POLICY
TENNESSEE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS – APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

Any person who has applied for a license as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant who has one or more criminal convictions may be required to appear before the Board.

The following persons ARE REQUIRED to appear before the Board before any license may be issued:

1. Any applicant who has a felony conviction;
2. Any applicant who has been convicted of multiple misdemeanors; and
3. Any applicant who has been convicted of a class A or B misdemeanor within five (5) years from the date of application.

The following persons ARE NOT required to appear before the Board before any license may be issued:

1. An applicant who has been convicted of nothing more serious than a Class C misdemeanor, or its equivalent in other states;
2. An applicant who has been convicted of no more than one misdemeanor, which occurred more than five (5) years from the date of application.

The Board’s administrator, in consultation with a Board member, a Board consultant, or the Board’s attorney, is authorized to issue a temporary authorization pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-1-142 and to determine whether or not the applicant needs to appear before the Board before a license can be issued.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Physical Therapy on February 17, 2012.