



**Section 4: Fees** (see Section 5 for a description of the services)

**A. REPORT**

Please note that there is no rush service available for Physical Therapy licensure evaluations.

- 1. **Physical Therapy Evaluation** (\$395) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. **Additional Evaluations** (add \$100 each) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**B. ADDITIONAL SERVICE**

**Photocopying Fee**, if applicable (add \$20) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**C. MAILING OPTIONS**

As required by all Physical Therapy state boards (**except California**), your evaluation will be addressed and mailed directly to the Board.

- 1. **Evaluations** (prices are per address)

**Domestic**

**Secure Mailing** (add \$20 each) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 applicant  
 state board(s) in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Day Delivery** (add \$35 each) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 applicant  
 state board(s) in: \_\_\_\_\_

**International Secure Mailing** (add \$75) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 applicant

- 2. **Return of Original Documents Submitted by Applicant**

**Domestic Secure Mailing** (add \$20) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Domestic Next Day Delivery** (add \$35) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**International Secure Mailing** (add \$75) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 5: Services and Fees**

**A. REPORT**

A file number will be assigned and notification will be sent upon receipt of the application.

Please note that evaluation reports may vary, depending on the individual requirements of each state board.

- 1. **Physical Therapy Evaluation** – \$395 per application. This report identifies postsecondary institutions attended, dates of attendance, credential(s) earned, and the United States educational equivalent. A state board-specific credentials evaluation checklist, which identifies subject areas and U.S. semester unit values (where applicable), is also included.
- 2. **Additional Evaluations** – One official board copy and one applicant copy are included in the report fee. Reports for additional boards or additional types of licensure (PT or PTA) requested at the time of application are \$100 per report.

Note: Once a report has been mailed, duplicate/revised copies of a physical therapy evaluation require a separate application form and fees.

**B. ADDITIONAL SERVICE**

**Photocopying Fee** – Please submit a set of photocopies (front and back) if you are submitting original documents (including translations). Otherwise, you will be assessed a \$20 fee.

**C. MAILING OPTIONS**

- 1. **Evaluations** – Evaluations are sent by regular mail. Secure Mailing may be requested for an additional fee of \$20 (domestic) and \$75 (international) per address. Next Day Delivery (domestic) may also be requested for an additional \$35.
- 2. **Return of Documents** – If submitting original documents, please select either Secure Mailing (\$20 for domestic and \$75 for international) or Next Day Delivery (\$35 for domestic) for the return of your academic records. These mailing options will have a tracking number. Otherwise your documents will not be returned to you, unless you instruct us in writing to return them via regular mail. IERF accepts no liability related to the loss or damage of documents during mailing.

**D. PAYMENTS**

- Payment in the form of a check, cashier's check, money order or credit card must accompany all applications, payable to IERF. For credit card payment (Visa or MasterCard only), please complete the Credit Card Information Form (available on our website at [www.ierf.org](http://www.ierf.org)).
- Overseas payments must be in U.S. dollars and drawn on a United States bank. If payment is being made by a bank draft, an additional \$15 processing fee is required.
- Fees are subject to change without notice.

**Section 6: Certification**

- 1. I certify that the information provided in this application is true and correct.
- 2. I certify that I have read the instructions and conditions in this application and that I understand and accept the terms and conditions stated.
- 3. I understand that the information provided by IERF on this application (or on its website) is subject to change at any time.
- 4. I understand that the evaluation reports prepared by IERF are advisory and are not binding upon any agency, institution or organization which may use them.
- 5. I release IERF from any liability for damages resulting from the use of an evaluation report by me or any third party.
- 6. I authorize IERF to release information about my application status and copies of my educational records where these are required by the agency for whom the evaluation is being prepared.
- 7. I acknowledge that the evaluation report, based on IERF research, may differ from my own interpretation or that provided by another party.
- 8. I release IERF from any liability for damages to or loss of any documents submitted.
- 9. I agree to reimburse IERF for any and all costs, including legal expenses, which may incur as a result of any claim that I (or anyone having any interest in my earnings or services) may make, based on the recommended equivalency.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If the signature on this application is not that of the person whose credentials are being submitted for evaluation, the act of signing certifies that the signatory has the authority to sign for and on behalf of the person whose educational credentials have been submitted for evaluation.

