

INPTRA Regulation Profile

Country: Israel

Regulatory Model

The Ministry of Health provides a “professional certificate” (serves the same purpose as a license) to physiotherapists who pass the government exam.

Model Description

The licensing process is defined by law, The Medical Professional Law of 2008, which also defines criteria for eligibility to write the exam. These criteria include possession of a Bachelor’s Degree in Physiotherapy from a recognized university and at least 960 hours of supervised clinical placement. There is no requirement for license renewal. The law also defines a disciplinary process.

Scope of Practice is not defined, nor are areas of specialization, however, there is a clause regarding specialization which will permit definition in the future.

Standards of care are defined by the Department of Physiotherapy in the Ministry of Health, which also carries out audit of public physiotherapy services (in hospitals and HMO’s). Continuing Competence or continuing education requirements are defined within the standards.

Website:

<http://www.health.gov.il/Subjects/MedicalAndHealthProfessions/Physiotherapy/Pages/default.aspx>