In many states, you must pass the national physical therapy exam (NPTE) and you must also pass a jurisprudence exam as a requirement for licensure.

A jurisprudence exam is a test of your state’s laws and rules. All licensed physical therapists (PTs) and physical therapist assistants (PTAs) should be familiar with the practice act and rules under which they are allowed to work.

HHVNA is supporting our valued Physical Therapists (PTs) and Physical Therapy Assistants (PTAs) in meeting the new regulation regarding the practice of Physical Therapy in the state of New Hampshire by;

- Providing this fact sheet to inform our therapist of the process
- Offering to reimburse them for the cost of the exam if passed by June 30, 2015
- Providing the option to take the exam in the office setting for therapists who choose to do so
- Offering any other assistance that we are able

Please don’t hesitate to contact us for assistance.

Many of our PTs and PTAs have received the following e-mail from the New Hampshire Physical Therapy Governing Board:

**IMPORTANT NOTICE to NEW HAMPSHIRE PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AND PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS**

The purpose of this communication is to provide notice to New Hampshire licensed physical therapists and physical therapist assistants of the requirement to complete the New Hampshire Jurisprudence Assessment Module between June 1 and August 31, 2015.

**What is the New Hampshire Jurisprudence Assessment Module (NH JAM)?**

The NH JAM* is an online learning and assessment tool consisting of 50 questions derived from the Laws and administrative rules governing the practice of physical therapy in New Hampshire. NH JAM Takers are allowed 1.5 hours to complete it and must answer 80% of the questions correctly to pass.

The NHJAM is an "open-book" assessment, meaning that licensees are able to reference the laws and rules while taking the module. For convenience, takers will have access to the laws and Administrative rules within the online NH JAM. Licensees are permitted as many attempts as necessary within the completion time frame but will have to pay for each attempt. It is advisable to review the laws and rules prior to taking the NH JAM.

**Who must take the NH JAM?**

All New Hampshire licensees must earn a passing score on the NH JAM as a requirement for renewal of licensure (http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/state_agencies/phy400.html) in years ending in 0 and 5. In 2015, the designated period of time to pass the NJ JAM is **June 1 through August 31, 2015**. Failure to complete the NH JAM with a passing score by August 31, 2015 shall result in an investigation by the New Hampshire Physical Therapy Governing Board and possible disciplinary action to your license.

**How to Register and Complete:**

Registration will be available on [http://www.fsbpt.org/](http://www.fsbpt.org/) beginning June 1, 2015. The NH JAM should be taken immediately after registering. If necessary, you may wait up to 48 hours after registration. Failure to complete the assessment within 48 hours will result in forfeiture of the registration fee. Please plan to register when you are assured you can complete it within the 48-hour period.
Pricing:

**NH Jurisprudence Assessment Module:**
June 1 through June 30, 2015 $40.00  
July 1 through August 31, 2015 $48.00

Please note that a 1.6% processing fee, rounded up to the nearest dollar, will apply. You must pay by Visa or MasterCard at the time of registration. Fees are for the NH JAM only. Licensees must also go through the standard licensure renewal process required by the New Hampshire Physical Therapy Governing Board and pay the associated licensure renewal fees.

Score Reporting

NH JAM takers will immediately receive a detailed score report indicating PASSED or FAILED, the total number and percent of questions answered correctly, and the number and percent of questions answered correctly within each content area (Consumer Advocacy, Patient Care Management, etc.). The score report also includes links to the sections of the laws, rules and regulations under which questions were answered incorrectly for the taker to review. Please look for an update close to June 1 announcing the availability of the NH JAM. Visit the website of the New Hampshire Physical Therapy Governing Board - [http://www.nh.gov/alliedhealth/boards/physicaltherapy/index.htm](http://www.nh.gov/alliedhealth/boards/physicaltherapy/index.htm) for more information.

