

Requirements to take the Illinois Physical Therapy Examination:

The Physical Therapy examination requires a dual process application. All applicants need to apply here to Continental Testing Services for the State of Illinois and also to the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. FSBPT does require a testing fee of \$485.00 (effective 1/1/19).

You can register with FSBPT at [www.fsbpt.org](http://www.fsbpt.org) or you can contact customer services at 703-739-9420.

**Applicants Educated Outside the U.S.:**

Applicants must apply directly to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation for approval prior to registering here at Continental Testing Services. Please see the following link for information: <http://www.idfpr.com/renewals/apply/forms/pt-ex-o.pdf>.

**First-Time Applicants:**

All applicants are required to complete application with Continental Testing Services and make payment to our office.

All applicants are required to submit proof of graduation by an approved school. Illinois does use an ED-PT form for this purpose. This form is available here:

<https://continentaltestinginc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/ED-PT.pdf>

**If you are enrolled in an approved Physical Therapy program, you may apply to take the examination no more than 90 days prior to graduation.**

This form must be mailed to:

Continental Testing Services

P.O. Box 100

LaGrange, IL 60525

This information must be received in our office prior to the deadline of the examination you are applying for.

Once you have been determined eligible by Continental Testing Services, you will be made eligible with FSBPT as well and receive an authorization to test (ATT) by email. Once received, you will be able to schedule your examination appointment at a testing center of your choice. Appointments are scheduled by the testing center locations on a first-come, first served basis. Once a location is filled, no other applicants will be scheduled for that location and you will need to choose an alternate site. An additional fee will need to be paid at the testing center as well.

**Applicants must take the examination on their requested date. If you do not test on your requested date or if you withdraw from the examination for any reason, you will be required to reapply to both Continental Testing Services and FSBPT with payment again.**

**Retake Applicants:**

All retake applicants must apply to both Continental Testing Services and FSBPT again for examination. Please wait until you receive your official result letter from our office in order to reapply here to Continental Testing Services. If you do not wait until you receive your result letter, your application will not be processed.

Applicants applying to retake the examination will **not** need to submit another ED-PT form to our office.

**Information regarding practice as a PT license-pending:**

Per Section 225 ILCS 9/2 of the Illinois Physical Therapy Act, the Act does not prohibit:

“The practice of physical therapy by those persons, practicing under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist and who have met all of the qualifications as provided in Sections 7, 8.1, and 9 of this Act, until the next examination is given for physical therapists or physical therapist assistants and the results have been received by the Department and the Department has determined the applicant’s eligibility for a license. Anyone failing to pass said examination shall not again practice physical therapy until such time as an examination has been successfully passed by such person.”

An approval letter from Continental Testing Services allowing an applicant to work license pending will be mailed to the applicant upon application approval.

**Any applicant who takes the examination prior to their graduation and passes, must submit certification of graduation (ED-PT form) to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation within 90 days after their scheduled graduation date. If certification of graduation is not received within 90 days, the results of the examination shall be void.**