

Adopted Rule Amendment:

§329.7. Exemptions from Licensure.

Summary of Amendment: The amendment is adopted in order to include providing a copy of the permanent change of station order for the military service member to whom the spouse is married to the proof of residency requirement.

Rulemaking Process:

- Proposed by the PT Board at the July 16, 2021 meeting.
- Proposed Rulemaking Memorandum sent to the Office of the Governor on July 22, 2021 for review.
- Notification of review with no comments from Office of the Governor on August 10, 2021.
- Approved by the Executive Council of Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Examiners (ECPTOTE) at the August 13, 2021 meeting.
- Published in the August 27, 2021 edition of the *Texas Register* for public comment.
- Final adoption by the PT Board at the October 8, 2021 meeting, to be effective November 1, 2021.

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(a) (No change.)

(b) The following categories of individuals practicing physical therapy in the state are exempt from licensure by the board and must notify the board of their intent to practice in the state.

(1) – (4) (No change.)

(5) A physical therapist or physical therapist assistant licensed in good standing in another jurisdiction of the U.S. who is a military spouse for the period during which the military service member to whom the military spouse is married is stationed at a military installation in Texas.

(A) The military spouse must submit written notification including the following:

- (i) proof of the military spouse's residency in this state including a copy of the permanent change of station order for the military service member to whom the spouse is married;
- (ii) a copy of the military spouse's military identification card; and

(iii) a list of the jurisdictions in which the military spouse has held or currently holds a license.

(B) The board will issue a written confirmation stating that:

(i) licensure in other jurisdictions has been verified;

(ii) the military spouse is authorized to practice physical therapy in the state; and

(iii) authorization does not exceed three years from the date the confirmation is received.

(c) (No change.)