

Due to orders issued by the Governor of North Carolina and the declaration of disaster by the federal government related to Hurricane Helene, the North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (Board) is authorized to grant temporary exemptions from licensure. The temporary exemption allows licensees from other US jurisdictions to have temporary practice privileges in North Carolina. To be eligible for the temporary exemption, there are two requirements that must be met.

- 1) A PT or PTA licensee must have an active license to practice in another state and be in good standing in that state. This status is validated prior to a temporary privilege to practice is issued.
- 2) A PT or PTA licensee must not be eligible for a PT Compact Privilege. If any state in which the licensed PT or PTA is a member of the PT Compact and is issuing/accepting Compact Privileges, that licensee should visit www.ptcompact.org to purchase a North Carolina PT Compact Privilege.

For those PT/PTA licensees meeting eligibility requirements, in approximately two weeks, the NC Board of PT Examiners will have a portal on the Board website (www.ncptboard.org) to apply for the temporary exemption from licensure. Once the portal is active you can submit your request. If accepted, the licensee will receive a letter granting temporary practice privileges in NC. These privileges are temporary and will expire upon the rescission of NC Executive Order 318 or upon the date the Board declares the temporary exemption shall expire. It will be the responsibility of the temporary privilege holder to watch for this information from the Governor's office and on the Board's website. The Board will notify all temporary privilege holders of this information when it becomes available. As a result, it is imperative that the Board have up to date contact information for each temporary privilege holder.

It is also the responsibility of the temporary privilege holder to keep their PT/PTA license from another US jurisdiction active. Should the active PT/PTA license lapse, the temporary privilege to practice physical therapy in NC immediately expires.