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October 10, 2025
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89th Legislative Regular Session – Sine Die

With the close of the 89th Legislative Regular Session, a number of bills that require amendments to the PT Rules passed through both the House and Senate and were signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott.

At its July 10th meeting, the PT Board's Rules & Practice Committee began the rulemaking process by reviewing bills and crafting amendment language to recommend to the PT Board on July 11th. The following are bills with their rulemaking actions:

HB 4099 amends the PT Practice Act - Texas Occupations Code §453.301(a)(3)(B) and (b). Specifically, the amendment changes the number of days a physical therapist (PT) who possesses a doctoral degree in physical therapy or has completed at least 30 CCUs in the area of differential diagnosis can treat a patient without a referral from "for not more than 10 consecutive business days" to "for not more than 30 consecutive calendar days."

Additionally, the requirement for a PT to possess a doctoral degree and either has completed a physical therapy residency or fellowship or is certified by an entity approved by the board to treat a patient without a referral for not more than 15 consecutive business days has been eliminated. The effective date for these amendments to the Act is September 1, 2025.

The Board proposed amendments to PT Rules §322.1. Provision of Services (a)(2)(D)-(G) to affect these changes.

Provisions of the Act and Rules that remain unchanged and must be adhered to when a PT provides treatment without a referral are:

- Only a PT with a doctoral degree in physical therapy or who has completed 30 CCUs in the area of differential diagnosis can treat without a referral.
- A PT must have been licensed to practice physical therapy for at least one year.

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- Coverage by professional liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$100,000 per claim and \$300,000 aggregate per year is required for a PT who treats without a referral.
- A PT must obtain a signed PT Treatment Without Referral Disclosure form prior to initiating treatment without a referral. (form available on Board's [website](#))

The date that treatment is initiated without a referral determines how many treatments will be allowed. Patients seen prior to September 1, 2025 will have 10 or 15 consecutive business days depending on the qualifications of the PT; those after will have 30 consecutive calendar days.

HB 1700 amends Texas Occupations Code §111.004. Specifically, the amendment requires each agency with regulatory authority over a health professional providing telehealth service to adopt rules necessary to standardize formats for and retention of records related to a patient's consent to treatment, data collection, and data sharing. The effective date for these amendments is September 1, 2025.

The Board proposed amendments to PT Rules §322.5. Telehealth (e) to standardize formats for and retention of records related to a patient's consent to treatment, data collection, and data sharing when providing physical therapy services via telehealth.

HB 5629 amends Texas Occupations Code §55.004 and §55.0041. The amendments relate to the occupational licensing of military service members, military veterans, and military spouses. The effective date for these amendments is September 1, 2025.

The Board proposed amendments to the PT Rules §329.1. General Licensure Requirements and Procedures (a)(2) relating to the exemption of the non-refundable application fee for active U.S. military service members, military spouses, or military veterans.

Additionally, the Board proposed amendments to PT Rules §329.7. Exemptions from Licensure. (b)(5) and (c) relating to exemptions from licensure for active military service members and military spouses and relating to a license in good standing with another state's licensing authority. These amendments also align with federal statute - 50 USC 4025a: Portability of professional licenses of servicemembers and their spouses which is included in the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SRCA).

SB 912 amends Chapter 112, Occupations Code by adding Subchapter C relating to continuing education requirements and verification of continuing education compliance through the establishment of continuing education tracking systems. Additionally, a licensing entity that has an agreement in place with a continuing education tracking system provider may maintain that agreement.

The Board proposed amendments to the PT Rules §341.2. Continuing Competence Requirements to establish that the development and maintenance of an online repository for storing and tracking of continuing competence activities is part of the Request for Approval (RFP) for the Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP).

The Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) has been awarded the administration of CCAP through the RFP process and maintains a CCU Tracker for TX licensees online at <https://ccap.tpta.org/>.

All of the above proposed Rules amendments have been approved by the Executive Council of Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Examiners (ECPTOTE) and the Regulatory Compliance Division of the Governor's Office and will be posted in the August 22, 2025 edition of the Texas Register for public comment. The amendments will be on the Board's October 10th agenda for final adoption with an effective date of November 1, 2025.

The specific language for each of the amendments is available online at <https://ptot.texas.gov/act-and-rules/> under PT Proposed Rules.

