



Guidance on Home State Eligibility Requirement

To be eligible to obtain compact privileges, a physical therapist (PT) or physical therapist assistant (PTA) must have an active license in their home state and that state must be a member of the PT Compact. This page provides information on how the Physical Therapy Compact Commission defines home state and help PTs and PTAs in determining what their home state is according to the Commission [rules](#).

As defined in [Rule 1.1](#), a licensee's home state means the person's true, fixed, and permanent home and is the place where the person intends to remain indefinitely, and to which the person expects to return if absent without intending to establish domicile elsewhere. Special exceptions to this rule is provided for active duty military members and their spouses.

PTs and PTAs seeking to obtain a compact privilege will be required to provide driver's license or state identification information as a primary way to verify the person's home state. If either of those forms of identification cannot be provided, the individual will need to contact the Commission to determine what other proof of home state residency will be accepted.

All compact privilege holders must notify the Commission of a change in home state address within thirty (30) days of the change since any changes may affect the status of compact privileges.

Active duty military members and military spouses can learn more about alternatives to the home state definition in a separate guidance document under [Resources and Tools](#).

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