

2020 Physical Therapy Rule Updates as of September 18:

The following rules were amended and have become effective in 2020. Underlined language was added and ~~strike through~~ language was removed. Every effort has been made to accurately reflect the amended language. The Florida Department of State maintains the official rule language at this address: <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/Division.asp?DivID=308>

64B17-3.001 Licensure.

(1) No change.

(2) Qualifications for Licensure. All applicants for licensure as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant must demonstrate the following:

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) Education:

1. through 2. No change.

3. For a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant to be certified to take the licensure examination, the Board must receive verification that the applicant has graduated. The applicant's institution may send a final transcript, or the applicant's program may send a Letter of Completion. For the Board to consider a Letter of Completion, the letter must:

a. Be sent to the Board directly from the educational institution.

b. Be presented on official school letterhead.

c. Confirm that the individual completed all clinical and didactic requirements of their specified degree.

d. State the date the individual earned their degree, and

e. Be signed and dated by the program director or the school registrar.

43. For physical therapists and physical therapist assistants who have received a diploma from a program in physical therapy in a foreign country, have received a determination that their credentials are equivalent to the education and preparation required for licensure as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant in the United States. Educational credentials equivalent to those required for the education and preparation of physical therapists or physical therapist assistants in this country shall be determined by an agency as provided in Rule 64B17-3.007, F.A.C.

(3) Through (4) No change.

64B17-7.005 Notice of Noncompliance.

In accordance with Sections 456.073(3) and 120.695, F.S., the Department is authorized to issue a notice of noncompliance as a first response to a minor violation which does not endanger the public health, safety, and welfare and which does not demonstrate a serious inability to practice the profession. Failure of a licensee to take action to correct the violation within 15 days shall result in either the issuance of a citation when appropriate or the initiation of regular disciplinary proceedings. The minor violations for which the Department is authorized to issue a notice of noncompliance are: Failure to notify of a change of address within 60 days as required by Rule 64B17-6.004, F.A.C., and failure to timely complete the human trafficking education course required by Section 456.0341, F.S., and Rule 64B17-8.003.

64B17-8.003 Requirements for Human Trafficking Education.

(1) Each licensee, licensed by January 1, 2021, must complete at least one hour of Human Trafficking education through an approved course no later than January 1, 2021.

(2) To receive approval, courses on human trafficking shall be at least one hour and include all of the following subject areas:

(a) sex trafficking,

(b) labor trafficking,

(c) how to identify individuals who may be victims of human trafficking,

(d) how to report cases of human trafficking

(e) resources available to victims, and

(f) signage posting requirements.

(3) The course may be included in the home study continuing education credit hours.

(4) Human Trafficking education courses approved by any Board within the Division of Medical Quality Assurance of the Department of Health in accordance with Section 456.0341, F.S., are approved by this Board.