

Arizona State Board of Physical Therapy

Substantive Policy Statement

Arizona Jurisprudence Examination Requirement for Physical Therapy Compact Privilege

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Purpose: The purpose of this substantive policy statement is to clarify the Arizona Jurisprudence Examination requirement for the purpose of obtaining a compact privilege in the State of Arizona.

Summary: Consistent with the purpose of the physical therapy compact to increase public access to physical therapy services through interstate practice while protecting the public health and safety, all applicants shall successfully pass the Arizona Jurisprudence Examination on each application and prior to obtaining a compact privilege in Arizona, including those applicants who have previously held a compact privilege in Arizona.

Analysis: In Arizona, all applicants are required to successfully pass the Arizona Jurisprudence Examination prior to licensure or certification. Arizona Revised Statute § 32-2022 requires United States educated and foreign educated applicants to, "Have successfully passed a jurisprudence examination that tests the applicant's knowledge of board statutes and rules." All endorsement applicants are required to successfully pass the Arizona Jurisprudence Examination prior to licensure or certification. A.R.S. § 32-2026 (applicant shall meet the requirements prescribed in A.R.S. § 32-2022 and any applicable Board rules).

Likewise, applicants seeking to obtain a compact privilege in Arizona are also required to successfully pass the Arizona Jurisprudence Examination. A.R.S. § 32-2053 Section 4 (7). To obtain and exercise the compact privilege, the applicant shall fulfill requirements that include meeting the "jurisprudence requirement established by the remote state or states in which the licensee is seeking a compact privilege." Id. This requirement serves the public protection purpose of the compact to "enhance the states' ability to protect the public health and safety" by ensuring that the potential applicant demonstrates "knowledge of the laws and rules governing the practice of physical therapy" prior to the issuance of the compact privilege to provide physical therapy services in Arizona. A.R.S. § 32-2053 Section 1 (2), Section 2 (11). All applicants shall successfully pass the Arizona Jurisprudence Examination, including those who have previously held a compact privilege in Arizona, as an application requirement to obtain a physical therapy compact privilege in Arizona.

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