



TEMPORARY LICENSURE LAW AND REGULATIONS

Health Occupations Statutes (Laws)

Title 13. Physical Therapy

§13–313. Temporary License.

(a) The Board may issue a temporary license to an applicant who, except for passing an examination otherwise required under this subtitle, has met the appropriate education and experience requirements of this subtitle for a physical therapist license or a physical therapy assistant license under § 10–305 of this article.

(b) (1) A temporary license issued to an individual who has completed a physical therapy curriculum authorizes the holder to practice physical therapy under direct supervision while the temporary license is effective.

(2) A temporary license issued to an individual who has completed a physical therapy assistant curriculum authorizes the holder to practice limited physical therapy under direct supervision while the temporary license is effective.

(c) A temporary license is valid until:

- (1) 90 days after issuance;
- (2) The Board issues a full license to practice physical therapy or limited physical therapy to the holder of the temporary license; or
- (3) The Board revokes the temporary license.

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Temporary License Regulation **EXCERPTS** effective date: April 4, 2022

General Regulations

COMAR 10.38.01.01 Definitions.

(6) "Direct supervision" means supervision provided by a licensed physical therapist who is physically present within the treatment area and immediately available to give aid, direction, and instruction when physical therapy or limited physical therapy procedures or activities are performed.

(19) "Temporary license" means a license issued by the Board to an individual who has completed the approved curriculum requirements to practice, while under direct supervision, as a:

- (a) Physical therapist; or
- (b) Physical therapist assistant.

COMAR 10.38.01.02 Requirements for Licensure.

(3) Proof of completion of:

- (a) A physical therapy or physical therapist assistant curriculum; and
- (b) Any clinical training required under the curriculum.

COMAR 10.38.01.04 Issuance of Licenses.

A. Temporary License.

(1) The Board may issue a temporary license to an applicant who, except for passing an examination otherwise required under Health Occupations Article, Title 13, Annotated Code of Maryland, has met the appropriate education and experience requirements for a physical therapy license or a physical therapist assistant license set forth under Health Occupations Article, §13-302, Annotated Code of Maryland.

(2) The holder of a temporary license shall:

- (a) Practice under direct supervision while the temporary license is in effect;
- (b) Achieve a passing score on the Maryland Physical Therapy jurisprudence exam; and
- (c) Submit to a State and national criminal history records check in accordance with Health Occupations Article, §13-302.1, Annotated Code of Maryland.

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Standards of Practice

COMAR 10.38.03.02 Standards of Practice.

A. Physical Therapists.

- (h) Provide direct supervision of students, aides, and individuals practicing under a temporary license;

Foreign-Educated Licensure Requirements

COMAR 10.38.06.03 Issuance of Licenses.

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