

# Ohio Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Jurisprudence Practice Exam (Sample)

## Study Guide



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# Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

# How to Use This Guide

**This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:**

## 1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

**Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Don't worry about getting everything right, your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.**

## 2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

**Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 - 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations, and take breaks to retain information better.**

## 3. Learn from the Explanations

**After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.**

## 4. Track Your Progress

**Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.**

## 5. Simulate the Real Exam

**Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.**

## 6. Repeat and Review

**Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning.**

## 7. Use Other Tools

**Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.**

**There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly — adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!**

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## **Questions**

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- 1. What happens if the board takes more than 120 days to approve an application?**
  - A. The application is automatically denied**
  - B. 50% of the application fee is refunded**
  - C. The applicant is not eligible to reapply**
  - D. The applicant must pay an additional fee**
- 2. Who can a PTA in Ohio consult with regarding practice issues?**
  - A. Only other PTAs**
  - B. Licensed physical therapists or the Board**
  - C. The general public**
  - D. Insurance representatives**
- 3. What does the term 'unlicensed personnel' refer to?**
  - A. Persons with a temporary permit**
  - B. Employees working under direct supervision**
  - C. Persons who are job trained**
  - D. Individuals with a professional license**
- 4. Which types of personal information are considered confidential in the board's system?**
  - A. College transcripts only**
  - B. Social security number and medical records**
  - C. Only criminal records**
  - D. All provided information is public**
- 5. The Ohio Physical Therapy Practice Act allows physical therapy to be rendered under all of the following EXCEPT:**
  - A. A referral by a licensed dentist**
  - B. Direct access or referral by a licensed physician**
  - C. A referral by a licensed athletic trainer**
  - D. A referral or prescription by a certified nurse practitioner**

**6. What type of supervision is required for a physical therapist assistant in Ohio?**

- A. Independent practice**
- B. Indirect supervision by a licensed physical therapist**
- C. Direct supervision by a licensed physical therapist**
- D. General supervision by any healthcare provider**

**7. How long does a temporary military spousal license last before expiration?**

- A. 3 months**
- B. 6 months**
- C. 12 months**
- D. 24 months**

**8. What type of fingerprint checks are required for PTA licensure in Ohio?**

- A. Only local background checks**
- B. Criminal background checks through the BCI and FBI**
- C. No fingerprint checks are required**
- D. Only federal background checks**

**9. What is the renewal schedule for a PTA license?**

- A. Even year**
- B. Odd year**
- C. Every year**
- D. Every five years**

**10. If an employer directs a physical therapist to act against the practice act, the therapist should:**

- A. Complete the activity and notify the Board after**
- B. Refuse to comply and seek guidance**
- C. Document the directive**
- D. Inform the patient**

## **Answers**

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1. B
2. B
3. C
4. B
5. C
6. C
7. B
8. B
9. B
10. B

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## **Explanations**

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**1. What happens if the board takes more than 120 days to approve an application?**

- A. The application is automatically denied**
- B. 50% of the application fee is refunded**
- C. The applicant is not eligible to reapply**
- D. The applicant must pay an additional fee**

In the context of the Ohio Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) licensing process, if the board does not approve an application within 120 days, it indicates a procedural timeline set by the regulatory body. According to Ohio administrative rules, if the board fails to act on the application within this designated timeframe, the applicant is entitled to a partial refund of their application fee. This refund acknowledges the extended waiting period without a determination and aims to ease the financial burden on applicants caused by delays in processing their applications. Understanding this process is crucial for applicants, as it reflects the board's commitment to timely decision-making while also providing recourse if they do not meet the 120-day timeline. The focus is on ensuring that applicants are not left in limbo indefinitely without a decision or compensation for the delay.

**2. Who can a PTA in Ohio consult with regarding practice issues?**

- A. Only other PTAs**
- B. Licensed physical therapists or the Board**
- C. The general public**
- D. Insurance representatives**

A physical therapist assistant (PTA) in Ohio is entitled to consult with licensed physical therapists or the Ohio Physical Therapy Section of the Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board regarding practice issues. This is essential as it ensures that the PTA receives guidance and support from qualified professionals who are knowledgeable about the current practices, legalities, and ethical considerations within the field of physical therapy. Consulting with licensed physical therapists ensures that the PTA adheres to the standards and regulations that govern their practice. The Board serves as a regulatory authority, providing vital information on compliance, licensing, and scope of practice. Engaging with both PTs and the Board helps ensure that the PTA's practice aligns with state laws and professional standards, ultimately protecting patient safety and enhancing the quality of care. Other options, such as consulting only other PTAs or reaching out to the general public or insurance representatives, do not provide the same level of authority or expertise necessary for making informed decisions regarding practice issues. Thus, the most appropriate route for a PTA seeking assistance is through licensed PTs or the governing board, providing a solid foundation of professional guidance.