Disciplinary Actions

Disciplinary Actions taken at the July 11, 2025 Board Meeting:

1. **Kearstin Colley, PT #1259255 (Many, LA)** - failed to properly renew license by not completing the required amount of continuing competence units (CCUs) prior to renewing license. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 341 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order required (30) hours of community service.***
2. **Marie Woerner, PT #1183949 (Fort Worth)** - practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order required (30) hours of community service.***
3. **Tammy Bemko, PTA #2089360 (Pearland)** - practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order required (30) hours of community service.***
4. **Arthur Hatfield, PTA #2119327 (Amarillo)** - practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order required (30) hours of community service.***
5. **Michael Shkatov, PTA #2167718 (Houston)** - practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for (30) days.***
6. **Laura Guarin, PT #1168790 (Sugarland)** - practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for (45) days.***
7. **Jeffrey Camp, PTA #2170600 (Helotes)** - practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for (45) days.***
8. **Leon Nguyen, PTA #2166888 (Houston)** - practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for (45) days.***
9. **Eric Winston, PTA #2115495 (Plano)** - practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for (60) days.***
10. **Christine Cockrell, PTA #2038719 (Gatesville)** - was charged with two felonies of improper relationship between educator/student while using a license by another licensing authority with pending disciplinary action. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act. ***Board Order to refrain from practice in the home health environment for (36) months and no pediatric care for (36) months.***
11. **Bernardo Cornejo, PT #1159340 (El Paso)** - was imprisoned following a felony conviction. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Section 53.021(b) of the Texas Occupations Code. ***Board Order revoked license to practice.***
12. **Keely Bass, PT #1360768 (Double Oak)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to cooperate with the agency by not responding to agency correspondence addressed to the license holder's official address within 90 days. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for (30) days.***

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13. **Skylar Jones, PTA #2092563 (Waxahachie)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to cooperate with the agency by not responding to agency correspondence addressed to the license holder's official address within 90 days and failing to notify the board in writing of changes in address of record within 30 days of the change. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapters 322.4 and 329.1 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for (30) days.***
14. **Humphrey Oforka, PTA #2173152 (San Antonio)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to document services in a timely manner. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapters 322.4 and 322.1 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for (30) days.***
15. **Matthew Hever, PT #1367705 (Windcrest)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to document physical therapy services, inaccurately recording, falsifying, or altering patient/client records. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for (30) days.***
16. **Aderike Adenle, PT #1310208 (Celina)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to document physical therapy services, inaccurately recording, falsifying, or altering patient/client records. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for (30) days.***
17. **Rodisa Dayandante, PTA #2151312 (Weatherford)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to document physical therapy services, inaccurately recording, falsifying, or altering patient/client records. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for (30) days.***
18. **Shannon Berry, PTA #2070813 (Port Arthur)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to document physical therapy services, inaccurately recording, falsifying, or altering patient/client records. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for (45) days.***
19. **Diana Wyatt, PTA #2046449 (Granbury)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to document physical therapy services, inaccurately recording, falsifying, or altering patient/client records and practiced outside the scope of PTA license. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for (90) days.***
20. **Melissa Smith, PT #1251012 (Buffalo Gap)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to document physical therapy services, inaccurately recording, falsifying, or altering patient/client records and failing to assess a patient's/client's status. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for (45) days.***
21. **Mark De Anda, PT #1170429 (San Antonio)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to supervise and maintain the supervision of supportive personnel, licensed or unlicensed. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for (45) days.***

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- 22. Amy Holladay, PTA #2175091 (Woodway)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by abandoning or neglecting patient(s) under current care without making reasonable arrangements for the continuation of such care. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for (30) days and to refrain from practice in the home health environment for (36) months.***
- 23. Dylan Larned, PT #1402346 (New Braunfels)** - practiced in a detrimental manner by abandoning or neglecting patient(s) under current care without making reasonable arrangements for the continuation of such care. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and Chapter 322.4 of the Board Rules. ***Board Order suspended license to practice for (45) days.***



Upcoming PT Board Meetings

The following dates have been set for the Board's upcoming quarterly meetings:

- October 10, 2025
- January 16, 2026
- April 17, 2026

Committee meetings will be scheduled prior to the Board meetings as needed.

Meeting dates are subject to change. Check for updated information online at:

<https://ptot.texas.gov/meeting-dates/>



Agency Holiday Schedule

The Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners (ECPTOTE) will be closed for upcoming holidays according to the schedule below:

LBJ Day*

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Labor Day

Monday, September 1, 2025

* State holiday with skeleton crew – minimum services available

Proposed/ Adopted Rules

The Board took the following rulemaking actions at its July 11, 2025 meeting.

Adopted Rules: Amendments to **§341.2. Continuing Competence Requirements. (g)** relating to Continuing Competence Audits is adopted to clarify that failure to submit documentation of the required number of approved CCUs taken within the audited renewal period may result in disciplinary action. Additionally, the amendment includes licensees who are more than 90 days up to one year late renewing in the Continuing Competence Audit instead of requiring submission of CCU documentation upon renewal.

Proposed Rules:

§322.1 Provision of Services - amendment is proposed to implement changes to the PT Practice Act pursuant to HB 4099, 89th Regular Session (2025).

§322.5 Telehealth – amendment is proposed regarding informed consent to implement changes to Texas Occupations Code §111.004 pursuant to HB 1700, 89th Regular Session (2025).

