

Professional Development Requirements (PDRs) for Re-licensure Updated December 2019

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This information is accurate for licensed Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants only.

FAQs - Professional Development Requirements (PDRs) for re-licensure

Q. When do PTs / PTAs need to complete 24 PDRs for re-licensure?

A. To clarify – PDRs are only for those renewing their license; PDRs do not apply to graduates seeking their *initial* license.

- 2018 – 2020 renewal cycle: PTs / PTAs will need to complete 24 PDRs to renew their license in 2020.
 - The 24 PDRs must include 1 PDR in pain management to renew their license in 2020.
 - PDR credits must be earned during the renewal cycle: August 1, 2018 and July 31, 2020.
 - Licensees must also complete a course in the Identification of Victims of Human Trafficking. This is a separate requirement and not counted as a PDR credit.

Q. Are different PDRs worth different amounts toward earning the required 24 PDRs?

A. Yes. PDRs are weighted differently. It is important to read the PT Rules or refer to information on the MPTA website for complete details. MPTA will keep members informed – scroll down for overview of the 19 activities that earn PDRs.

Q. Are there specific criteria for PDR accumulation?

A. Yes. Some examples follow.

- No more than 12 PDR credits shall be earned for approved online continuing education programs or activities for one 24-hour period.
- No PDR credits for substantially identical programs and activities during the same renewal period will be granted.

Q. Is there a limit to the number of credits I can earn by taking onsite or online courses?

A. Yes. A maximum of 20 PDR credits can be earned from continuing education courses under Activity 1. The credits can be earned through onsite or online courses. There is no limit to the type of course – only the overall limit of 20 per renewal cycle.

Q. Will I need to submit my PDRs when I do apply for renewal of my license?

A. No. The PT Rules state that submission of an application for renewal shall constitute the applicant's certification of compliance with PDRs.

- LARA will audit a percentage of licensee's applications to renew their license. If you are randomly selected for this audit, then you may need to provide LARA evidence that you completed the required 24 PDRs.

Q. Will MPTA help PTs / PTAs earn their PDRs?

A. MPTA will continue to offer approved, quality educational courses at Chapter and District meetings on a wide variety of clinical and PT practice topics. In addition, MPTA offers two webinars to satisfy the requirements for pain management and a course in the identification of victims of human trafficking. Being an MPTA member means that earning PDRs has never been easier.

Q. Will MPTA help PTs / PTAs keep track of their PDRs?

A. MPTA has already engaged a professional vendor called *CEU Locker* so members and non-members can conveniently keep track of their own PDRs. Visit mpta.com to learn more.

Q. How long do I need to save my earned PDRs?

A. The PT Rules state that licensees need to retain documentation of meeting PDRs for 3 years from the date of applying for license renewal.

Q. How many activities qualify for PDRs?

A. Specific details apply in the PT Rules, but there are currently 19 activities that will earn PDRs.

- 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 PDRs
- 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 PDRs
- Serving as a Clinical Instructor or Supervisor: Max of 12; 40 hours = 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: 3 PDRs: **NOTE: FSBPT (Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy) no longer offers a practice review tool. This is not currently an option for PDR credits.**