Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

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Military Exemption from TX Licensure

Per TX Occupations Code (TOC), Chapter 55, Section 55.0041, the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (PT Board) has the authority to recognize an out-of-state license of a military service member or military spouse, and exempt them from Texas licensure if the member or spouse currently holds a license similar in scope of practice issued by the licensing authority of another state and is in good standing with that licensing authority.

PT Rules §329.7. Exemptions from Licensure. (b)(5) and (c) were adopted by the PT Board to reflect the procedure for requesting a military exemption from TX licensure specific to physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.These requirements 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).

If you are currently licensed as a PT or PTA in good standing in another state, district, or territory of the U.S. and are requesting an exemption from TX licensure because you or your spouse has military orders to relocate to TX, you must submit the following:

1. the completed military exemption application form;
2. a copy of the member's military orders showing relocation to this state;
3. if the applicant is a military spouse, a copy of the military spouse's marriage license; and
4. the notarized affidavit affirming under penalty of perjury that:
    a. you are the person described and identified in the application;
    b. all statements in the application are true, correct, and complete;
    c. you understand the scope of practice for a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant licensed in this state and will not perform outside of that scope of practice; and
    d. you are in good standing in each state in which you hold or have held a PT and/or PTA license.

Email completed military exemption application form and support documentation to military@ptot.texas.gov.

PT Compact: If a military service member or military spouse holds a license in a state that is a member of the PT Compact, the member or spouse should apply for a Compact Privilege to practice in TX through the PT Compact Commission at https://ptcompact.org/ instead of requesting an exemption from TX licensure.

A pdf of the current TX PT Rules is available at https://ptot.texas.gov/act-and-rules/.

Direct questions to emailpt@ptot.texas.gov.

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MILITARY EXEMPTION FROM TEXAS LICENSURE

I am a: ☐ **Military Service Member** ☐ **Military Spouse**

Printed Name: _____

Previous last name(s) on license(s) (if different from above): _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

State(s) and License No. for all PT and/or PTA license(s) that you currently have or have had:

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By signing this application, I affirm under penalty of perjury that:

- ☐ *I am the person described and identified in this application.*
- ☐ *All statements in this application are true, correct, and complete.*
- ☐ *I understand the scope of practice for a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant licensed in TX and will not perform outside of that scope of practice.*
- ☐ *I am in good standing in each state in which I hold or have held a PT and/or PTA license.*

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Subscribed and sworn to in my presence this _____day of _____, Year_____.

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Signature of Notary ***Date Commission Expires***

Affix Notary Seal above