



This list is a compilation of information gathered from the [World Physiotherapy Member Profiles](#); the website of the International Network of Physical Therapy Authorities (INPTRA) before the website was shut down; and from the findings of registration staff at Canadian physiotherapy regulatory bodies. This information is correct to the best of our knowledge as of December 14, 2022. If any errors or omissions are found, kindly contact diana.sinnige@alliancept.org.

Country	Member Profile with World Physio?	Physiotherapy Regulated?	Additional notes
Afghanistan	Yes	Not regulated	
Albania	Yes	Regulated	Ministry of Health and Social Protection http://shendetesia.gov.al/
Algeria	No	Unknown	
Andorra	No	Unknown	
Angola	No	Unknown	
Antigua and Barbuda	No	Unknown	
Argentina	Yes	Regulated	Regulated provincially. Licence granted by relevant Ministry of Health or local institution. http://www.legisalud.gov.ar/atlas/categorias/kinesiologo.html
Armenia	No	Unknown	
Australia	Yes	Regulated	Physiotherapy Board of Australia www.physiotherapyboard.gov.au
Austria	Yes	Regulated	Registration required as of 2018, according to World Physiotherapy website; Bundesministerium für Gesundheit https://www.ris.bka.gv.at/GeltendeFassung.wxe?Abfrage=Bundesnormen&Gesetzesnummer=20009644
Azerbaijan	No	Unknown	
Bahamas	Yes	Regulated	Bahamas Health Professions Council http://bahamashpc.com/
Bahrain	Yes	Regulated	National Health Regulatory Authority https://www.nhra.bh/Departments/HCP/
Bangladesh	Yes	Not regulated	In 2018, the Bangladesh Rehabilitation Council was formed but is not yet a functioning regulatory body. Refer to Bangladesh Physiotherapy Association.
Barbados	Yes	Regulated	Barbados Paramedical Professions Council https://bac.gov.bb/Services/
Belarus	No	Unknown	
Belgium	Yes	Regulated	Physiotherapists are registered in a regional database, then the federal government (FOD Volksgezondheid) issues a visum, which is a licence to practice.



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			https://www.health.belgium.be/nl/gezondheid/zorgberoepen/kinesitherapeuten#visum List of registered 'kinesitherapeuten' is here https://docs.health.belgium.be/FilesEcad/Kine_Visa_Nl.csv
Belize	No	Unknown	
Benin	Yes	Regulated	Registration with the Ministry of Health is required to practice physiotherapy.
Bermuda	Yes	Regulated	Health Professions Council, Physiotherapy Board https://www.gov.bm/physiotherapy
Bhutan	Yes	Regulated	Bhutan Medical and Health Council http://www.bmhc.gov.bt/
Bolivia	No	Regulated	Through Ministry of Health of Bolivia (information sourced from a previously existing World Physiotherapy member profile)
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Yes	Regulated	https://fmoh.gov.ba/index.php/zakoni-i-strategije/zakoni/zakon-o-zdravstvenoj-zastiti
Botswana	No	Unknown	
Brazil	Yes	Regulated	18 regional regulatory bodies https://www.coffito.gov.br/nsite/?page_id=51 plus a Federal Council for Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy. https://www.coffito.gov.br/nsite/?page_id=5416
Brunei	No	Unknown	
Bulgaria	Yes	Regulated	Through Ministry of Health https://www.mh.government.bg/bg/administrativni-uslugi/meditsinski-kvalifikatsii/izdavane-na-udostovereniya-pridobita-profesionalna-kvalifikaciya/
Burkina Faso	No	Unknown	
Burundi	No	Unknown	
Cambodia	Yes	Not regulated	The law requires graduates to register with a PT Council, however this council does not exist.
Cameroon	Yes	Regulated	Cameroon Society of Physiotherapy
Canada	Yes	Regulated	Regulated by province or territory. For information visit https://www.alliancept.org/regulator-websites/
Cape Verde	No	Unknown	
Cayman Islands	No	Regulated	Regulated by Council for Professions Allied with Medicine



