

481—800.1(147) Definitions. For purposes of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

“*Active license*” means a license that is current and has not expired.

“*Assistive personnel*” means any person who carries out physical therapy and is not licensed as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant. This definition does not include students as defined in Iowa Code section 148A.3(2).

“*Board*” means the board of physical and occupational therapy.

“*Department*” means the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing.

“*Grace period*” means the 30-day period following expiration of a license when the license is still considered to be active. In order to renew a license during the grace period, a licensee is required to pay a late fee.

“*Impairment*” means a mechanical, physiological or developmental loss or abnormality, a functional limitation, or a disability or other health- or movement-related condition.

“*Inactive license*” means a license that has expired because it was not renewed by the end of the grace period.

“*Licensee*” means any person licensed to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant in the state of Iowa.

“*License expiration date*” means the fifteenth day of the birth month every two years after initial licensure.

“*Licensure by endorsement*” means the issuance of an Iowa license to practice physical therapy to an applicant who is or has been licensed in another state.

“*Mandatory reporter training*” means the training on identifying and reporting child abuse or dependent adult abuse as required in Iowa Code sections 232.69 and 235B.16.

“*On site*” means:

1. To be continuously on site and present in the department or facility where assistive personnel are performing services;
2. To be immediately available to assist the person being supervised in the services being performed; and
3. To provide continued direction of appropriate aspects of each treatment session in which a component of treatment is delegated to assistive personnel.

“*Physical therapist*” means a person licensed under this chapter to practice physical therapy.

“*Physical therapist assistant*” means a person licensed under this chapter to assist in the practice of physical therapy.

“*Physical therapy*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 148A.1, including:

1. Evaluation of individuals with impairments in order to determine a diagnosis, prognosis, and plan of therapeutic treatment and intervention, and to assess the ongoing effects of treatment and intervention;
2. Use of the effective properties of physical agents and modalities, including but not limited to mechanical and electrotherapeutic devices, heat, cold, air, light, water, electricity, and sound, to prevent, correct, minimize, or alleviate an impairment;
3. Use of therapeutic exercises to prevent, correct, minimize, or alleviate an impairment;
4. Use of rehabilitative procedures to prevent, correct, minimize, or alleviate an impairment, including but not limited to the following procedures:
 - Manual therapy, including soft-tissue and joint mobilization and manipulation;
 - Therapeutic massage;
 - Dry needling;
 - Prescription, application, and fabrication of assistive, adaptive, orthotic, prosthetic, and supportive devices and equipment;
 - Airway clearance techniques;
 - Integumentary protection and repair techniques; and
 - Debridement and wound care;
5. Interpretation of performances, tests, and measurements;
6. The establishment and modification of physical therapy programs;
7. The establishment and modification of treatment planning;

8. The establishment and modification of consultive services;
9. The establishment and modification of instructions to the patient, including but not limited to functional training relating to movement and mobility; and
10. Participation, administration, and supervision attendant to physical therapy and educational programs and facilities.

“*PT*” means physical therapist.

“*PTA*” means physical therapist assistant.

“*Reactivate*” or “*reactivation*” means the process as outlined in rule 481—800.7(17A,147,272C) by which an inactive license is restored to active status.

“*Reciprocal license*” means the issuance of an Iowa license to practice physical therapy to an applicant who is currently licensed in another state that has a mutual agreement with the Iowa board of physical and occupational therapy to license persons who have the same or similar qualifications to those required in Iowa.

“*Reinstatement*” means the process as outlined in rule 481—506.31(272C). Once the license is reinstated, the licensee may apply for active status.

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