



## NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT

### CHAPTER 848 OREGON BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

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FILING CAPTION: Amending rule to update fee related to purchase of an Oregon Compact Privilege.

LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER COMMENT TO AGENCY: 12/29/2025 5:00 PM

*The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.*

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#### HEARING(S)

*Auxiliary aids for persons with disabilities are available upon advance request. Notify the contact listed above.*

DATE: 12/29/2025

TIME: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

OFFICER: Michelle Sigmund-Gaines

#### REMOTE HEARING DETAILS

MEETING URL: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

PHONE NUMBER: 971-673-0203

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#### NEED FOR THE RULE(S)

A portion of the fee paid by individuals who purchase a compact privilege from the PT Compact Commission to practice in Oregon is established by and paid to the jurisdiction, minus a \$2 processing fee. For Oregon, this portion is currently \$50 (\$48 after the fee). The other portion of the fee is established by the PT Compact Commission and is currently \$45, for a total fee paid by the purchaser of \$95. This amendment would raise the jurisdiction portion of the fee to \$102.

Oregon was the first jurisdiction to enact the PT Compact legislation in 2016, and the state portion of the fee was calculated at that time, prior to the Compact itself becoming operational in 2018. Overall operating costs have increased since the fee was established nearly ten years ago and not all costs were included in that original estimate; specifically, the cost of investigations. The current fee does not sufficiently cover related expenses, which include processing of new privilege purchase, including review and entry into Oregon licensing system for public lookup, verification of submittal of contact information and completion of JAM prior to purchase, as well as follow up and any related investigation related to non-compliance with JAM requirement. The fee also covers subsequent updates based on privilege expiration or renewal, costs related to investigations into complaints against privilege holders, and the administrative costs related to participation in the compact, such as rulemaking and delegate expenses.

#### DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE

Budget and board meeting materials and minutes. Available at the Board office.

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#### STATEMENT IDENTIFYING HOW ADOPTION OF RULE(S) WILL AFFECT RACIAL EQUITY IN THIS STATE

There is no direct impact as a result of the proposed rule amendment. The proposed fee increase applies to individuals who are actively licensed in another compact member state, who are purchasing a compact privilege to practice in Oregon in lieu of purchasing an Oregon license. By definition of the compact, the purchaser cannot be an Oregon resident, but rather a resident of the qualifying member state through the Compact.

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#### FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

The fee increase will only impact individuals who are actively licensed in another compact member state, who are purchasing a compact privilege to practice in Oregon in lieu of purchasing an Oregon license. There is no broader fiscal or economic impact to other parties. The increased fee revenue to the Board offsets costs associated with administration of programs and services related to compact privilege holders.

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#### COST OF COMPLIANCE:

*(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s). (2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).*

There is no cost of compliance for state agencies, units of local government, or the general public. The fee only applies to individuals licensed in another PTCC compact member state who are purchasing a compact privilege through the PT Compact Commission to practice in Oregon. The impact is limited to the cost of purchase, and there are no other compliance or documentation requirements associated with the fee.

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#### DESCRIBE HOW SMALL BUSINESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULE(S):

Small businesses were not directly involved in the process. While the Board only licenses individual practitioners and not businesses, many of the Board's licensees are themselves small business owners. Notice of the proposed change and opportunity for comment is provided to all license holders and other stakeholders.

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#### WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? NO IF NOT, WHY NOT?

Because the scope of the rule is limited to the single fee, a separate rules advisory committee was not formed. The proposed budgetary drivers were presented and discussed by the Board as part of the 25-27 biennium budget planning process during public sessions.

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#### AMEND: 848-005-0020

**RULE SUMMARY:** This rule amendment increases the state portion of the fee paid for the purchase of a compact privilege through the PT Compact Commission.

#### CHANGES TO RULE:

##### 848-005-0020

##### Board Fees and Refunds ¶¶

(1) The following fees shall be paid to the Board:¶¶

(a) Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant Examination Application Fee of \$187.00, plus the actual cost to the Board of conducting a nationwide background verification.¶¶

(b) Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant Endorsement Application Fee of \$187.00, plus the actual

cost to the Board of conducting a nationwide background verification.¶¶

(c) Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant Military Spouse Temporary Permit Application Fee of \$99.¶¶

(d) Physical Therapist License Renewal Fee of \$200.00, plus the actual cost to the Board of conducting a workforce demographics survey as required by ORS 676.410(6) as well as nationwide background verification.¶¶

(e) Physical Therapist Assistant License Renewal Fee of \$130.00, plus the actual cost to the Board of conducting a workforce demographics survey as required by ORS 676.410(6) as well as nationwide background verification.¶¶

(f) Lapsed License Renewal Fee of \$50.00 for renewal applications postmarked or received by the Board after March 31st of an even numbered year.¶¶

(g) On-line renewal and application convenience fee not to exceed the actual processing costs of an on-line electronic transaction.¶¶

(h) Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant Compact Privilege Fee of ~~\$50~~102.00.¶¶

(i) Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant Temporary Permits Fee of \$50.00.¶¶

(j) Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant Verification of Oregon Licensure or Verification of Application Status Letters/Forms Fee of \$25.00.¶¶

(k) Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) Check Fee of \$25.00.¶¶

(l) Miscellaneous Fees:¶¶

(A) Physical Therapist and/or Physical Therapist Assistant electronic mailing list fee of \$100.00.¶¶

(B) Photocopying administrative fee of \$25.00, plus ten cents (\$0.10) per copy.¶¶

(2) Board refunds of overpayments in any amount of \$25.00 or less will be held by the Board unless the payor requests a refund in writing.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 182.466(4)

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 182.466(4), 688.070(1)(2), 688.080, 688.100, 688.110