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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.

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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. 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.

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. 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. How many public members are on the Physical Therapy Board?

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

2. What is required to restore an inactive license to active status?

A. Pay fees and pass a new board exam

B. Complete CE equivalent for a single renewal period within the last 2 years

C. Submit a new application for licensure

D. All of the above

3. What is the advertising policy for PT services?

A. Advertising is not allowed

B. Must not promote excessive, unnecessary use of services

C. Can only be done on social media platforms

D. Must include pricing for all services

4. What is a requirement for PTA license applicants that is not mentioned for PTLAs?

A. A background check

B. Completion of a supervised practice assessment

C. Weekly case conferences documented in the case record

D. Passing a standardized test

5. How often can a licensee be granted an exemption for continuing competency?

A. For 2 consecutive renewal periods

B. Only once

C. For every renewal period

D. Not for 2 consecutive renewal periods

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6. For how many years should patient records be maintained?

A. No less than 3 years

B. No less than 5 years

C. No less than 7 years

D. No less than 9 years

7. What actions may board members take regarding physical therapy practices?

A. Offering financial advice

B. Publishing medical research

C. Inspecting facilities and patient charts

D. Providing legal representation

8. Which is required for equivalence degree documentation for licensure?

A. An affidavit of lost documents

B. Original birth certificate

C. Transcripts direct to agency and authenticated

D. A copy of the diploma only

9. What must the PT facility have, according to the criteria for approval of PT facilities for foreign trained clinical service?

A. An in-house pharmacy

B. Staffing, clinical instructors, and experience to provide PTLA

C. A swimming pool

D. A minimum of 20 beds

10. What is required for 'adequate supervision' according to the definition provided?

A. A PT must always be in direct visual contact with a PTA

B. A PT needs to be available for communication at all times with a PTA

C. A PTA must work independently without needing supervision

D. A PTA must supervise the PT in return

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. How many public members are on the Physical Therapy Board?

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

The Physical Therapy Board consists of five members, three of whom are public members. This means that three of the five members are not licensed physical therapists and are instead members of the general public. Options A, B, and D all have incorrect numbers of public members and do not accurately reflect the composition of the board.

2. What is required to restore an inactive license to active status?

A. Pay fees and pass a new board exam

B. Complete CE equivalent for a single renewal period within the last 2 years

C. Submit a new application for licensure

D. All of the above

To restore an inactive license to active status, you do not need to pay fees, pass a new board exam, or submit a new application for licensure. The only requirement is completing the Continuing Education (CE) equivalent for a single renewal period within the last 2 years. This ensures that the licensee is up-to-date with any changes or updates in their field and is prepared to work as an active licensee. Paying fees and taking a new exam or submitting a new application are only necessary when obtaining an initial license, not when restoring an inactive one. Therefore, B is the only correct answer.

3. What is the advertising policy for PT services?

A. Advertising is not allowed

B. Must not promote excessive, unnecessary use of services

C. Can only be done on social media platforms

D. Must include pricing for all services

Advertising for PT services is not completely prohibited (A) as it can be a useful tool for raising awareness and attracting potential clients. However, it must not promote excessive, unnecessary use of services (B), as this would go against ethical practices and could result in harm to patients. Advertising on social media platforms (C) may not be suitable for all target audiences and may not guarantee a wide reach. Including pricing for all services (D) may not accurately reflect the cost for individual patients and could discourage them from seeking treatment. Therefore, promoting appropriate and necessary use of services (B) is the best way to ensure ethical and responsible advertising for PT services.

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4. What is a requirement for PTA license applicants that is not mentioned for PTLAs?

A. A background check

B. Completion of a supervised practice assessment

C. Weekly case conferences documented in the case record

D. Passing a standardized test

A weekly case conference, documented in the case record, is a requirement for PTA license applicants that is not mentioned for PTLAs. Options A, B, and D are incorrect because they are all requirements for both PTA license applicants and PTLAs. A background check is required for both, completion of a supervised practice assessment is required for both, and passing a standardized test is also required for both. The only difference is that PTA license applicants must also participate in weekly case conferences and document them in the case record, while this requirement is not mentioned for PTLAs. Therefore, option C is the correct answer.

