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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 and then updated in December 2019.
- PT and PTA licensees will need to accumulate 24 PDR credits within 2 years immediately preceding renewal. (Example: Those renewing in July 2020 must accumulate 24 PDR's between August 1, 2018 and July 31, 2020.
- PDRs are required for licensure **renewal** for those completing a 2 year renewal cycle. The requirements of this rule do not apply to a licensee during his or her initial licensure cycle.
- The "look back" period is always the 2 year period prior to the re-licensure date.
- Information about PDRs :
 - You can earn a **maximum of 20 PDR** credits through Activity 1/Continuing Education. The credits can be earned through onsite or online continuing education courses. Please note: No more than 12 PDR credits shall be earned for approved **online** continuing education programs or activities **during one 24-hour period**. Otherwise there is no limit to online courses.
 - **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

Additional One Time Requirement separate from PDR's:

Licensees must take a course in the area of identification of human trafficking victims

- Michigan law requires that all licensed health professions take a course. (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:**
- **There are 19 activities and options that meet PDR requirements** – each has their own maximum limits of PDRs and guidelines. For more detailed information regarding documentation requirements refer to our Detailed List of PDR Activities.
 - 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



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- 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 12; 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 self review tool: - **NOTE: FSBPT does not currently offer a self review tool. This not currently an option for PDR credit.**
- *Multiple optional tracking tools and options* are available to assist with record keeping. Records will be subject to audit for up to 3 years post the renewal date. The CEU Locker available to all professionals free via the MPTA website has all necessary forms for tracking PDRs.