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Central African Republic	No	Unknown	
Chad	No	Unknown	
Chile	Yes	Regulated	Registration is required with the Superintendencia de Salud, Ministerio de Salud, Gobierno de Chile. http://www.supersalud.gob.cl/portal/w3-propertyvalue-6054.html#collapse00
China (mainland)	No	Not regulated	WHO reports in 2016 that China has regulation in place that covers 'rehabilitation therapists'. China is considering recognizing the profession of physiotherapy. WHO report: Health Workforce Regulation in the Western Pacific Region, 2016
Columbia	Yes	Regulated	Licence received from the Colombian College of Physiotherapists and registered in the national database of health workers.
Comoros	No	Unknown	
Congo	No	Unknown	
Congo (Democratic Republic)	Yes	Not regulated	An association exists, named the Congo Physical Therapists Union
Costa Rica	Yes	Regulated	Physical Therapy Commission of the Therapist Guild of Costa Rica: http://www.colegiodeterapeutas.cr/incorporaciones/
Croatia	Yes	Partially regulated	The Croatian Council of Physiotherapists appears to act as both a professional association and a registrar. https://www.hkf.hr/ A permit from the Council is required to work in the healthcare system, but not to work in education, social care, sport or wellness.
Cuba	No	Unknown	
Curacao	Yes	Regulated	Through the Ministry of Health
Cyprus	Yes	Regulated	Cyprus Physiotherapists and Physiotherapy Establishments Registration Council http://www.cyprus-seff.org/english/home.php
Czech Republic	Yes	Partially regulated	Previously, the World Physiotherapy site said, "To be registered as a physiotherapist is not an absolute obligation in our country." Currently, it says, "Registration is required for physiotherapists working in private practice,



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			and for physiotherapists working without direct guidance or professional supervision. Given by law - Act 96/2004Sb.”
Denmark	Yes	Regulated	Through the Danish Board of Health: https://stps.dk/da/autorisation/opslagautreg/
Djibouti	No	Unknown	
Dominica	No	Unknown	
Dominican Republic	Yes	Regulated	Exequatur Titulo Licenciatura
East Timor	No	Unknown	
Ecuador	Yes	Regulated	Licence issued by Agency for Quality Assurance of Health Services and Prepaid Medicine: http://www.calidadsalud.gob.ec/acess-app-servicio-ciudadano/public/titulo/registro.jsf
Egypt	No	Regulated	
El Salvador	No	Unknown	
Equatorial Guinea	No	Unknown	
Eritrea	No	Unknown	
Estonia	Yes	Not regulated	
Eswatini (Swaziland)	Yes	Regulated	Register with Eswatini Medical and Dental council: https://eswatinimedicalcouncil.com
Ethiopia	Yes	Regulated	Through the Ministry of Health
Fiji	Yes	Not regulated	Registration was initiated via Government Decree in November 2011. An Allied Health Practitioners Council was formulated however in 2019, however licensing had not yet been implemented.
Finland	Yes	Regulated	National Supervising Authority for Welfare and Health (Valvira) https://www.valvira.fi/web/en/healthcare/professional_practice_rights
France	Yes	Regulated	French National Board of Physical Therapists https://www.ordremk.fr/je-suis-kinesitherapeute/exercice/minscire-a-lordre
Gabon	No	Unknown	
Gambia	No	Unknown	
Georgia	Yes	Not regulated	
Germany	Yes	Regulated	German-educated physiotherapists “are usually awarded the title through the local health



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			authority” Internationally-educated physiotherapists must apply through local recognition centre. http://anabin.kmk.org/no_cache/filter/anerken-nungs-und-beratungsstellen-in-deutschland.html
Ghana	Yes	Regulated	Allied Health Professions Council http://ahpc.gov.gh/
Greece	Yes	Regulated	To practice, a physiotherapist must first be registered with the Panhellenic Physiotherapists’ Association and obtain a licence to practice from the Local Administrative Districts (perifereies) - Health Professions departments.
Grenada	No	Unknown	
Guatemala	No	Unknown	
Guinea	No	Unknown	
Guinea-Bissau	No	Unknown	
Guyana	Yes	Regulated	Guyana Allied Health Professions Council https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Local-Business/Allied-Health-Professions-Council-Guyana-310409176276612/
Haiti	Yes	Not regulated	
Honduras	No	Unknown	
Hong Kong	Yes	Regulated	Physiotherapist Board of Hong Kong http://www.smp-council.org.hk/pt/en/intro.php
Hungary	Yes	Regulated	Physiotherapists must register with the National Healthcare Service Center https://www.enkk.hu/index.php/en/department-of-recognition-and-monitoring/recognition/recognition-procedure
Iceland	Yes	Regulated	Through the Directorate of Health www.landlaeknir.is
India	Yes	Partially regulated	The National Commission for Allied Health and Health Care has been passed. It is yet to come in existence. There are 29 states and 7 territories in India. State councils exist in Delhi (http://dcptot.com/index.html), Maharashtra, Gujarat, Haryana, Tamil Nadu and Orissa. This is



