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INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTERING ONLINE NATIONAL PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINATIONS

The Alabama Board of Physical Therapy requires that applicants sit for and pass the appropriate National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) as a prerequisite for licensure. The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) is the organization responsible for administering and developing these exams. Although Alabama neither administers nor develops the examination, it is responsible for assuring that only eligible candidates sit for the exams.

Registration Process

Alabama is now using the FSBPT website to allow candidates to register online for the NPTE. The website you will need to go to for registering is https://www.fsbpt.net/pt. Once you have registered online you can check the status of your registration online as well. This will keep you posted on the progress of your registration. To check the status of your exam registration, go to https://www.fsbpt.net/pt/candidatestatus.cfm.

Eligibility to Sit for the NPTE

The Alabama Board determines your eligibility to sit for the exam, based on educational requirements and other guidelines listed in the state licensing application packet sent to you, or accessed on our website at www.pt.alabama.gov. You will not be eligible to sit for the exam until you have completed the application for licensure in Alabama and completed your online exam registration. Once the Alabama Board of Physical Therapy has approved your registration, the FSBPT will send you an Authorization to Test (ATT) letter on the Friday following your approval. This letter is your authorization to sit for the exam and includes instructions for scheduling your testing appointment.

Scheduling Questions

Please do not call the Alabama Board about scheduling your exam. The FSBPT will contact you with information when you have been approved. The Authorization to Test letter you will receive contains important information about scheduling and should be read carefully. If you have additional questions regarding scheduling, please call the FSBPT Exam Services Department at 703-739-9420, ext. 201.

Exam Results

The Alabama Board of Physical Therapy will notify you of the exam results. Neither the testing center nor the FSBPT will be able to give you information regarding the results of your exam. If you pass, you will be issued a license. If you fail, you must start the application process again and will be instructed by the Alabama board of what fees/forms will be required.

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