

Information for Out-of-State PTs/PTAs and OTs/OTAs Responding to Hurricane Harvey

Licensees from out-of-state who wish to practice in Texas as part of the relief effort following Hurricane Harvey will be exempt from licensure if they follow the procedures below.

Physical Therapy

A physical therapist (PT) or physical therapist assistant (PTA) licensed in good standing in another jurisdiction of the US who is practicing physical therapy for not more than 60 days during a declared local, state, or national disaster or emergency is exempt from licensure if all of the following are met.

- The licensee must submit written notification to the PT Board prior to the start of practice with the following:
 - name as it appears on out-of-state license,
 - contact information including phone number and email,
 - state in which license is held and license number,
 - the beginning date of the period of practice,
 - the anticipated ending date when the practice in Texas will conclude,
 - the name of the facility in which the licensee will be practicing.
- Written notification indicating the end date must be sent to the Board at the conclusion of practice in Texas.
- Written notification can be emailed to emailpt@ptot.texas.gov.

Occupational Therapy

An occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant who does not live in this state and who is licensed in good standing by another state is exempt from licensure for not more than four consecutive months to respond to the medical emergency caused by Hurricane Harvey if the following are met.

- The licensee must submit written notification to the OT Board prior to the start of practice with the following:
 - name as it appears on out-of-state license,
 - contact information including phone number and email,
 - state in which license is held and license number,
 - the beginning date of the period of practice,
 - the anticipated ending date when the practice in Texas will conclude,
 - the name of the facility in which the licensee will be practicing.
- Written notification indicating the end date must be sent to the Board at the conclusion of the practice in Texas.
- Written notification can be emailed to emailot@ptot.texas.gov.

If you have any questions, please call the appropriate Board at 512-305-6900.