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			evolving. In most Indian jurisdictions, physiotherapy is not regulated.
Indonesia	Yes	Unclear	The World Physiotherapy site indicates that registration is not required to practice, but it also says, "Physiotherapy in Indonesia is regulated by the government with laws and regulations of the health minister. A registration letter is provided by government to qualified physiotherapists: https://www.kemkes.go.id/ "
Iran	Yes	Regulated	The website of the Islamic Republic of Iran Medical Council says this body is responsible for licensing health care professions including physiotherapists. http://irimc.org/?LANG=EN
Iraq	No	Unknown	
Ireland	Yes	Regulated	Registration required as of October 1, 2018. https://coru.ie/health-and-social-care-professionals/registration/
Israel	Yes	Regulated	Israeli Ministry of Health https://www.health.gov.il/English/Services/MedicalAndHealthProfessions/Pages/default.aspx
Italy	Yes	Regulated	Registration required with the Provincial Order who act on behalf of the National Health Minister.
Ivory Coast	Yes	Partially	The World Physiotherapy site indicates that registration is not required to practice. It also states that the Ministry of Health recently (2021) updated direction which "asks all physiotherapists to register at DEPS", the Direction of Establishments and Health Professionals, and directing DEPS to set up a national council.
Jamaica	Yes	Regulated	Council for the Professions Supplementary to Medicine https://cpsmja.com/
Japan	Yes	Regulated	Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare http://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/
Jordan	Yes	Unclear	World Physiotherapy site says registration is not required to practice but also says "Licence to practice is granted by the Ministry of Health." https://www.moh.gov.jo/
Kazakhstan	No	Unknown	
Kenya	Yes	Regulated	Physiotherapy Council of Kenya



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			http://kenyalaw.org/kl/fileadmin/pdfdownloads/Acts/PhysiotherapistsAct_2014.pdf
Kiribati	No	Unknown	
Korea (North)	No	Unknown	
Korea (South)	Yes	Regulated	Ministry of Health, South Korea http://www.kuksiwon.or.kr/EngHome/index.do
Kosovo	Yes	Regulated	
Kuwait	Yes	Regulated	Through Ministry of Health https://www.e.gov.kw/sites/kgoenglish/Pages/Services/MOH/LicensingProfessionHelpMedici
Kyrgyzstan	No	Unknown	
Laos	No	Unknown	
Latvia	Yes	Regulated	Ministry of Health
Lebanon	Yes	Regulated	Ministry of Health and Order of Physiotherapists in Lebanon. https://www.optl.org/who-can-work-in-lebanon/
Lesotho	No	Unknown	
Liberia	No	Unknown	
Libya	No	Unknown	
Liechtenstein	Yes	Unknown	
Lithuania	Yes	Regulated	Ministry of Health http://www.vaspvt.gov.lt/en/node/1338
Luxembourg	Yes	Regulated	
Macau	Yes	Partially regulated	Physiotherapists need to be registered in the private sector but not the public sector. Through Licensing Department of Health Bureau.
Macedonia	No	Unknown	
Madagascar	Yes	Not regulated	
Malawi	Yes	Regulated	Medical Council of Malawi
Malaysia	Yes	Not regulated (yet)	The Allied Health Profession Act was passed in 2016. Authority established in Malaysian Allied Health Professions Council. Implementation was planned for 2021. No update in 2022.
Maldives	No	Unknown	
Mali	Yes	Not regulated	
Malta	Yes	Regulated	Registration with the Council for Professions Complementary to Medicine, regulated under the Health Care Professions Act



