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 proceeding 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
• 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.