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Illinois Department of
Financial and Professional Regulation

Division of Professional Regulation

PHYSICAL THERAPIST AND PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT RENEWAL INFORMATION

PT and PTA licenses expire September 30 of each even-numbered year. For each renewal cycle:

- Physical therapist licensees must earn 40 hours of continuing education in the 24 months before expiration.
- Physical therapist assistant licensees must earn 20 hours CE in the 24 months before expiration.

Complete information regarding renewal and continuing education:

[Section 1340.55 Renewals](#)

[Section 1340.61 Continuing Education](#)

First renewal

The only CE required with first renewal is Sexual Harassment (required of all Illinois licenses)

CE requirements of subsequent renewals

- Profession-specific: 3 hours content related to the ethical practice of physical therapy, including jurisprudence
- State-mandated:
 - 1 hour sexual harassment prevention
 - 1 hour implicit bias
 - 1 hour cultural competency
 - 1 hour dementia awareness if clients include people age 26 and older

Approved Continuing Education Providers

- American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and Illinois Physical Therapy Association (IPTA)
- Colleges, universities, or community colleges with CAPTE-accredited PT or PTA programs
- Any other person, firm, association, corporation, or group that has been approved and authorized by the Department

Continuing Education Earned in Other Jurisdictions

If a licensee has earned CE hours in another state from an unapproved provider, they shall submit [a program approval request form](#), along with a \$20 processing fee, at least 90 days prior to expiration of the license. The Board shall review and recommend approval or disapproval of the program.

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