*The NH JAM is developed and administered by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT - [http://www.fsbpt.org/](http://www.fsbpt.org/))*

The material this open book assessment will cover is found on the New Hampshire Office of Licensed Allied Health Professionals website ([http://www.nh.gov/alliedhealth/rules.htm](http://www.nh.gov/alliedhealth/rules.htm)) under the “Rules and Laws” section and includes:

1. **PRACTICE ACTS (LAWS):**
2. **ADMINISTRATIVE RULES:**
   A. Physical Therapists- ([http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/state_agencies/phy.html](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/state_agencies/phy.html))
3. **CODE OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS:**

**Familiarity with this material will prepare the therapist to pass the exam without difficulty.**

HHVNA will reimburse the cost of the exam for all PTs AND PTAs who take and pass the exam by June 30, 2015. You must pay by MasterCard or Visa at registration and submit your receipt of payment and confirmation of passing the exam to your manager for reimbursement.

To register you must log on to the website for The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) @[http://www.fsbpt.org/](http://www.fsbpt.org/) and follow the instructions.
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You will need a social security number (SSN) or if you don’t have a SSN an Alternate Identification Number (AIN) may be obtained from FSBPT. You will also need your New Hampshire Physical Therapy license number to take the exam.

Make sure to print a copy of your receipt for your records and for submission to your manager. Once registered, you can take the exam immediately by following the instructions or you may wait and take it at any time within 48 hours of registration. If the test is not taken within 48 hours of registration you will forfeit the registration fee and must pay the fee again in order to take the exam.

You will receive an e-mail confirming your registration to the e-mail address you provide during registration. If you choose to take the exam at a later time within the 48 hour period, you may access the exam either via a link in the registration confirmation email that is sent to you, or via the FSBPT website by starting the registration process again. You will not actually re-register, but will be asked to submit your User ID (SSN or AIN), Password (Mothers’ Maiden Name) and other demographic information.

The assessment consists of 50 multiple choice questions. You will have 90 minutes to take the exam and must answer 80% correctly to pass.

All Reference material is available to access throughout the test in the form of a screen icon that can be opened and closed as needed. The material includes the Physical Therapy Practice Act, The NH Physical Therapy Administrative Rules, The APTA Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapist and the APTA Standards of Ethical Conduct for the Physical Therapist Assistant. It is an open book test so that any and all reference material is allowed as well. You should be familiar with this material prior to taking the test. The reference material is also available to download and print for exam preparation at the FSBPT link above. If you need assistance to access the material please let us know.

The instructions are very clear and easy to follow. You will know immediately after you submit an answer if it is correct. If you answer correctly you will progress automatically to the next question. If you answer incorrectly you will be given a second opportunity to answer the same question, along with the specific location in the reference material to find the information. There is a visible timer reporting the remaining time available to you to finish the exam.

On completion of the exam, NH JAM takers will immediately receive a detailed score report indicating PASSED or FAILED, the total number and percent of questions answered correctly, and the number and percent of questions answered correctly within each content area (Consumer Advocacy, Patient Care Management, etc.). The score report also includes links to the sections of the laws, rules and regulations under which questions were answered incorrectly for the taker to review. Please print a copy for your records and a copy to submit to your manager for reimbursement.

If you achieved a passing score, your score will be automatically sent to your licensing jurisdiction. Scores are reported by FSBPT directly to the New Hampshire State Board of Physical Therapy.

FSBPT will confirm your successful completion of this Jurisprudence Assessment Module in aPTitude, the online continuing competence management system. aPTitude is a free service available to all licensed PTs and PTAs to assist in managing continuing competence information and licensure maintenance requirements. You will receive an email notification when this confirmation has been entered in aPTitude. For more information, go to www.fsbpt.org/aPTitude or contact aPTitudeHelp@fsbpt.org.
If you did not pass the assessment, you may re-register to take the assessment again in 48 hours. It is advisable to thoroughly review the reference documents and your score report before attempting the assessment again.

If you have failed that assessment twice, you will need to contact your jurisdiction to re-establish your eligibility to take the Jurisprudence Assessment Module.

You should print or save a copy of your score report for your personal records. Your score report is available to view and print immediately and for two days after completion of the assessment at the FSBPT website with your username and password. After 2 days you can access your score through the Status of My Request page on the FSBPT website.

Thank you for all that you do!

Staff Development