### 3. What does the term 'unlicensed personnel' refer to?

- A. Persons with a temporary permit**
- B. Employees working under direct supervision**
- C. Persons who are job trained**
- D. Individuals with a professional license**

The term 'unlicensed personnel' typically refers to individuals who have not obtained a formal professional license to practice in a specific field. In the context of healthcare and physical therapy, this would mean they do not hold any license that formally certifies them to perform duties that require licensure. Option C suggests that unlicensed personnel are 'persons who are job trained,' which captures a key aspect of what unlicensed personnel can be. They may have received training specific to their job duties but without the certification or professional credentials required for licensure. This training might provide them with the skills needed to assist in certain tasks, but it does not afford them the legal authority to practice independently as a licensed professional would. In contrast, other options do not accurately define 'unlicensed personnel.' For example, individuals with a temporary permit are still in the process of becoming licensed and thus do not fall into the category of unlicensed personnel. Those working under direct supervision might include licensed professionals or trainees who are still within a supervised learning environment, while individuals with a professional license are definitively not unlicensed, as they have completed the necessary process to obtain their licensure.

### 4. Which types of personal information are considered confidential in the board's system?

- A. College transcripts only**
- B. Social security number and medical records**
- C. Only criminal records**
- D. All provided information is public**

The correct response identifies social security numbers and medical records as types of personal information that are considered confidential within the board's system. This confidentiality is crucial due to the sensitive nature of the information involved. Social security numbers are unique identifiers that can be used for identity theft or unauthorized access to an individual's financial or personal details, which is why they are protected under various privacy laws. Medical records contain highly sensitive health information that pertains to an individual's medical history and treatment, and there are specific regulations, such as HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), that safeguard these records to ensure patient privacy and confidentiality. Overall, the confidentiality of such information is fundamental to maintaining trust in the healthcare system and protecting individuals' rights regarding their personal information.

**5. The Ohio Physical Therapy Practice Act allows physical therapy to be rendered under all of the following EXCEPT:**

- A. A referral by a licensed dentist**
- B. Direct access or referral by a licensed physician**
- C. A referral by a licensed athletic trainer**
- D. A referral or prescription by a certified nurse practitioner**

The Ohio Physical Therapy Practice Act outlines specific conditions under which physical therapy can be provided, and one of those conditions is the requirement for proper referral from credentialed health care providers. While physical therapy can indeed be accessed through referrals from various licensed practitioners, such as licensed physicians and dentist as outlined in the Act, a referral from a licensed athletic trainer is not included among the recognized sources. Athletic trainers focus primarily on injury prevention, rehabilitation, and performance enhancement in athletic contexts rather than the broader medical management of patient care that would necessitate a referral for physical therapy. This lack of authorization similarly holds for the scenario presented in the question, indicating that athletic trainers do not have the authority to recommend physical therapy services through a formal referral process as other health professionals do. Thus, the Act does not support physical therapy being rendered on the basis of a referral from a licensed athletic trainer, making this the correct understanding among the choices presented.

**6. What type of supervision is required for a physical therapist assistant in Ohio?**

- A. Independent practice**
- B. Indirect supervision by a licensed physical therapist**
- C. Direct supervision by a licensed physical therapist**
- D. General supervision by any healthcare provider**

In Ohio, a physical therapist assistant (PTA) is required to work under direct supervision by a licensed physical therapist. This means that the supervising physical therapist must be physically present in the facility and readily available to provide assistance and oversight during the PTA's treatment of patients. This level of supervision ensures that patient care is delivered safely and effectively, aligning with the legal and ethical standards established for physical therapy practice in Ohio. Direct supervision allows the licensed physical therapist to evaluate the PTA's performance and intervene as necessary, ensuring quality care. The direct presence of the supervising therapist also facilitates immediate feedback and learning opportunities for the PTA, which is essential for professional development and the delivery of competent care. Other forms of supervision, such as independent practice or general supervision by any healthcare provider, are not applicable to PTAs in Ohio, as they do not meet the regulatory requirements set forth by the state. Indirect supervision, while allowed in certain cases for more experienced professionals under different settings, does not align with the current regulations governing PTAs. Therefore, direct supervision is critical for maintaining high standards in patient care and professional accountability within the physical therapy field in Ohio.

