

## Occupational Analysis Participation Opportunity

### Project:

The Physical Therapy Board of California (PTBC) has entered into an agreement with the Department of Consumer Affairs' Office of Professional Examination Services to conduct an occupational analysis (OA) of the physical therapy profession. The purpose of this project is to identify the tasks and knowledge that are critical to practice so they may be used to evaluate the PTBC's licensing examinations. The assistance of licensed physical therapists and physical therapist assistants is needed to provide information on current practice.

Subject Matter Expert (SME) input is critical to each phase of the OA in that they provide the information to define the tasks performed in the practice. SMEs also define the knowledge that is necessary to perform tasks safely and competently, in compliance with standards of care.

The PTBC is **currently** recruiting licensees to serve as SMEs to participate in the OA process. As a licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant, the Board requests your assistance in this process. New licensees (5 years or less) are encouraged to apply as well, as your input is needed to maintain standards at entry level.

For frequently asked questions about an OA, please select the following link:

- [OA - FAQs](#)

### SME Participation:

The OA interviews and workshops will be conducted by **teleconference** between the end of August 2024 and beginning of April 2025.

To qualify to serve as an SME a licensee MUST have:

1. A current California physical therapist or physical therapist assistant license
2. All renewal fees paid as required.
3. All continuing-education requirements met.
4. No accusation or other legal action filed against him or her by any agency or government.
5. No admonishments or disciplinary actions.

SMEs are needed for the following processes:

Process	Topic	Date and Time
Interviews	Define occupational tasks and knowledge	August 26-September 6, 2024, scheduled individually
Workshop 1	Review occupational tasks and knowledge statements for <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Physical therapists</li><li>Physical therapist assistants</li></ul>	September 24-25, 2024 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Workshop 2	Review occupational tasks and knowledge statements for <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Physical therapists</li><li>Physical therapy assistants</li></ul>	October 23-24, 2024 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Workshop 3	Review results of occupational analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Physical therapists</li><li>Physical therapy assistants</li></ul>	March 25-26, 2025 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Workshop 4	Review results of occupational analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Physical therapists</li><li>Physical therapy assistants</li></ul>	April 8-9, 2025 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*If you meet the qualifications and are interested in participation:*

Please complete the Physical Therapist/Physical Therapist Assistant Subject Matter Expert for Occupational Analysis application using this link:

[Physical Therapist/Physical Therapist Assistant Subject Matter Expert for Occupation Analysis Application](#)

**Commitment:**

If you are contacted to participate in an interview, you can expect the process to be approximately 1 to 1.5 hours and may be conducted via telephone or MS Teams.

If you are contacted to participate in a workshop, each workshop is two days and will be conducted by teleconference from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

**Compensation for SMEs:**

You will be provided more information about time commitments, compensation, and continuing competency credit when you are contacted to participate.