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RULE TITLE: Temporary Permits

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RULE SUMMARY: Clarifying requirements for temporary permit by examination; removing temporary permit by endorsement.

RULE TEXT:

(1) A person who has graduated from a CAPTE accredited physical therapist or physical therapist assistant program in a state or territory of the United States and who is applying for the first time to take the Board approved licensing examination as defined in OAR 848-010-0015(1) may be issued a temporary permit for a period of up to three (3) months. Such applicant shall:

- (a) Submit a completed application for license by examination, pay a non-refundable application fee and submit all required documents with the exception of the exam score;
- (b) Request a temporary permit and pay the associated non-refundable fee; and
- (c) Register for and be released to sit for the exam.

(2) A person who holds a temporary permit must practice under on-site supervision, which means that, at all times, a supervising therapist is in the same building and immediately available for consultation. Entries made in the patient record by a temporary permit holder must be authenticated by the temporary permit holder and by a supervising therapist.

(3) As used in this rule, "supervising therapist" means an Oregon licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant designated as supervising the temporary permit holder on the day the temporary permit holder is providing treatment. A physical therapist assistant may not supervise a physical therapist temporary permit holder.

(4) If a physical therapist assistant is supervising a physical therapist assistant temporary permit holder, a physical therapist must be readily available for consultation, either in person or by telecommunication, as provided in OAR 848-015-0020.

(5) Within five (5) working days of beginning practice, the temporary permit holder must submit to the Board a completed "Temporary Permit Letter from Employer" form. The temporary permit holder must notify the Board of any

change in employment during the period of the temporary permit by submitting a new "Temporary Permit Letter from Employer" within five (5) working days. A temporary permit holder must notify the employer immediately upon notification of a failing exam score.

(6) A temporary permit issued under this rule shall expire when:

(a) The Board received notification that the temporary permit holder failed the exam;

(b) The temporary permit holder is issued a license; or

(c) It has been three (3) months since the issuance of the temporary permit.

(7) The Board may refuse to issue a temporary permit to an applicant or may revoke a temporary permit after issuance for any violation of ORS 688.010 to 688.240 or any Board rule.

(8) A temporary permit holder whose temporary permit has expired due to failure of the exam or whose temporary permit has been revoked is not eligible to apply for another temporary permit.

(9) A person who has previously taken and failed the exam at any time prior to application is not eligible to apply for a temporary permit.

(10) In its discretion, the Board may grant one 60 calendar day extension to a person who holds a temporary permit.

(11) A person who holds a temporary permit issued under this rule is subject to all statutes and rules governing a licensee.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 688.110

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 688.110