

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 13-302, 13-303, 13-306, 13-313, and 13-316

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 13-316.1 and 13-318.1

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Health Occupations**

13-302.

(a) (1) To qualify for a physical therapy license, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of:

- (i) This section; and
- (ii) § 13-303 of this subtitle.

(2) To qualify for a physical therapist assistant license, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of:

- (i) This section; and
- (ii) § 13-304 of this subtitle.

(b) The applicant shall be of good moral character.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this title, the applicant shall pass the appropriate examination given by the Board under this subtitle.

(d) The applicant shall meet any other qualifications or requirements that the Board establishes for license applicants.

(e) (1) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE Board shall require as part of its examination or licensing procedures that an applicant for a license to practice physical therapy or limited physical therapy demonstrate [an] WRITTEN AND oral competency in the English language.

(2) [Graduation from a recognized English-speaking undergraduate school after at least 3 years of enrollment, or from a recognized English-speaking professional school is acceptable as proof of proficiency in the oral communication of the English language under this section] AN APPLICANT IS EXEMPT FROM ENGLISH