## Section 7: Document Requirements and Application Procedure

### DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS

Please note that only post-secondary studies will be included in the evaluation. Furthermore, all studies (academic or professional) from institutions that are not recognized in the home country will be excluded from the evaluation. These guidelines have been established by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT).

#### I. For studies completed outside the United States:

A. The following must be mailed DIRECTLY to IERF by the institution(s) of study:

1. The IERF PT **Transcript Request Form (TRF)**, which can be downloaded from our website at <http://www.ierf.org/applications.asp>.
2. Official academic records issued in the original language
  - i. **Transcripts/Mark Sheets/Examination Results** indicating courses/subjects, hours of study/units/credits, and grades/marks/examination results.
  - ii. **Diplomas/Graduation Certificates/Degree Certificates** indicating that a degree/qualification has been earned or that a program of study has been completed, if applicable.
  - iii. **Hours of Internship or Clinical Practice**
3. **Course Syllabi**  
Detailed syllabi with course content information for all studies completed are required. (Detailed course content information is required for all PT classes taken. General course descriptions may be substituted for general education subjects ONLY). Please inform your institution(s) of study that the names of the subjects on the course syllabi have to match the names of the subjects on the academic records, in the same order they have been listed. Any discrepancies will delay the evaluation.

B. The following must be mailed to IERF by the applicant:

Please submit clear and legible photocopies of the front and back of the following documents:

1. **Physical Therapy License/Membership:**  
If you have passed the physical therapy licensure examination, hold a physical therapy license, or hold a professional membership in your country of study, please submit copies of all related documents.
2. **Previous IERF Evaluation:**  
If a physical therapy evaluation was previously done by IERF, please submit a copy of the original evaluation and checklist.
3. **Additional Academic Records and Requirements (if applicable):**  
If relevant to your education, please submit the original degree certificates and transcripts for the International Baccalaureate, *Diplôme de Baccalauréat*, Advanced-Level Examinations, *Maturità*, *Maturitätszeugnis*, *Certificat de Maturité*, *Abitur*, or *Attestato di Maturità*. If the school where you were trained has closed down and the educational records have not been archived at another academic institution, please submit a letter to IERF that explains your case.
4. **Translations must be submitted for all records not officially issued in English.**  
These include translations for transcripts, diplomas, course syllabi, professional licensure, etc. The translation must be in the same format as the original-language documents, line-by-line, word-for-word, and must be typed. Please consult the American Translators Association for more information about translation services.

#### II. For studies completed within the United States:

1. **Postsecondary Studies:**  
Please have the U.S. institution(s) send transcripts directly to IERF.
2. **CLEP Examinations:**  
If you have passed the CLEP Examinations, please request that ETS send your test results directly to IERF. The institutional code for IERF is 2344.

#### Request for Additional Information

Be certain that you have all the necessary documents before sending your application, as missing documents will delay the processing of your evaluation.

Please note that at any time during the evaluation process, IERF reserves the right to request original documents, additional documents, and/or that documents be sent directly to IERF by the issuing institutions.

Please submit the requested documentation and/or fees within 4 months. Otherwise, your case will be closed and a \$80 fee will be required to re-open your case.

#### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

As required by the state boards, copies of all files are forwarded for consultation to a licensed practicing physical therapist, who is employed by IERF.

Allow a minimum of 60 business days (3 months) from the receipt of all required documentation (and/or fees) for your evaluation to be mailed.

As required by all Physical Therapy state boards (except California), your evaluation will be addressed and mailed directly to the Board. If you are applying for licensure in California, please refer to our website for instructions ([www.ierf.org/applications.asp](http://www.ierf.org/applications.asp)).