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Marshall Islands	No	Unknown	
Mauritania	No	Unknown	
Mauritius	Yes	Regulated	Allied Health Professional Council Bill was passed in 2017. Council was in the process of being established as of June 2019.
Mexico	Yes	Regulated	General Bureau of Professions Authorization Department https://www.gob.mx/cedulaprofesional
Micronesia	No	Unknown	
Moldova	No	Unknown	
Monaco	No	Unknown	
Mongolia	Yes	Regulated	The license for physiotherapists have been issued since Dec. 8, 2019 (however the licence is obtained from their association).
Montenegro	Yes	Regulated	Through Ministry of Health
Morocco	Yes	Not regulated	However, a physiotherapist must request an authorization to practice with the general secretariat of the government and show proof of education.
Mozambique	No	Unknown	
Myanmar	Yes	Not regulated	
Namibia	Yes	Regulated	Through the Allied Health Professions Council of Namibia https://www.hpcna.com/index.php/councils/allied-health-professions-council information@hpcna.com.na
Nauru	No	Unknown	
Nepal	Yes	Regulated	National Health Professional Council www.nhpc.org.np
Netherlands	Yes	Regulated	Must be registered on the Big Register https://www.bigregister.nl/registratie And on the Quality Register Physiotherapy Netherlands https://www.kngf.nl/
New Zealand	Yes	Regulated	Under Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, Physiotherapy Board of New Zealand https://www.physioboard.org.nz
Nicaragua	No	Unknown	
Niger	Yes	Not regulated	
Nigeria	Yes	Regulated	Medical Rehabilitation Therapist (Registration Board of Nigeria)



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			https://www.mrtb.gov.ng/en
Norway	Yes	Regulated	Norwegian Directorate of Health https://www.helsedirektoratet.no/english/authorisation-and-license-for-health-personnel
Oman	No	Unclear	A previous World Physiotherapy member profile indicated that physiotherapy is not regulated in Oman, but the profile has been removed.
Pakistan	Yes	Not regulated	
Palau	No	Unknown	
Palestine	Yes	Unclear	The World Physiotherapy site indicates that registration is not required to practice, but it also states that a licence from the Ministry of Health is required.
Panama	Yes	Regulated	The technical health council maintains a database of licenced physiotherapists https://idoneidad.minsa.gob.pa
Papua New Guinea	Yes	Regulated	Medical Act 1980 Medical Board of Papua New Guinea
Paraguay	No	Unknown	
Peru	Yes	Regulated	Licence issued by Association of Medical Technologists
Philippines	Yes	Regulated	Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy, Professional Regulation Commission https://www.prc.gov.ph/physical-and-occupational-therapy
Poland	Yes	Regulated	Polish Chamber of Physiotherapists: https://pomoc.kif.info.pl/rejestr-praktyk-zawodowych-fizjoterapeutow-jak-dokonac-wpisu/
Portugal	Yes	Regulated	Physiotherapists need to be registered with the relevant regional body to practice https://tdt-rhs.min-saude.pt/pages/entradaacss.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fAPP%2fUserProcess%2fDEFAULT.ASPX
Puerto Rico	Yes	Regulated	A professional licenced is conferred by the Puerto Rico Physical Therapy Examining Board
Qatar	No	Regulated	Regulated through Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners
Romania	Yes	Unclear	The physiotherapy association in Romania appears to have some of the characteristics of a regulatory body.



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			https://colegiulfizioterapeutilor.ro/inscrierea-in-cfzro-obtinerea-autorizatiei-de-libera-practica/
Russia	No	Unknown	
Rwanda	Yes	Regulated	Rwanda Allied Health Professions Council https://www.rahpc.org.rw/registration
Samoa	No	Unknown	
San Marino	No	Unknown	
Sao Tome and Principe	No	Unknown	
Saudi Arabia	Yes	Regulated	Saudi Commission for Health Specialities https://www.scfhs.org.sa/en/registration/Regulation/Pages/Specialists-Professional-Classification.aspx
Senegal	Yes	Regulated	
Serbia	No	Unclear	A previous World Physiotherapy member profile indicated that physiotherapy is regulated in Serbia, but the profile has been removed.
Seychelles	No	Unknown	
Sierra Leone	No	Unknown	
Singapore	Yes	Regulated	Allied Health Professional Council http://www.healthprofessionals.gov.sg/ahpc/apply-to-be-a-registered-allied-health-professional
Slovakia	Yes	Regulated	Slovak Chamber of Physiotherapists
Slovenia	Yes	Regulated	Regulated by the Ministry of Health http://www.pisrs.si/Pis.web/pregledPredpisa?id=PRAV12969
Solomon Islands	No	Unknown	
Somalia	No	Unknown	
South Africa	Yes	Regulated	Health Professions Council of South Africa https://www.hpcsa.co.za/?contentId=0&menuS ubId=51&actionName=For%20Professionals
South Sudan	No	Unknown	
Spain	Yes	Regulated	Registration with a regional Professional Association is required to practice. The regional Professional Associations appear have some association functions as well as regulatory authority. https://www.boe.es/buscar/doc.php?id=BOE-A-1974-289



