



# Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

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## REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN-TRAINED APPLICANTS Exceptions and required documentation

**1. TOEFL scores are not required if you meet one of the following conditions:**

- **You earned your PT degree in Australia, Canada (except Quebec), Ireland, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom, or you hold a degree from a foreign CAPTE-accredited program.**

*Documentation required: The evaluation will include this information. No additional information required from applicant.*

- **You hold a current license in another state and have been licensed in the US for the past 10 years**

Documentation required: verification of licensure from state(s) showing length of licensure

- **You are a citizen or permanent resident of the US and have attended 4 or more years of secondary (high school) or post-secondary (college/university) education in the US**

Documentation required: copy of passport or I-9, plus transcripts or certified letter from the school.

**2. Exception to the paper-based and computer-based TSE score of 55:** If you make a score of 50 and submit 3 original, notarized letters of recommendation from individuals who have practical knowledge of your ability to communicate successfully in spoken English. The authors of the letters must be native English speakers and cannot be related to the applicant by blood or marriage. One of the letters must come from a PT with a Texas license.

**3. Exemption from licensure in country of education –** You do not have to meet this requirement if you are unable to get a license in that country due to citizenship requirements imposed by that country.

Documentation required: proof of country's citizenship requirement and a notarized copy of your passport.