

SUBCHAPTER 48D - EXAMINATIONS

21 NCAC 48D .0101 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.26; 90-270.29;
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Amended Eff. October 28, 1979;
Repealed Eff. December 30, 1985.

21 NCAC 48D .0102 SCHEDULE AND LOCATION OF EXAMINATION

Examinations may be scheduled by the applicant at sites designated by the testing agency recognized by the Federation.

History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.92;
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21 NCAC 48D .0103 NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.26; 93B-8(b);
Eff. February 1, 1976;
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Amended Eff. December 1, 1990; May 1, 1988; December 30, 1985; October 28 1979;
Repealed Eff. August 1, 1998.

21 NCAC 48D .0104 TYPE OF EXAMINATION

History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.26; 90-270.29; 90-270.30;
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21 NCAC 48D .0105 EXAMINATION SCORES

(a) Passing Level. For examinations administered by the Professional Examination Service or Assessment Systems, Inc. prior to July 1, 1993, the passing level for the PT exam and the PTA exam shall be 1.5 standard deviations below the national average for the raw score of the examination. The criterion-referenced passing point shall be equal to a scaled score of 600 based on a score range of 200 - 800 as adopted by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy on February 2, 1993.

(b) Transfer of Scores. Scores will be released as follows:

- (1) To an individual who took the examination in North Carolina upon request and with no charge;
- (2) To licensing Boards in other states upon the request of the individual and the payment of the fee established in 21 NCAC 48F .0102(6); licensure information may be included with the score release;
- (3) To other persons or institutions upon the request of the individual.

(c) Scores Related to Passing Level. Scores released to the individual will include the North Carolina passing level for the examination.

History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.92; 90-270.100;
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Amended Eff. August 1, 1998; July 1, 1993; November 1, 1991; December 1, 1990; May 1, 1988;

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21 NCAC 48D .0106 NOTIFICATION OF EXAMINATION RESULTS

Individuals. All applicants will be notified in writing of the results of the examination within 10 days of the Board's receipt of the results.

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21 NCAC 48D .0107 PERSONS REFUSED EXAMINATION PERMISSION

- (a) The Board shall refuse permission to take the examination to any person who:
- (1) Does not meet the requirements as set forth in the Physical Therapy Practice Act;
 - (2) Furnishes false information to the Board on the application; or
 - (3) Fails to furnish personal background information as required by these Rules.
- (b) The Board and Federation have authority to approve an applicant's exam eligibility. The Board shall approve exam eligibility for foreign-trained applicants. The Federation shall grant exam eligibility for all other applicants as set forth in National Physical Therapy Examination policies, which are available free of charge at the Board's office and at www.fsbpt.org.
- (c) Any applicant who is refused permission to take the examination shall be entitled to petition the Board for a contested case hearing pursuant to Subchapter 48G, Section .0500 of this Chapter.
- (d) Any applicant who is refused permission to take the examination by the Federation has the option to appeal using the policies set forth in Paragraph (b) of this Rule.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.92; 90-270.95; 90-270.97; 90-270.100; 90-270.103;
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21 NCAC 48D .0108 LICENSED PERSONS TAKING THE EXAMINATION

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Amended Eff. October 1, 1989;
Repealed Eff. October 1, 1995.*

21 NCAC 48D .0109 RETAKING EXAMINATION

- (a) Arrangements for Retake. To retake the examination, the applicant shall notify the Board in writing, and pay the retake fee as specified in 21 NCAC 48F .0102. The examination cost as set forth by the Federation (www.fsbpt.org) is hereby incorporated by reference and includes subsequent amendments and editions. If the Federation approves exam eligibility, the Federation shall administer the retake process according to NPTE policies, which may be found at www.fsbpt.org.
- (b) Limitations. An applicant shall be limited to taking the examination the number of times allowed by the Federation as indicated on the Federation's website (www.fsbpt.org).

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21 NCAC 48D .0110 ADMINISTRATION OF EXAMINATION

The applicant shall comply with the procedures established by the testing center at the site where the test is administered.

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21 NCAC 48D .0111 APPLICANTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Examination candidates who need special accommodations for the examination as a result of a medical or physical disability shall file an Accommodation Request Form and supporting documentation with the Executive Director at least 60 days before the examination date in order for the request to be considered by the Board. If the Federation grants exam eligibility, the accommodation request shall be made pursuant to Federation testing accommodation policy, which may be found at www.fsbpt.org.

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21 NCAC 48D .0112 COMPUTER EXAMINATION

The examination required for licensure shall be a Computer Based Test (CBT) and shall be administered by a testing service approved by the Federation.

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