

**WAC 246-915-030 Examination.** The examination acceptable and approved for use under the provisions of RCW 18.74.035 is the NPTE.

(1) For a physical therapist a passing score is considered to be one of the following:

(a) Beginning November 8, 1995, the criterion referenced passing point shall be set to equal a scaled score of six hundred based on a scale ranging from two hundred to eight hundred.

(b) Beginning February 28, 1991, through July 12, 1995, not less than sixty-eight percent of the raw score.

(c) Prior to February 28, 1991, not less than sixty percent raw score on each of the three examination parts.

(2) For a physical therapist assistant a passing score is considered to be one of the following:

(a) Beginning November 8, 1995, the criterion referenced passing point shall be set to equal a scaled score of six hundred based on a scale ranging from two hundred to eight hundred.

(b) Prior to November 8, 1995, a passing score is answering correctly seventy percent of the total number of questions.

(3) If a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant candidate fails to receive a passing score, he or she will be required to retake the NPTE.

(4) The department will issue a license by endorsement to an applicant who is currently licensed as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant under the laws of another state provided the requirements for registration or licensure under the appropriate category in that state, including minimal education and passing score on the NPTE, were substantially equal to the requirements in force in this state on the date of the applicant's initial licensure in the other state.

(5) An applicant may take the NPTE a maximum of six times, except that applicants who receive two very low scores on the exam will not be allowed to test again. A very low score is defined as performing at or below chance level (scale score four hundred and below).

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