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BEFORE THE  
PHYSICAL THERAPIST LICENSING BOARD  
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the License to Practice as a Physical Therapist Assistant: ) Case No: PT 454-10/12  
JAMES WALKER, PTA )  
ORDER  
(Removal of Restriction)

The Oregon Physical Therapist Licensing Board (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing and disciplining physical therapists and physical therapist assistants pursuant to ORS 688.140 and ORS 688.160.

On November 27, 2012, the Board and James Walker, PTA (Licensee) entered into a Stipulated Agreement and Final Order (Stipulation) whereby the Board agreed to grant Licensee a license to practice as a physical therapist assistant with the following agreement:

a) Licensee agreed to practice with the on-site supervision of a physical therapist or rehab director for a minimum of one year; and

b) Licensee agreed to provide the Board with monthly self-reports of a year regarding his chemical dependency treatment and progress.

Licensee satisfied the conditions placed through the Stipulation. Therefore, the Board determined that the restriction placed on Licensee's license should be removed.

**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The restriction requiring on-site supervision is hereby removed.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of APRIL, 2014.

OREGON PHYSICAL THERAPIST LICENSING BOARD

**SIGNATURE ON FILE**

James D. Heider, Executive Director

BEFORE THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST LICENSING BOARD  
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the )  
Physical Therapist Assistant Application of ) Case No: PT 454-10/12  
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JAMES WALKER )  
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Applicant ) STIPULATED AGREEMENT  
AND FINAL ORDER

The Oregon Physical Therapist Licensing Board (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing and disciplining physical therapists and physical therapist assistants pursuant to ORS 688.140 and 688.160. James Walker (Applicant) is applying for a license to practice as a physical therapist assistant (PTA) in Oregon.

**GROUND FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION**

On or about April 21, 2009, while working as a physical therapist at Tulare Regional Medical Center in Tulare, California, Applicant presented to work after taking Percoset and Vaillum for back pain and anxiety. He was found by coworkers to be in an apparent state of impairment. Applicant subsequently attended an inpatient rehabilitation program due to an addiction to prescription drugs.

On December 24, 2011, Applicant was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants in Hanford, CA and on August 13, 2012 he pled no contest to the misdemeanor charges. Applicant has since completed an outpatient rehabilitation program and an aftercare program.

Pursuant to ORS 688.140(2)(h) and (2)(i), the Board has grounds to deny licensure to Applicant for having an impairment due to drugs or alcohol and for having been convicted of a crime. However, the Board agrees to grant a license to Applicant and the Board and Applicant agree to resolve the issues through this Stipulated Agreement and Final Order as follows:

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**STIPULATIONS**

1. The Board agrees to grant Applicant a license to practice as a physical therapist assistant in Oregon.
2. Applicant agrees to practice with the on-site supervision of a physical therapist or rehab director for a minimum of one year from the start of employment as a physical therapist assistant in Oregon. At the end of his first year of employment, if applicant desires to remove the license restriction, he must provide the Board with evidence that he no longer requires on-site supervision.
3. Applicant agrees to provide the Board with monthly self-reports regarding his chemical dependency treatment and progress for a period of one year from the date of this order.
4. Applicant is aware of his right to notice, to be represented by counsel, to a hearing where he could call witnesses and cross-examine witnesses called by the Board, and the Applicant hereby waives these rights and agrees to entry of this Stipulated Agreement and Final Order.

**ORDER**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. The Applicant's application for a license as a physical therapist assistant in Oregon is granted with the above stated restrictions.
2. Beginning one month following the date this document is executed by the Board, the applicant is to submit monthly self-reports regarding his chemical dependency treatment and progress for a period of one year.
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DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 2012

OREGON PHYSICAL THERAPIST  
LICENSING BOARD

**SIGNATURE ON FILE**

James B. Heider  
Executive Director

I hereby certify that I have read and understand the Stipulation and Final Order. I agree to the Board entering this final order.

11/19/2012      **SIGNATURE ON FILE**  
Date        
James Walker, PTA  
Applicant

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