5. How often can a licensee be granted an exemption for continuing competency?

A. For 2 consecutive renewal periods

B. Only once

C. For every renewal period

D. Not for 2 consecutive renewal periods

The correct answer is D because while licensees are generally required to comply with continuing competency requirements for every renewal period, exemptions can be granted for medical or military reasons. However, these exemptions cannot be granted for two consecutive renewal periods. Therefore, option D, "Not for 2 consecutive renewal periods," is the most accurate option as it clarifies that while exemptions can be granted, they cannot be granted two times in a row. Option A, "For 2 consecutive renewal periods," is incorrect because it implies that exemptions can be granted two times in a row, when in fact, they cannot. Option B, "Only once," is incorrect because exemptions can be granted more than once, but not two times in a row. Option C, "For every renewal period," is incorrect because it suggests that exemptions are granted every time for all renewal periods, when in reality, they

6. For how many years should patient records be maintained?

A. No less than 3 years

B. No less than 5 years

C. No less than 7 years

D. No less than 9 years

Patient records are important for maintaining continuity of care and tracking medical history. In case of any legal or regulatory issues, it is necessary to have access to these records. While it is important to maintain patient records for a suitable amount of time, it is also important not to keep them for an excessive time period as it may lead to unnecessary storage costs and unnecessary use of resources. Therefore, options A, B, and D are incorrect as they suggest keeping patient records for lesser or longer periods of time than the recommended 7 years.

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7. What actions may board members take regarding physical therapy practices?

A. Offering financial advice

B. Publishing medical research

C. Inspecting facilities and patient charts

D. Providing legal representation

Board members are responsible for overseeing the operations of the physical therapy practice and ensuring that it is following all laws and regulations. Inspecting facilities and patient charts allows them to identify any potential compliance issues and take necessary actions to address them. It is not their role to offer financial advice, publish medical research, or provide legal representation. These tasks are better suited for professionals in those respective fields.

8. Which is required for equivalence degree documentation for licensure?

A. An affidavit of lost documents

B. Original birth certificate

C. Transcripts direct to agency and authenticated

D. A copy of the diploma only

Equivalence degree documentation for licensure requires transcripts that are sent directly to the agency and authenticated. An affidavit of lost documents may be needed in certain cases, but it is not a requirement for this type of documentation. The original birth certificate is also not required, as it is not directly related to the equivalence degree. Additionally, a copy of the diploma only is not sufficient, as the transcripts provide important information about the courses taken and grades received. Therefore, the only option that is required for equivalence degree documentation for licensure is transcripts direct to agency and authenticated.

9. What must the PT facility have, according to the criteria for approval of PT facilities for foreign trained clinical service?

A. An in-house pharmacy

B. Staffing, clinical instructors, and experience to provide PTLA

C. A swimming pool

D. A minimum of 20 beds

The other options, A, C, and D, are incorrect. Option A, having an in-house pharmacy, is not a requirement for a PT facility to be approved for foreign trained clinical service. Option C, having a swimming pool, is also not a requirement for a PT facility to be approved. Option D, having a minimum of 20 beds, is not a requirement for a PT facility as the criteria only mention the necessary staffing, clinical instructors, and experience. It is important for a PT facility to have these qualifications in order to provide the required level of care and training for foreign trained clinical service.

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10. What is required for 'adequate supervision' according to the definition provided?

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B. A PT needs to be available for communication at all times with a PTA

C. A PTA must work independently without needing supervision

D. A PTA must supervise the PT in return

The definition of 'adequate supervision' requires a PT to be available for communication at all times with a PTA. This means that the PT must be reachable and able to provide guidance or direction to the PTA when needed. Option A is incorrect because direct visual contact is not always necessary for adequate supervision. Option C is incorrect because a PTA must always work under the supervision of a PT. Option D is also incorrect because a PTA cannot supervise a PT, as the PT is responsible for supervision in the PT-PTA relationship.

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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.

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

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