§329.1. General Licensure Requirements and Procedures and

§329.7. Exemptions from Licensure - amendments are proposed to implement changes pursuant to HB 5629, 89th Regular Session (2025) relating to the occupational licensing of military service members, military veterans, and military spouses.

§341.2. Continuing Competence Requirements - amendment is proposed to implement changes pursuant to SB 912, 89th Regular Session (2025) relating to continuing education requirements and verification of continuing education compliance through the establishment of continuing education tracking systems.

The text of the proposed amendments and the current PT Rules and PT Practice Act are available online at <https://ptot.texas.gov/act-and-rules/>.

The PT Rules will be updated to reflect the Adopted Rules noted above effective September 1, 2025.

The PT Practice Act will be updated to reflect the changes pursuant to HB 4099 effective September 1, 2025.

You can view the proposed Rules amendments when published in the Texas Register on August 22, 2025 at <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>.

To view the text of the bills, search Texas Legislature Online at <https://capitol.texas.gov/>.

New Online Licensing System - Renewing Your License

With the rollout of the new Online Licensing System in March of this year, there are several changes for licensees who are renewing their license. The renewal process consists of the following:

- Reporting your CCUs on the Continuing Competence Activity Summary
- Submitting the renewal application with fee payment

Both of the above must be completed before your license will be renewed.

Reporting Your CCUs

If you completed all the required CCUs prior to your license expiration date, report your CCUs on the **Continuing Competence Activity Summary** by logging in at <https://ptot.texas.gov/renew-license/> with your license number and last name in lowercase. Previous renewals used this format for CCU reporting.

If you did not complete all of the required CCUs prior to your license expiration date or are renewing your license in the Inactive Status or Retired Status: Performing Voluntary Charity Care, complete the **Continuing Competence Activity Summary** form available online at <https://ptot.texas.gov/forms/> and email to exam@ptot.texas.gov.

The Texas Jurisprudence Assessment Module (TX JAM) and the legislatively mandated Human Trafficking Prevention Training are part of the CCU requirement and must be reported.

New Online Licensing System - First Time Users

First time users of the new Online Licensing System must create an online account with a new User ID and Password and then add their license to their account. This step can be completed at any time – you do not need to wait until it is time to renew your license.

Step-by-step instructions on how to **Create an Online Account** and **Add Your License to Your Account** are available online at <https://ptot.texas.gov/user-guides/>.

Renewal Application and Fee Payment

Log in to your Online Licensing System account to complete the renewal application and pay the renewal fee including late fees if applicable. The online application is available for licenses in Active, Inactive, and Retired Status including licenses either 90 days prior to the expiration date or late renewals up to one year post the expiration date.

Step-by-step instructions on how to **Renew Your License** are available online at <https://ptot.texas.gov/user-guides/>.

Tips for Renewing Your License

You must report your CCUs, submit the renewal application and pay the renewal fee to complete the renewal process. Here are some helpful tips to ensure that your online license renewal is successful.

- **Plan Ahead:** Start obtaining your CCUs well before your license expiration date. The two-year renewal period in which you must obtain your CCUs is the first day of the month following your previous expiration date through your current license expiration date. For first time renewals, your renewal period begins on the first day of the month following your license issuance month and extends beyond twenty-four months to transition to birth-month renewal.
- **Keep Accurate CCU Records:** Maintain thorough records of your CCUs including the TX approval number for each course/activity. You can use the CCU Tracker at <https://ccap.tpta.org/> to help keep track of your CCU documentation. You must maintain the original completion documents for four years after your license expiration date and submit them to the Board if you are randomly selected for the CCU Audit or if the Board requests them for some other reason.
- **Check for TX Approval Numbers:** Each course or activity that you report for your CCUs must have a TX approval number. The course approval number or TX Accredited Provider number should be listed on the certificate of completion you receive after completing a course that is approved for TX CCUs. Activities that qualify for CCUs will have a pre-approved number assigned by the Board. Links to a list of Accredited Providers and Pre-Approved Categories with their Approval Numbers is available online at <https://ptot.texas.gov/cc-ce/>.
- **Renew Early:** Don't wait until your license is about to expire before starting the renewal process. There is a 90-day eligibility window prior to your license expiration date in which you can report your CCUs, complete the renewal application and pay the renewal fee. Renew early to avoid last minute delays in renewing and to avoid interruption in your eligibility to practice. If your license expires before updated license information is displayed on the online verification system, you may not practice until the renewal process has been completed.
- **Verify Your Renewal:** Check the online license verification system to confirm that your license expiration date has been updated. It could take the renewal system 1-2 days to update the reporting of your CCUs if you submit them online, and longer if you submit them through exam@ptot.texas.gov. That's why it's important not to wait until the last minute to start your renewal process.

The verification system can be accessed at:

<https://vo.licensing.hpc.texas.gov/datamart/selSearchType.do>.