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THE TIME HAS COME FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS IN COLORADO!

Attention Physical Therapists and Physical Therapy Assistant applicants! The applications for Certified Physical Therapy Assistant are now available on the State Physical Therapy Board's website at www.dora.state.co.us/physical-therapy. Applicants may now download, complete and submit their applications to the Divisions of Registrations. If you are a licensed Physical Therapist, please notify your Physical Therapy Assistants that have not yet signed up to receive notifications from the Board. There are two applications from which to choose:

1. Application for Original Certification by Examination (and by "grandfathering"):

BY EXAM: Applicants applying for certification by examination will need to follow the directions on this application.

- Once a completed application is received, candidates will be given permission to register and take the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE). The only date for testing before the June 1, 2012 certification deadline is April 26, 2012. **The registration deadline is March 27, 2012.**

BY "GRANDFATHERING" CLAUSE:

- Applicants that have been practicing as a PTA for more than 5 years may apply for certification under the "grandfathering clause" which is only available until June 1, 2013.
- Applicants will need to follow the directions on the "Application for Original Certification by Examination". There is not a separate "grandfathering" application.
- Applicants will need to provide information concerning their 5 years of experience practicing as a PTA in the "Experience" section of the application.

2. Application for Certification by Endorsement:

BY HAVING A PTA LICENSE/REGISTRATION IN ANOTHER STATE: Applicants applying for certification by endorsement will need to follow the directions on this application.

- Applicants must have the state where they are licensed send a verification of that license to DORA.
- Please note there is additional documentation needed to meet one of the 5 qualifying standards. Please consult the application instructions.

Remember that ALL Physical Therapist Assistants must be certified by the State Physical Therapy Board by June 1, 2012 in order to work as a PTA in Colorado!!