## Section 8: Terms and Conditions

1. **Advisory** – The evaluation reports prepared by IERF are advisory in nature and in no way limit an agency or institution in making its own determination as to the level of education and allocation of credit to be allowed for the foreign credentials. The evaluation report, based on IERF research, may differ from the applicant's own interpretation or that provided by another party.
2. **Agency Criteria** – Any questions concerning specific requirements and procedures for licensure, employment, or admissions criteria should be addressed by the applicant to the appropriate licensing board, agency or institution.
3. **Altered or Irregular Documents** – If forged, altered, or falsified documents are submitted to IERF, the request for evaluation will be immediately cancelled. All documents (original and photocopies) become the property of IERF. No refund will be issued. The information will be made available to the appropriate parties (academic institutions, government agencies, professional organizations and other evaluation services).
4. **Applicable Law** – In the event of any disputes between the applicant and IERF, such disputes shall be governed by California law and shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles County courts.
5. **Contact** – IERF services are conducted solely by regular mail and the internet. Academic records, however, may only be submitted by regular mail or Courier Service.
6. **Correspondence** – Changes to an application must be submitted in writing. Once the evaluation is completed, an applicant has 90 days from the date of issue of the evaluation report within which to raise any questions concerning its content. Thereafter, the file will be closed.
7. **Damaged or Lost Documents** – Original documents submitted by the applicant are returned by a secure mailing service. While every effort is made by IERF to ensure the proper handling of educational documents, IERF accepts no liability related to the loss or damage of documents.
8. **Limited Liability of Service**
  - a) **Delay**: While every effort will be made to complete the evaluation within the requested timeframe, IERF cannot guarantee processing times and assumes no liability related to the delay of an evaluation report.
  - b) **Report**: IERF shall not be responsible for any incidental or consequential damages that an applicant may incur if the educational equivalency anticipated by the applicant is not issued as the evaluation report, based on IERF research, may differ from an applicant's interpretation or that provided by another party. IERF shall not be liable for any damages resulting from the use of the evaluation report. Furthermore, the applicant agrees to reimburse IERF for any and all costs, including legal expenses, which may incur as a result of any claim that the applicant (or anyone having any interest in the applicant's earnings or services) may make, based on the recommended equivalency.
9. **Reassessment of Equivalencies** – IERF bases its evaluation analysis on the best information available to professionals in applied comparative education in the United States at the time when the evaluation is made. When additional information becomes available, IERF reserves the right to reassess educational equivalencies when copies of an evaluation report are requested.
10. **Re-Evaluation Request** – Evaluations based on documents not submitted with the original request are considered to be new evaluations, and a new payment of the fee is required. Requests to change a General Report to a Detail Report (or the reverse) will be subject to the fee applicable to that report. The amount paid for any previous evaluation report is not credited toward the charge for a re-evaluation.
11. **Refunds** – No refunds will be issued once an application has been submitted, even if the applicant disagrees with the evaluation.
12. **Returned Checks** – a check that is returned due to insufficient funds is subject to an additional \$30 fee.
13. **Verification** – IERF reserves the right to contact educational and governmental institutions for additional information and/or verification of the authenticity of the credentials submitted, including, but not limited to, sending copies of credentials to the institution.
14. **Authorization for Release** – IERF may release information about an applicant's status including copies of educational records where these are required by the agency for whom the evaluation is being prepared. If needed, IERF may also release an applicant's contact information to the designated recipient(s) of the evaluation report.
15. **Refusal of Service** – IERF reserves the right to refuse service to anyone.
16. **Educational Records** - Educational records sent directly to IERF by an educational authority will become the property of IERF and will not be released to the applicant.
17. **Information Subject to Change** – The information provided by IERF on this website and on the application is subject to change at any time.

## Section 9: Final Checklist

- Send a Transcript Request Form to all relevant postsecondary institutions of study (must be mailed DIRECTLY to IERF by the institution(s) of study).
- Please ensure that the following items are sent to IERF with the completed application form:
  - Academic records
  - Translations (if applicable)
  - Photocopies of all original documents submitted (including translations)
  - Payment: check, cashier's check, money order or credit card, payable to IERF
    - Fee for the report
    - Fee for additional state boards (if applicable)
    - Fee for photocopying (if applicable)
    - Fee for mailing options (if applicable)

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