

Oregon Physical Therapist Licensing Board

NEWSLETTER

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DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR LICENSE RENEWAL NOTICE?

Renewal letters were mailed to all licensees during the week of January 9, 2011. If you have not received one, renewal instructions are on the main page of the Board website: www.ptboard.state.or.us All licenses must be renewed by March 31, 2011.

This year, the Board is offering on-line renewals with no processing fee. The quickest way to renew is to complete the online renewal and pay online, however, the Board is providing 3 optional ways to renew your license:

⇒ **OPTION #1 online renewal with automated electronic payment**

⇒ **OPTION #2 online renewal with a manual payment**

⇒ **OPTION #3 request for a paper renewal form using manual payment**

If you desire a paper renewal form, you can contact the Board office at 971.673.0202 and leave a message with your name (spelled), license number, current mailing address and contact phone number.

Please refer to the renewal letter you received in the mail, or the Board website for more specifics regarding renewals.

No Proof of CE Completion Required for 2011-2012 License Renewal

There is no CE requirement to renew your 2011-2012 license. Although you must renew your license every year, the CE cycle is 2 years in length. The current CE certification period for all licensees runs from 4/1/2010 through 3/31/2012. On the renewal form next year, all licensees will have to attest to the completion of the required hours of CE for the prior two year period. You can not carry over CE hours from the previous certification period. All coursework must be taken during the specified timeframe. *See Page 3 of this Newsletter for FAQ's regarding CE courses.*

Pain Management CE

All physical therapists initially licensed prior to 4/1/2008 have already attested to the completion of the one time pain management CE requirement. Upon license renewal in 2012, all physical therapists initially licensed between 4/1/2008 and 3/31/2010 will have to attest to the completion of the 7 hours of pain management CE. Completion of the pain management CE is a one-time requirement and is not mandatory for PTAs. *See Page 3 of this Newsletter for the Board rules regarding pain management CE.*

BOARD NEWS

GOODBYE and THANK YOU

This year, after 8 years of dedicated service, Daiva Banaitis, PT Member, Nancy Wilson, PTA Member and Cindy Cunningham, Public Member have completed their maximum allowable 2 terms as Board members. The Board thanks Daiva, Nancy and Cindy for their years of dedicated service to the Board, the profession and the public.

WELCOME

As a result of Daiva, Nancy and Cindy rotating off of the Board, the Board welcomed 4 new members in 2010: Richard Rutt, PT Member, Jennifer Wood, PTA Member, Carol Sutton, Public Member and Troy Costales, Public Member. Secondary to new legislation passed, the Board now has two public members instead of one, increasing the total number of Board members from 7 to 8. Thank you to all of the new members for your desire and commitment to serve the public.

CONGRATULATIONS

James Heider, Board Executive Director has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the FSBPT (Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy). The FSBPT, based in Alexandria, VA develops and administers the National PT and PTA Examinations. Since he began working for the Oregon PT Board, Jim has served on numerous FSBPT committees, including the Exam Administration Committee and the Foreign Educated Standards Committee. In 2006 and 2010 Jim was the recipient of the FSBPT's Outstanding Service Award and in 2009 he was recognized with the prestigious President's Award. Jim is one of only two administrators (non PTs) in the United States to be appointed to the FSBPT Board. Congratulations Jim. The PT Board is very proud of you.

RETIRING

In August 2011, Dorothy (Dot) Danovich, Board Licensing Coordinator, will be retiring after 12 years of hard work and dedicated service. Dot is the glue that holds the office together, and she will surely be missed. If you happen to contact the Board office over the next few months, please join us in thanking Dot for all she has done for the Board and wish her well in her future endeavors. We will miss you Dot.

SCHEDULED CLOSURES OF STATE OFFICES

The State of Oregon is continuing with mandatory fixed office closure (furlough) days during 2011. On these days, the entire state office building, including the Physical Therapist Licensing Board will be closed to the public and all employees will be required to take a mandatory unpaid day off.