**7. How long does a temporary military spousal license last before expiration?**

- A. 3 months**
- B. 6 months**
- C. 12 months**
- D. 24 months**

The duration of a temporary military spousal license, as outlined in Ohio law, is specifically established to assist military spouses in maintaining their professional credentials while adjusting to a new location due to military duties. The correct time frame for the validity of this license is 6 months, allowing spouses sufficient opportunity to prepare for the regular licensing process. This provision recognizes the unique challenges faced by military families and facilitates a smoother transition, permitting the spouse to engage in their profession during this interim period without the complete burden of navigating the potential delays associated with standard licensing procedures. Understanding these regulations is essential for physical therapist assistants and reinforces the importance of being aware of specific laws that cater to this demographic's needs.

**8. What type of fingerprint checks are required for PTA licensure in Ohio?**

- A. Only local background checks**
- B. Criminal background checks through the BCI and FBI**
- C. No fingerprint checks are required**
- D. Only federal background checks**

For PTA licensure in Ohio, the requirement entails undergoing criminal background checks through both the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). This dual-check process is instituted to ensure that individuals entering the profession have a background that fosters trust and safety in the care of patients. The reasoning behind requiring both BCI and FBI checks is to obtain a comprehensive understanding of an applicant's criminal history, as the BCI focuses on state-level offenses while the FBI checks encompass national data. This thorough scrutiny serves to protect public health and safety by ensuring that licensed professionals do not have a history that could compromise their ability to perform their duties effectively and ethically. In contrast, options that suggest only local background checks or no fingerprint checks at all do not align with the regulatory requirements set forth by the Ohio occupational licensing authorities for physical therapist assistants. Likewise, solely federal background checks would neglect essential state-level information necessary for a complete assessment of an applicant's suitability for practice in Ohio.

## 9. What is the renewal schedule for a PTA license?

- A. Even year
- B. Odd year**
- C. Every year
- D. Every five years

The renewal schedule for a Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) license in Ohio is every two years, specifically on odd years. This means that PTAs must ensure they renew their licenses before the deadline in the odd-numbered years to maintain their ability to practice legally. It's important for professionals to be aware of their state requirements regarding license renewal to avoid any lapse in their professional status. Being informed about the renewal schedule, ongoing education requirements, and any associated fees is crucial for compliance with state regulations. This level of awareness also helps to uphold the standard of care and professionalism in the field of physical therapy.

## 10. If an employer directs a physical therapist to act against the practice act, the therapist should:

- A. Complete the activity and notify the Board after
- B. Refuse to comply and seek guidance**
- C. Document the directive
- D. Inform the patient

In situations where an employer directs a physical therapist to act against the practice act, the most appropriate response is to refuse to comply and seek guidance. This response is essential because acting against the practice act could lead to serious legal and professional consequences for the therapist and potentially compromise patient care and safety. Refusing to comply underscores the therapist's commitment to ethical and legal standards that govern their practice. By seeking guidance, whether from a supervisor, legal counsel, or the appropriate regulatory board, the therapist is taking proactive steps to clarify the situation and ensure that they remain compliant with the practice act. This approach helps to uphold professional integrity and protect the welfare of patients while also addressing the conflict presented by the employer's directive. Taking this stance can be crucial for maintaining professional standards and safeguarding one's license to practice. It also demonstrates a commitment to ethical practice, which is paramount in the healthcare field. The other choices might lead to complications or ethical dilemmas. For instance, completing the activity may expose the therapist to legal repercussions and harm the patient. Documenting the directive is vital in some contexts but does not address the immediate need to uphold the practice act. Informing the patient could also lead to breaches of trust and confidentiality unless it's done in a legally and ethically appropriate

# Next Steps

**Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.**

**As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.**

**If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at [hello@examzify.com](mailto:hello@examzify.com).**

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**We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!**

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