

## Physical Therapy Assistant Documentation Required for Licensure

- Application and fee (\$120). **All application fees are nonrefundable.** To apply, do one of the following:
  1. Create an account, apply and pay online at:  
<https://ibpllicense.iowa.gov/PublicPortal/Iowa/IBPL/common/index.jsp>, OR
  2. Print, complete and return a paper application with a check or money order payable to the Iowa Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy:  
<http://idph.iowa.gov/Portals/1/Files/Licensure/Physical%20Therapy%20Application%202013.pdf>.
- Educational Requirement - Official transcripts conferring a degree from a nationally accredited physical therapy assistant program, sent directly to the Board office from the educational institution. Foreign-trained applicants should contact the Board office for educational requirements.
- Examination Requirement - Proof of passing the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE), sent directly to the Board office by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT).
- Verification of licenses held in other states (if any):

Applicants that have been previously licensed, registered or certified in any other state must provide official verification of licensure in the other state(s). The license verification must include license issue date, expiration date and any pending or past disciplinary action. The verification may be printed from another state licensing board's website if it contains all of the required information. If web based verification is not available, the verification must be send directly to the Board office by the state(s) where the applicant has been licensed, registered, or certified. If the applicant has never been licensed in another state, ignore this item.

- Applicants that have been previously licensed in another state must also provide one of the following:
  1. Proof of completion of 20 hours of Iowa Board-approved continuing education courses during the two years immediately preceding the Iowa license application submission, OR
  2. Proof of practice as a licensed PTA for a minimum of 2,080 hours during the two years immediately preceding the Iowa license application submission (e.g. a letter from the PT's employer), OR
  3. Proof of NPTE exam passing score within one year immediately preceding the Iowa license application submission.