The known closure dates for 2011 are Friday, March 18th and Friday, May 20th

Additional furlough days may be added, so if you need to visit the Board office, please check the Board website for published closures or call ahead to ensure that the office is open.

ONGOING CONTINUING EDUCATION QUESTIONS

Is there a minimum clinical practice requirement in Oregon in order to renew my license each year?

NO, but this may be reviewed in the future. Many other states have a practice requirement for licensure.

Is there a minimum number of CE credits that I need to take each year?

NO. Although licenses are renewed annually, the CE cycle runs for 2 years. You can complete all of the hours in one year or divide it up amongst the two years, it is up to you. All licensees must complete the required CE within the same 2 year timeframe. (April 1, of an even numbered year through March 31 of the next even numbered year). The current certification period is 4/1/2010 through 3/31/2012 in which PTs must complete 24 hours of CE and PTAs must complete 12 hours of CE.

Is there a limit to the number of hours of continuing education that may be taken online?

NO.

I am a course provider who wants to offer my course to therapists in Oregon. Do I have to get my course pre-approved before I offer it? Also, how can I tell if course is approved for CE in Oregon?

There is no pre-approval of courses in Oregon, so course brochures will not list Oregon as an approved state. As long as the course relates to the practice of PT and a completion certificate is issued, the course will qualify for CE in Oregon. In addition, if the course is approved by another state or recognized organization, it will automatically qualify for CE in Oregon.

You can find more Frequently Asked Questions about CE on the Board website, under the heading "Current Topics/Issues". In addition, you can also find links to several states that certify CE. If a course is listed as approved on any of these state websites, it will be acceptable for CE in Oregon.

RULE REGARDING PAIN MANAGEMENT CE (OAR 848-035-0035) (currently only applicable to PTs initially licensed after April 1, 2008)

(1) Effective January 2, 2008, all Oregon licensed physical therapists must fulfill a one-time only pain management education requirement as defined in ORS 409.500.

(2) Physical therapists initially licensed on or before March 31, 2008 must complete the coursework requirement between January 1, 2006 and March 31, 2010 (NOTE: This Rule requirement has already been met and certified).

(3) **Physical therapists licensed on or after April 1, 2008 must complete the coursework requirement within a period of 24 months either before or after the first renewal of their physical therapist license.**

(4) The requirement is seven hours of pain management education, including the completion of a one hour on-line pain management course sponsored and provided by the Oregon Pain Management Commission, plus an additional six hours of continuing education relative to the evaluation, diagnosis or treatment of pain.

(5) The seven hours of pain management education may be used to satisfy part of the physical therapist's continuing education requirement under OAR 848-035-0020 for the current period. However, pain management education hours taken in a prior certification period and used to satisfy the pain management requirement cannot be used to satisfy part of the continuing education requirement for the current certification period.

(6) Physical Therapist Assistants are exempt from the pain management education requirement.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

NAME & LICENSE NO.	DATE OF ACTION TAKEN	ACTION TAKEN	REASON FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION
Louis Conde, PTA License # 7949	12/29/10	STIPULATED AGREEMENT & FINAL ORDER: Issuance of License; 3 year probation with conditions and \$250 Civil Penalty	Prior Disciplinary Action
Linda Leonard, PTA License # 7214	12/9/10	STIPULATED AGREEMENT & FINAL ORDER: \$ 350 Civil Penalty	Failure to Complete Required CE
Vivian Weston, PTA License # 8577	12/1/10	STIPULATED AGREEMENT & FINAL ORDER: \$ 450 Civil Penalty	Failure to Complete Required CE
Miki Hatano, PTA License # 8514	11/22/10	STIPULATED AGREEMENT & FINAL ORDER: Surrender of License	Failure to Complete Required CE
Jamie Caulley, PT License # 4402	10/31/10	STIPULATED AGREEMENT & FINAL ORDER: \$ 250 Civil Penalty	Failure to Complete Required CE
Bret Paulus, PT License # 1413	11/5/10	STIPULATED AGREEMENT & FINAL ORDER: \$ 100 Civil Penalty	Failure to Complete Required CE
Will Foran, PT License # 1197	10/21/10	STIPULATED AGREEMENT & FINAL ORDER: \$ 450 Civil Penalty	Failure to Complete Required CE
Paula Johnson, PTA License # 7170	10/21/10	STIPULATED AGREEMENT & FINAL ORDER: \$ 450 Civil Penalty	Failure to Complete Required CE
Kathi Layne, PT License # 2408	10/5/10	STIPULATED AGREEMENT & FINAL ORDER: \$ 100 Civil Penalty	Failure to Complete Required CE
Malia Bero, PTA License # 8154	10/4/10	STIPULATED AGREEMENT & FINAL ORDER: \$ 450 Civil Penalty	Failure to Complete Required CE
Allan Santiago, PT License # 2724	10/4/10	STIPULATED AGREEMENT & FINAL ORDER: \$ 200 Civil Penalty	Failure to Complete Required CE

