

Chapter PT 3

TEMPORARY LICENSES

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(2) The required fees specified in s. 440.05 (6), Stats., shall accompany the application for a temporary license to practice under supervision.

Note: Application forms are available upon request to the board office at 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708.

(3) The holder of a temporary license to practice physical therapy under supervision may practice physical therapy as defined in s. 448.50 (4), Stats., providing that the entire practice is under the supervision of a person validly holding a regular license to practice physical therapy in this state. No physical therapist may

supervise more than 2 physical therapists who hold temporary licenses. The supervision shall be direct, immediate, and on premises. In extenuating circumstances, when the supervising physical therapist is absent from the job, the physical therapist with a temporary license may carry out established programs for 30 calendar days. The supervising physical therapist must provide up-to-date documentation prior to absence.

(4) The duration of a temporary license to practice physical therapy under supervision granted under this section shall be for a period of 3 months or until the holder receives failing examination results, whichever is shorter. A temporary license may be renewed for a period of 3 months, and may be renewed a second time for a period of 3 months, for reasons of hardship, if the holder files with the board an affidavit satisfactory to the board identifying the hardship. Practice under a temporary license may not exceed 9 months total duration. In this subsection, "hardship" means an applicant's inability to take or complete a scheduled examination because of illness, family illness or death, accident or disaster, or because the applicant is waiting for examination results.

(5) A temporary license to practice physical therapy under supervision may not be renewed.

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