

Oregon Physical Therapist Licensing Board NEWSLETTER FALL 2014

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Two year license coming in 2016

Per recommendations from the 2013 Rules Advisory Committee; the Board is changing licensing from an annual cycle to a two year cycle. The proposed cycle would be every two years of an even numbered year beginning with the April 1st, 2016 renewal. Changing to a bi-annual renew cycle would put the license renewal cycle in sync with the Board's requirement for completion of continuing competency. Staff is currently in the process of researching the renewal cycles, associated costs, policies and procedures of other professional health boards both in Oregon and in neighboring states. This change will not affect 2015 license renewals. More to come as this project continues. See page 2 of this newsletter for continuing competency changes in the next certification cycle.

Goodbye & Thank You to outgoing Board Members Welcome new Board Members... and another opening coming soon.

This Spring, after 8 years of dedicated service, Board Chair, Steve Alsot, PT and Board Vice Chair, Jason Fiske, PT completed their maximum allowable 2 four year terms as Board members. The Board thanks Steve and Jason for their years of dedicated service to the Board, the profession and the public. They will be greatly missed.

The Board welcomes Aubree Benson, PT and Alan McAvoy, PT as its newest members. We are so pleased to have you both on Board!!

The next Board member PT opening is expected in April, 2015. Minorities and those practicing outside of the Portland Metro area are especially encouraged to apply. Board members are appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate and serve a maximum of two four year terms.

A qualified candidate for this open position must be a physical therapist who is an Oregon resident, holds an unrestricted Oregon PT license, has been practicing in this state for at least two years and has been practicing in the field of physical therapy for at least five years.

If you would like to be considered, please complete and submit the Executive Appointments Interest Form found in the forms section of the Board's website under "Miscellaneous Forms".

CONTINUING COMPETENCY UPDATE

The Board has completed its 2012-2014 Continuing Competency (CC) audit and found many licensees had questions regarding completion of the required (CC) . Below are the most frequently asked questions that Board staff responded to:

How many Licensees does the Board audit? Board Statutes and Rules give the Board authority to audit any and all licensees. Based on the Boards limited staff of 2.8 FTE and depending on current workflows, the Board makes a determination each audit cycle on the percentage of licensees to audit. To date the Board has never audited less than 10% of its Licensees.

I have been audited every year for the past three audits, is the audit truly random? Yes, the list of licensees to be selected is done by a computer program. The Board enters the percentage of Licensees to be audited and a computer program randomly selects and provides staff with the list of names and contact information. However, the Board has set a policy that states if you were randomly audited one year and found to be non-compliant, you will be audited again in the next certification period.

What happens if I am not in compliance? What will happen to my license? If found to be out of compliance the Board will most likely take a disciplinary action against your license, unless you have contacted the Board in advance to request an extension or waiver, which may be given under certain circumstances (illness, military service, undue hardship). In an effort to maintain consistency in dealing with non-compliance, a Civil Penalty Matrix is used. The matrix can be found as Appendix A at the back of the Board's published Administrative Rules which can be found on the Board website.

Does the action become a public record? Yes, the action is considered discipline, it is a public record which will become part of your permanent record. The action will be posted on the Board website licensee look-up screen, it will be posted in the Board Newsletter and it will be reported to both the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy and the National Practitioner Data Bank.

What if I say that I will complete the CC by March 31st, but then I realize that I cannot do so? This has been a problem in the past, even if you alerted the Board before the end of the certification period. Since the license was already issued, state law does not allow the Board to "un-issue" a license. To avoid similar problems in the future, beginning in 2016, when you submit your renewal application, you will need to attest to having already completed the required CC and list your CC courses and activities with credits prior to being allowed to renew your license.

What are some of the most common errors you find when auditing for continued competency?

