

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
BOARD RULE CHAPTER 490-3 EVALUATION OF EXAMINATIONS:
APPLICANTS
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

RULE 490-3-.01 Evaluation of Examinations. Amended

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy (hereinafter “Board”) proposes amendments to Board Rule Chapter 490-3 Evaluation of Examinations: Applicants, Board Rule 490-3-.01 Evaluation of Examinations. Amended (hereinafter “proposed rule(s)”).

This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule(s), and a synopsis of the proposed rule(s) are being sent to all persons who have requested, in writing, to be included on a notification list. This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule(s), and a synopsis of the proposed rule(s) may also be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 3920 Arkwright Rd., Suite 195, Macon, Georgia 31210. The documents will also be available for review on the Board’s website at <https://sos.ga.gov/page/georgia-state-board-physical-therapy-rules-and-laws>. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board office at (404) 424-9966.

The public will have an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule(s) at a public hearing to be held at **9:30 a.m., September 29, 2026**, via WebEx. Please see Board’s website for information on how to join the hearing via WebEx.

Interested parties affected by the proposed rule(s) may submit written comments to the Board no later than close of business on **September 22, 2026**. Written comments must be legible, signed, contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number, email address), and addressed to Todd Zandrowicz, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy, 3920 Arkwright Rd., Suite 195, Macon, Georgia 31210. Written comments may be sent via email to PLB-Healthcare2@sos.ga.gov.

During the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument, whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements will be limited to five (5) minutes per person.

The Board voted to post this Notice of Intent at its meetings on July 22, 2025, and July 21, 2026. The Board also voted that the formulation and adoption of the proposed rule(s) does not

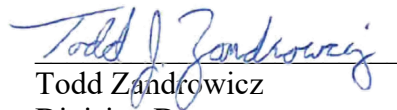
impose an excessive regulatory cost on any licensee, and any cost to comply with the proposed rule(s) cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-33-10, 43-33-12, 43-33-13 and 43-33-14. Additionally, the Board voted that it was neither legal nor feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-33-10, 43-33-12, 43-33-13 and 43-33-14 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of the proposed rule(s) will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the physical therapy profession.

According to the Department of Law of the State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy has the authority to adopt the proposed rule(s) pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-33-10, 43-33-12, 43-33-13 and 43-33-14.

For further information, contact the Board office at (404) 424-9966.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This the 25th day of August, 2026.



Todd Zandrowicz
Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

Posted: 08.25.26

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES OF TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
BOARD RULE CHAPTER 490-3 EVALUATION OF EXAMINATIONS:
APPLICANTS,
BOARD RULE 490-3-.01 EVALUATION OF EXAMINATIONS. AMENDED**

Purpose: The purpose of the proposed amendment to rule 490-3-.01 is to ease administrative burden by removing the need to adjust old scores according to an old formula while also adding no additional burdens to licensees and applicants.

Rule 490-3-.01 Evaluation of Examinations. Amended

- (1) The passing level for the physical therapist and the physical therapist assistant licensing examinations shall be determined by the Board. Scoring for the NPTE ranges from 200 - 800. The minimum passing score is 600 for both PT and PTA. ~~Prior to 1996 Georgia's standard was 1.5 times the standard deviation below the national mean.~~
- (2) If an applicant scored less than 600 on a licensing exam taken before 1996, and the applicant was issued a license in another jurisdiction with requirements similar or equal to those in the State of Georgia, the exam result will be accepted as a passing score.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-33-10, 43-33-12, 43-33-13 and 43-33-14.

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