

### **Elimination of Licensure Applicant Status**

On August 27, 2007, the Physical Therapy Section filed an amendment to rule 4755-27-04 of the Administrative Code. This amendment deleted paragraph (K) of this rule, which established licensure applicant status. As a result of this change, which will go into effect on January 1, 2008, individuals applying to sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) will no longer be awarded licensure applicant status.

Prior to the change, individuals who graduated from CAPTE accredited physical therapy programs applying to sit for the NPTE for the first time were allowed to continue practicing physical therapy without a license based on an extension of the student exemption from licensure. Effective on January 1, 2008, graduates from CAPTE programs may not legally practice physical therapy until they pass the NPTE and receive a license to practice in Ohio.

Any applicant with a completed application, including registration with the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT), on file with the Board prior to January 1 will still be eligible for licensure applicant status for the full duration permitted under the current rule (the date the NPTE results are made public or 60 days from the date the Board notified the applicant that it approved the individual to sit for the NPTE, whichever occurs first).