

**LCB File No. R035-00**

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE  
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION**

Notice of Hearing for the Amendment of Regulations of the Nevada State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

The Nevada State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners will hold a public hearing at St. Mary’s Regional Medical Center, 235 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Reno, Nevada, 89520 on June 22, 2000 at 8:30am. A telephone link will also be provided at the Nevada State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners office at 3150 W. Sahara Avenue, Suite B13, Las Vegas, NV 89102. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the amendment of regulations that pertain to Chapter 640 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

**Item 1:** To increase the existing examination fee charged to licensee applicants. This change is requested as the fee the Board is being charged to administer the examination is increasing.

Proposed language:

NAC 640.025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

640.025 The following fees are established:

- 1. For a physical therapist:
  - (a) Initial application for a license..... \$300
  - (b) Annual renewal of a license..... 150
  - (c) Application for a temporary license..... 100
  - (d) Reinstatement of an expired license..... 300
  - (e) Administration of examination..... ~~300~~ 325
  
- 2. For a physical therapist’s assistant:
  - (a) Initial application for a license..... \$200
  - (b) Annual renewal of a license..... 100
  - (c) Reinstatement of an expired license..... 200
  - (d) Administration of examination..... ~~275~~ 300 ...

There is no cost associated with enforcement of this regulation.

There will be no impact on small businesses.

**Item 2:** To amend the regulation to recognize “A Coursework Evaluation Tool” as the evaluation tool for credentials of persons who received their physical therapy education outside the United States. This is to ensure all foreign-educated physical therapists receive the same evaluation of their credentials.

Proposed language:

NAC 640.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. An applicant for licensure who has graduated from a school in another country must:
  - (a) Submit an evaluation from a service for the evaluation of credentials approved by the board which **[states]**:
    - (1) *Uses A Course Work Evaluation Tool for Persons Who Received Their Physical Therapy Education Outside the United States, third edition, March 1999, published by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, to prepare such an evaluation: and*
    - (2) *States* that the education of the applicant is equivalent in content to an accredited educational program for physical therapy in the United States;
  - (b) Submit proof satisfactory to the board of his licensure to practice as a physical therapist without limitation in the country in which he was trained; and
  - (c) Unless the native language of the applicant is English and he has graduated from a program of physical therapy that was conducted in the English language, demonstrate proficiency in the English language by submitting proof of:
    - (1) His successful completion of the Test of Spoken English for Professionals administered by TOEFL/TSE Services;
    - (2) His successful completion of the Test of Written English administered by TOEFL/TSE Services; and
    - (3) His successful completion of the Test of English as a Foreign Language administered by TOEFL/TSE Services.
2. *A Course Work Evaluation Tool for Persons Who Received Their Physical Therapy Education Outside the United States, third edition, March 1999, is hereby adopted by reference. A copy of the publication may be obtained, without charge, from the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy, P.O. Box 25827, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-9998, by telephone at (703) 684-8406 or facsimile at (703) 684-8715.*
3. If an applicant for licensure graduated from a school in another country and holds an H-1B Visa, the board will notify the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the United States Department of Justice if the applicant fails the national licensing examination.
- [3.] 4.** If a licensee graduated from a school in another country and holds an H-1B Visa, the board will notify the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the United States Department of Justice if the board takes disciplinary action taken against him.

There is no cost associated with enforcement of this regulation.

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Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Nevada State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners may appear at the scheduled public hearing or may address their comments, data, views, or arguments, in written form, to the Nevada State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, P.O. Box 81467, Las Vegas, NV 89180-1467. Written submissions must be received by the Nevada State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners on or before June 16, 2000. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Nevada State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners may proceed immediately to act upon any written submission.

A copy of this notice and the regulation to be amended will be on file at the State Library, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspections by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the regulations to be amended will be available at the Nevada State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, 3150 W. Sahara Avenue, Suite B-13, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102, and in all counties in which an office of the agency is not maintained, at the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation regulations are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and on the Internet at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us>. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulations will be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

This notice of hearing has been posted at the following locations:

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Churchill County Library  
5553 S. Maine Street  
Fallon, NV 89406

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Tonopah Public Library  
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Elko, NV 89801

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Lovelock, NV 89419

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Goldfield, NV 89013

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Eureka, NV 89316

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Minden, NV 89423

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Revision of NAC 640.070 Graduation from school in foreign country:

1. An applicant for licensure who has graduated from a school in another country must:
  - (a) Submit an evaluation from a service for the evaluation of credentials approved by the board which states that the education of the applicant is equivalent in content to an accredited educational program for physical therapy in the United States ~~§~~ *as demonstrated by compliance with the most current version of the Coursework Tool for Persons Who Received their Physical Therapy Education Outside the United States adopted by the Foreign Credentialing Commission of Physical Therapy of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy.*

Revision to NAC 640.025 Schedule of Fees:

The following fees are established:

1. For a physical therapist:

(a) Initial application for a license .....	\$300
(b) Annual renewal of a license .....	150
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