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- School Based-Registered Play Therapist™ (SB-RPT) |
| **BENEFITS** | [Quarterly Play Therapy™ magazine](#)  
[Free online CE offered every month](#)  
[Membership in Chartered Branch](#)  
[Quarterly peer-reviewed research journal](#)  
[Quarterly Mining Report](#)  
[Access to members only Community Forums](#)  
[Weekly member e-newsletter](#)  
[Discounted fees on Credentialing, APT Store products, and Annual Conference](#)  
[View a complete list of benefits by Member type](#) | - Inclusion in the [Find a Play Therapist](#) directory  
- Recognition on APT’s social media platforms  
- News Release announcing your accomplishment  
- Use of RPT™, RPT-S™, or SB-RPT™ to demonstrate your play therapy expertise  
- Aetna providers that hold a current RPT™ or RPT-S™ will have the ‘Play Therapy’ specialty added to their Aetna searchable profiles |
| **PROCESS** | Licensed mental health professionals that meet the Credentialing Standards may submit an application. | **RENEWAL** |
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RPT™ & SB-RPT™ $140 (for Members)  
RPT-S™ $245 (for Members)  
**Annual Renewal Fee**  
RPT™ & SB-RPT™ $60  
RPT-S™ $90 | **PROFILE INFORMATION** |
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[Professional $95](#)  
[Affiliate $50](#)  
[International Professional $70](#)  
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