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Sri Lanka	Yes	Unclear	The World Physiotherapy member profile indicates that registration is not required to practice. However it also describes registration requirements through the Sri Lanka Medical Council (Professions Supplementary to Medicine) Board for Physiotherapists https://www.srilankamedicalcouncil.org/index.php
St Kitts and Nevis	No	Unknown	
St Lucia	Yes	Regulated	Saint Lucia Allied Health Council (AHC) ahpcstlucia@gmail.com
St Vincent	No	Unknown	
Sudan	Yes	Unclear	A previous World Physiotherapy member profile indicated that physiotherapy is regulated in Sudan, but the current profile is silent on the issue.
Suriname	Yes	Regulated	Screened by the Ministry of Health and the Surinamese Association for Physiotherapy
Swaziland (see Eswatini)	Yes	Regulated	
Sweden	Yes	Regulated	National Board of Health and Welfare https://www.socialstyrelsen.se/en/apply-and-register/licence-to-practise/
Switzerland	Yes	Regulated	Registration through the relevant Cantonal Health Department https://www.gdk-cds.ch/fr/
Syria	Yes	Regulated	Through the Ministry of Health
Taiwan	Yes	Regulated	Physical Therapist Act http://law.moj.gov.tw/LawClass/LawAll.aspx?PCode=L0020044 Registration is administered local municipal or county (city) competent authorities
Tajikistan	No	Unknown	
Tanzania	Yes	Regulated	Registration through the Medical Council of Tanganyika http://www.mct.go.tz/
Thailand	Yes	Regulated	Registration through the Physical Therapy Council
Togo	Yes	Regulated	Registration through the Ministry of Health
Tonga	No	Unknown	
Trinidad & Tobago	Yes	Regulated	Registration with the Council for Professions Related to Medicine, through the Physiotherapists Board of Trinidad and Tobago



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Tunisia	No	Unknown	
Turkey	Yes	Not regulated	
Turkmenistan	No	Unknown	
Tuvalu	No	Unknown	
Uganda	Yes	Regulated	Registration through the Allied Health Professionals Council https://www.ahpc.ug/Requirements.php
Ukraine	Yes	Not regulated	
United Arab Emirates	Yes	Regulated	
United Kingdom	Yes	Regulated	Health and Care Professions Council http://www.hcpc-uk.org/ Will only issue their own document which has a blanket statement "the registrant is not subject to any practice restrictions".
United States	Yes	Regulated	Registration occurs at the state level. https://www.fsbpt.org/Free-Resources/Licensing-Authorities-Contact-Information Colorado will not issue certificates; must use DORA (online system) https://apps.colorado.gov/dora/licensing/
Uruguay	Yes	Regulated	Through the Ministry of Public Health
Uzbekistan	No	Unknown	
Vanuatu	No	Unknown	
Vatican City	No	Unknown	
Venezuela	Yes	Not regulated	However, a physiotherapist must hold a physiotherapy degree or technician title and register in a public registry office. http://sacs.gob.ve/site/index.php
Vietnam	Yes	Unclear	The World Physiotherapy site indicates that registration is not required to practice, but follows with a statement that says, "The physiotherapy graduate has to have 9-month practising at clinically before applying for working license."
Yemen	Yes	Unknown	The World Physiotherapy site is silent on the issue.
Zambia	Yes	Regulated	Through the Health Professions Council of Zambia http://www.hpcz.org.zm/



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Zimbabwe	Yes	Regulated	Through the Zimbabwe Rehabilitation Practitioners Council, under the Health Professions Authority.