**Country:** Taiwan

**Education:**

1. **How many physiotherapy education programs are in this country?**
   For entry-level education there are two DPT, nine BSc, and three Diploma education programs.

2. **Are the education programs accredited by an agency or association?**
   a. **Is this accreditation specific to physiotherapy?**
      All programs are accredited by the Ministry of Education.

3. **What is the entry-level degree needed to practice in physiotherapy?**
   The diploma programs are phasing out so the main entry-level program is BSc.

4. **Are there any post-professional degree programs?**

5. **Please list suggested websites regarding physical therapy education:**

**Practice:**

1. **Do patients have direct access or is physiotherapy performed under the direction of a physician?**
   Both; depends on the area of practice – for health promotion in the community or sports injury prevention/acute care in the field PT can practice without referral, otherwise (for medical or therapeutic purposes) referrals are required.

2. **How many physiotherapists are licensed in your country?**
   10,870 licensed PT but only 6,746 currently are practicing. (As of June 2019)

3. **What is the professional designation used by practicing PTs? Is this term protected by legislation?**
   The designation used is Physical Therapist. The title is protected by the PT Act.

4. **Do you have PTAs or other support personnel? Are they certified/registered/licensed?**
   PTAs used to be the main support personnel used in Taiwan but only a few still exist as the PTA license exam stopped in 2011.

5. **Name the professional association that advocates for physiotherapy in your country.**
   The Taiwan Physical Therapy Association (TPTA).

6. **Are there standards of practice in your country?**

7. **Is there a code of conduct in your country?**

8. **Is any continuing professional development required for re-registration/renewal?**
9. Please list suggested websites regarding physical therapy practice

Regulation:

1. What is the regulatory model and model description in the country?
   PT licensure exam is conducted by Ministry of Examination, and the registration is managed by Department of Medical Affairs, Ministry of Health and Welfare. Students graduated with a degree in physical therapy and fulfilled the requirement of clinical internships in designated specialties are allowed to sit for the national licensure examination (twice a year). The national exam is managed by the Ministry of Examination. Those who pass the exam will then be able to use the title of licensed PT, but to work as PT s/he must registered with the local Public Health Bureau and local PT society where s/he is contracted as a medical personnel. To renew the license a PT needs to have at least 150 CPE credits within 6 years of registration.

2. Is registration required to practice? (If so, what organization doe a practitioner register with?)

3. Is licensure necessary to practice in your country?
   Yes.

4. Is there a national examination required prior to practice? (If yes, list the exam agency name and website).
   Yes. The national license exam is held by the Ministry of Examination and that it is conducted twice a year.

5. Do you have a defined scope of practice and if so who defines the scope?
   The scope of practice is currently defined by the PT Act ([https://law.moj.gov.tw/ENG/LawClass/LawAll.aspx?pcode=L0020044](https://law.moj.gov.tw/ENG/LawClass/LawAll.aspx?pcode=L0020044)) but basically follows the WCPT’s scope of practice.

6. What is the website of the organization that represents physiotherapy regulators in your country?