Provided, That an applicant in an active recovery process, which may, in the discretion of the board, be evidenced by participation in a twelve-step program or other similar group or process, may be considered;
- (7) Not have been convicted of a felony in any jurisdiction within ten years preceding the date of application for license which conviction remains unreversed;
- (8) Not have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony in any jurisdiction if the offense for which he or she was convicted related to the practice of physical therapy, which conviction remains unreversed; and
- (9) Has fulfilled any other requirement specified by the board.

(b) A physical therapist shall use the letters "PT" immediately following his or her name to designate licensure under this article.

(c) A license to practice physical therapy issued by the board prior to July 1, 2010, is considered a license issued under this article: Provided, That a person holding a license issued prior to July 1, 2010, must renew the license pursuant to the provisions of this article.