- Licensee's counting full credit for a CPR course when Board rules specifically allows a maximum of 1 credit per audit cycle regardless of the credit hours awarded on the Certificate.
- Licensee's with incomplete Certificates of Completion. The rule requires the Certificate include the title of the course or activity, the name of the sponsor or speaker, date of completion, number of hours and licensee's name.
- Licensee's counting in-service programs or required workplace orientation, training or competencies. These activities are specifically noted in rule as not eligible for continuing competency credit.
- Failure of a Licensee to contact the Board immediately if they are in non-compliance.
- Failure to respond to the audit letter. This has especially been an issue for licensees who fail update their contact information or travel and fail to check their mail at their mailing address.

What's new for the 4/1/14 through 3/31/16 certification period (new Division 35 rules effective April 1, 2014)

- The number of CC credits a PTA must complete is now 24 hours, the same as required for a PT.
- All language in the rules has changed from Continuing Education (CE) to Continuing Competency (CC) allowing the Board to broaden the range of activities it may consider as qualified for CC credit.
- The Board added ethics courses, specialty certifications and the FSBPT Practice Review Tool to the list of approved activities.
- New language gives the Board authority to make CC exceptions under certain circumstances.
- To renew your license for 2016, you will have to complete all the CC prior to your renewal and list all courses on your renewal application. If audited, you will have to provide the completion certificates. There will no longer be an option to renew your license prior to having your CC completed.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

NAME & LICENSE NO.	DATE OF ACTION	ACTION TAKEN	REASON FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION
Melody Sanchez, PTA License # 8161	05/01/2014	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: \$562.50 Civil Penalty	Practicing 11 months without a valid license
George Prummer, PTA License # 7675	05/05/2014	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: \$75.00 Civil Penalty	Practicing 1 week without a valid license
Jean Paul Perrodin, PT License # 6607	05/07/2014	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: \$1500.00 Civil Penalty and completion of ethics course	Ethics and records keeping violations
Jody Bell, PTA License # 8977	06/06/2014	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: \$500.00 Civil Penalty and monthly reports to Board	Failure to report criminal conviction within 10 days
Stephen Foti, PT License # 3200	07/23/2014	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: \$2500.00 Civil Penalty and two year probation with conditions	Practice and record keeping violations
Karen Jorgensen, PTA License # 7669	08.25/2014	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: Voluntary Surrender of License	Failure to complete all required continuing competency
Logan Bake, PT License # 60768	08/27/2014	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: Issuance of License; One year probation with conditions	Failure to fully disclose prior criminal conviction
Bharti Patel, PT License # 1742	09/02/2014	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: \$350.00 Civil Penalty	Failure to complete all required continuing competency
Christina Stamey, PT License # 4017	09/08/2014	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: \$350.00 Civil Penalty	Failure to complete all required continuing competency
Kristin Ayers, PT License # 4421	09/08/2014	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: \$350.00 Civil Penalty	Failure to complete all required continuing competency

Are you interested in serving on a Rules Advisory Committee regarding telehealth or providing services to sports teams?

The Board is assembling two 10 member Rules Advisory Committees to help the Board draft proposed rule language regarding telehealth and PTs working with sports teams and at sporting events. If you are involved in any aspects of either, this is your chance to contribute valuable input to impact future practice. It is also a great way to learn how the rulemaking process works and familiarize yourself with all Board statutes and rules. Time commitment is 2-3 evening meetings lasting approximately 3 hours each. Licensees from out side of the Portland area can participate via teleconference if desired. The first meeting will be in January, 2015. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Sherri Paru, PT at sherri.paru@state.or.us by October 31, 2014.



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- *THIS NEWSLETTER AND PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS*
- *COMPLAINT, ADDRESS, NAME CHANGE & WRITTEN VERIFICATION FORMS*
- *ON-LINE LICENSE VERIFICATION*
- *COPIES OF THE PHYSICAL THERAPY STATUTES AND RULES*
- *FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES & BOARD MEETING MINUTES*
- *RECENTLY ADOPTED RULE CHANGES & PENDING RULE CHANGES*
- *LINK TO RELATED SITES (OPTA, FSBPT, etc)*
- *LINK TO OREGON PAIN MANAGEMENT TRAINING MODULE*