

# Oregon Physical Therapist Licensing Board

## NEWSLETTER

### SPRING 2013

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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Friday  
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
(Closed Holidays and state  
furlough days)

### **IS YOUR LICENSE CURRENT?**

All working therapists must hold a valid license with an expiration date of **MARCH 31, 2014**

If you are unsure if your license is current, please check the Board website: [www.ptboard.state.or.us](http://www.ptboard.state.or.us) under the heading online verifications. If you find that your license has lapsed and you have been treating patients, stop working immediately and contact the Board office. If your license has lapsed and you have not treated patients since 3/31/13, you can renew your license online. You will have to pay a \$50 late fee in addition to the renewal fee.

#### **FAQ's regarding lapsed licenses:**

1. If I am not currently working, can I allow my license to lapse and then renew when I decide to return to work? Yes. Licenses automatically lapse each year on 3/31 and can remain lapsed for up to 5 years before they expire. If you wish to reinstate your lapsed license during that 5 year period, you may do so by paying back renewal fees for each year lapsed and a set late fee (currently \$50). Completion of CE requirements will depend on the timing of your renewal in the CE certification period.
2. What if I let my license lapse for greater than 5 years and I do not hold a license in another state? Current rules require you to provide evidence of competence to practice. Failure to do so, can result in needing to serve an internship under a restricted license, take a refresher course and/or retake the NPTE examination before becoming licensed in Oregon.
3. If my license has lapsed, will I continue to receive a renewal application each year? No, you will not. You will need to contact the Board to receive a renewal form.

### **Continuing Education Update**

The Board is currently meeting with an advisory committee to review the rules regarding continuing education requirements. The current CE certification period runs from 4/1/2012 through 3/31/2014. Any rule changes adopted by the Board will take effect for the next certification period. All licensees will have an opportunity to review the proposed changes and will be invited to provide input. The final rule changes will be communicated via a future newsletter.

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# Update to the Online Pain Management Training Module

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Over the last 4 months, Oregon Pain Management Commission (OPMC) members have diligently worked to improve the information included in the training “Advancing Pain Management in Oregon.” The new module contains about 30% new/additional information.

New topics include: pain assessment; appropriate standards of care for use of opioids in pain management; universal precautions in pain medicine; modifiable life factors that affect each other and pain; dentists and pain management; health care professional communication with clients and other providers; health care professional ethical obligations; information assimilated from the Institute of Medicine’s 2011 report titled “Relieving Pain in America;” a link to the OPMC Position Statement on medical marijuana use; information and a link to the Oregon Prescription Drug Monitoring Program; and information and a link to the 2013 Oregon Medical Board’s Pain Management Statement of Philosophy. In addition, other sections including the OPMC conclusion and recommendations—were updated and outdated information was removed from the module.

This revised module and new link will give health care professionals additional information to use in managing people living with pain. There is a link to the module on the Board website or you may access it directly at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/OHA/OHPR/pages/pmc/index.aspx>

The completion of the OPMC pain module is mandatory for all physical therapists licensed by the Oregon PT Board (completion of the module is optional for physical therapist assistants).

Many licensees have already completed this *one time* requirement:

- If you were initially licensed prior to 4.01.10, you have already attested to completion of this module as a requirement of licensure renewal.
- If you were initially licensed between 4.01.10 and 10.31.12, you will need to complete this module as part of your 2014 CE requirement and prior to your 4.01.14 renewal.
- If you were initially licensed on or after 11.01.12, you have already completed the module as part of your initial licensure application.

Regardless of whether you have already completed the module, the new format is available for all (PTs and PTAs) for CE credit. It will count as *ONE HOUR of CE* (for the current period 4.1.12 through 3.31.14) and the best part is, it’s *FREE*. Be certain to complete the certificate information at the end of the presentation so you receive a record of completion in case you are selected for CE audit in 2014.

## Are you a PTA working without a PT on site?

The Board has recently received many questions regarding the supervision of a PTA, especially on weekends, holidays and in remote locations. Board statutes and rules require a supervising PT to be available at all times. If you are a PTA, make sure that you know who your supervising PT is for each day and for each patient that you treat and also ensure that you are always provided with the contact phone number for a supervising PT.

# DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

NAME & LICENSE NO.	DATE OF ACTION	ACTION TAKEN	REASON FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION
Jerry Watson, PT License # 2132	1/17/2013	FINAL ORDER BY DEFAULT: Suspension of license until proof of CE and \$550 civil penalty submitted	Failure to comply with Board continuing education audit & failure to cooperate with the Board.
Raechel Massie, PT License # 2437	2/12/2013	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: \$750 civil penalty	Failure to complete all required continuing education.
Moerke, Julie, PTA License # 8253	4/2/2013	STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER: Must practice with onsite supervision of a PT	Arrest for DUI and other related charges

## NOTICE OF RULEMAKING HEARING

The Oregon Physical Therapist Licensing Board is required by statute to adopt rules regarding its operating budget on a biennial basis. The Board is also required to hold an Administrative Rule Hearing any time it considers the adoption of new rules.

The Board intends to hold a public hearing for the purpose of adopting the Board's 2013-2015 budget on Friday, May 17, 2013 at 8:30 am at 800 NE Oregon St, Suite 445, Portland, OR 97232. You may obtain copies of the Hearing Notice, the Fiscal Impact Statement and the proposed rule text changes by contacting the Board at 971.673.0203 or by clicking on the link marked "proposed rule changes" in the right hand navigation bar of the Board website:

**[www.ptboard.state.or.us](http://www.ptboard.state.or.us)**

### **NEW STATUTES & RULES IN EFFECT REGARDING REPORTING OF AN ARREST OR CONVICTION TO THE LICENSING BOARD**

Although the license renewal application will continue to require licensees to answer a question regarding arrests, charges and convictions, The Board wishes to remind licensees that effective March 1, 2010, licensees are now required to report the following to the Board within 10 working days of the incident:

- *Any* felony arrest
- *Any* misdemeanor or felony conviction

The Board will review each incident reported and determine if any further investigation or action is required.



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- *LICENSURE APPLICATION FORM*
- *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*