



Michigan Physical Therapy Association, 1055 N. Fairfax St, Suite 205, Alexandria VA 22314

## Summary of Professional Licensure Requirements Michigan Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants

- Michigan Board of Physical Therapy Rules regarding re-licensure requirements were finalized 9/15/15.
- Each Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant will need to complete 24 PDRs (Professional Development Requirements) from July 2017 to July 2019 when they apply for re-licensure for the first time in July 2019, and every year following 2019.
- PT and PTA licensees will need to accumulate 24 PDR credits within 2 years immediately preceding renewal.
- PDRs are required for licensure renewal; not for the initial PT/PTA license.
- Information about PDR's :
  - **No more than 12 PDR credits** shall be earned for approved **online** continuing education programs or activities during one 24-hour period.
  - **No PDR credits for substantially identical programs** and activities during the same renewal period.
  - **1 PDR** must be earned in the area of pain and symptom management
  - **1 PDR** must be earned in the area of identification of human trafficking victims
    - Due to new Michigan law that requires this of all licensed health professions. ( Public Act 343 of 2014 was signed into law on 10/15/14; with an effective date of 1/14/15; applies to all except veterinarian professionals.)
  - **For a complete list of the 19 different PDR activities and options that meet re-licensure PDR activities see below:**



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- **There are 19 activities and options that meet PDR requirements** – each has their own maximum limits of PDRs and guidelines
  - Continuing Education Units (CEU's) – Maximum of 20 PDR's; 1 CEU = 1 PDR
  - Post graduate academic courses: Max of 20
  - Reading & evaluating professional PT articles: Max of 6; 1 PDR for each article
  - Viewing & evaluating professional PT media: Max of 6; 1 hour = 1 PDR
  - Presenting approved CEU course: Max of 12; 1 hour = 1 PDR
  - Presenting scientific exhibit/paper at conference: Max of 12; Each presentation= 2 PDRs
  - Writing professional article that is published : Max of 12; 1 article= 6 PDRs
  - Writing professional chapter published in book : Max of 12; 1 chapter = 6 PDRs
  - Completing American Board of PT Specialties: Max of 23
  - Participating a minimum of 1,000 hours in post graduate clinical training: Max of 12 PDRs
  - Participating in health care organization's committees related to physical therapy: Max of 6; 1 hour= 1 PDR
  - Serving as a guest lecturer: Max of 6; 1 hour = 2 PDR's
  - Serving as a Clinical Instructor or Supervisor : Max of 12; 40 hrs = 3 PDRs
  - Identifying, researching, addressing a PT issue : Max of 6; 1 PDR for each event
  - Participating in task force, board, council related PT: Max of 12; each event = 4 PDRs
  - Participating as a surveyor for external agency – PT: Max of 12; 1 hour= 1 PDR
  - Perform volunteer work (without pay) related to PT : Max of 6; 1 hour= 1 PDR
  - Serving as Center Coordinator-Clinical Education: Max of 4; 1 year = 2 PDRs
  - Complete FSBPT practice review tool: Max of 10; each review= 10 PDRs
- *Multiple optional tracking tools and options* will be provided and communicated to physical therapy professionals over the next 2 years. Records will be subject to audit for up to 3 years.
- For more information on the new rules:
  - ***State of MI website:***  
[http://w3.lara.state.mi.us/orr/AdminCode.aspx?AdminCode=Department&Dpt=LR&Level\\_1=Bureau+of+Professional+Licensing](http://w3.lara.state.mi.us/orr/AdminCode.aspx?AdminCode=Department&Dpt=LR&Level_1=Bureau+of+Professional+Licensing)