*** The civil penalty for failure to complete required CE is based on the Board's established civil penalty schedule. Variables effecting the monetary amount of the civil penalty include the following: number of hours of CE Licensee failed to complete, Licensee's honesty when attesting to completion of CE on licensure renewal application, Licensee's timely response to Board audit and any attempt by licensee to deceive the Board by providing misleading or false information.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (continued)

NAME & LICENSE NO.	DATE OF ACTION TAKEN	ACTION TAKEN	REASON FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION
David Helde, PTA License # 8427	10/4/10	STIPULATED AGREEMENT & FINAL ORDER: Reinstated license; 17 month probation with conditions	Prior Disciplinary Action
Trevor Bodine, PTA License # 7976	10/4/10	STIPULATED AGREEMENT & FINAL ORDER: \$ 350 Civil Penalty	Failure to Complete Required CE
Mary Gorman, PT License # 3975	9/29/10	STIPULATED AGREEMENT & FINAL ORDER: \$ 250 Civil Penalty	Failure to Complete Required CE
Chris Gulick, PTA License # 7906	9/5/10	STIPULATED AGREEMENT & FINAL ORDER: Surrender of License	Failure to Complete Required CE
Amy Keusink, PT License # 3392	8/26/10	STIPULATED AGREEMENT & FINAL ORDER: \$ \$500 Civil Penalty, Stayed pending licensee completes conditions of Agreement	Unprofessional Conduct
Rodney Stewart, PT License # 4792	6/10/10	STIPULATED AGREEMENT & FINAL ORDER: \$ 500 Civil Penalty, required to complete documentation course	Documentation violations
Dorothy Freebairn, PT License # 4852	3/30/10	STIPULATED AGREEMENT & FINAL ORDER: Surrender of License	Disciplinary Action in Another State
Stacy Thetford, PT License # 3171	2/10/10	FINAL ORDER OF DEFAULT: 2 year probation with conditions; \$ 5000 Civil Penalty	Practice Violations

2010 CASE INVESTIGATION SUMMARY

In 2010, the Board opened 42 new investigative cases. Cases were opened due to complaints received, continuing education audit, or licensure applications/renewals requiring investigation. Of the 42 cases investigated, the outcome was as follows:

- ⇒ Seven cases closed without any disciplinary action.
- ⇒ Eleven cases closed with a Confidential Advisory Letter to the Licensee.
- ⇒ Seventeen cases resulted in a Stipulated Order or Final Order of Disciplinary Action.
- ⇒ Seven cases remain open and are still being investigated.



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- *THIS NEWSLETTER AND PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS*
- *ON-LINE BOARD LICENSE VERIFICATION INCLUDING ANY PUBLISHED BOARD ACTIONS*
- *COMPLAINT, ADDRESS, NAME CHANGE & WRITTEN VERIFICATION REQUEST FORMS*
- *COPIES OF THE PHYSICAL THERAPY STATUTES AND RULES*
- *RECENTLY ADOPTED RULE CHANGES AND PENDING RULE CHANGES*
- *FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES*
- *BOARD FINANCIAL INFORMATION*