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License Renewal

YOUR License or Certificate will expire on March 31, 2009. Beginning January 5, 2009, the Board will activate the online renewal process. Renewing online is fast, convenient, and secure. To renew, visit the Board's website at <http://pt.ky.gov>. Or, you may print the renewal form, complete and mail to the Board office with the renewal fee. Your Board, once again, voted to keep the renewal fee at \$100.00.

In order to renew, you must have fulfilled 201 KAR 22:045 Continued Competency requirements including completion of the new Jurisprudence Exam. You may check to see if you have taken it by clicking on <http://pt.ky.gov> and click the **JE**. If the program allows you to go directly to the 20 question exam, you have not taken it for this biennium. If you receive the page with "Congratulations," you have already met this requirement and may download your certificate.

Continued Competency Reminder

To renew, continued competency must have been earned during the period of April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2009.

1. **Everyone is required to take Kentucky's new Jurisprudence Exam (JE).** This will count for 2 hours of continued competency.
2. Physical Therapists – 28 hours of CE + 2 hours JE = 30 hours
Physical Therapist Assistants – 18 hours of CE + 2 hours JE = 20 hours
3. New graduates from a PT or PTA program in 2007 or 2008, have met the continued competency requirements of 201 KAR 22:045 Section 2 (2)(b), **except** for the required Jurisprudence Exam.
4. Review 201 KAR 22:045 carefully. Any courses, seminars, workshops, home study courses in Category 1 **must be at least 3 contact hours, and must be an approved course.**
5. Continued competency courses which have been approved by other state physical therapy licensing boards will be accepted.
6. **All** of your continued competency hours may be earned from Category 1 (plus the JE). Continued competency credits earned in Category 2 are limited--Physical Therapists may obtain up to 10 hours; Physical Therapist Assistants may obtain up to 8 hours.

Do You Have a New Address or Worksite?

KRS 327.040 (6) states, "A licensee or certificate holder shall notify the board of a change of name, address, or telephone number, within thirty (30) days of the change." At this time, you have the opportunity to update this information on your renewal form.

New Board Member Appointed by Governor Beshear

Welcome our newest Board Member! Janice Kuperstein, PT, PhD is an Associate Professor at the University of Kentucky College of Health Sciences. She serves on the faculty of the PT program and the Rehabilitation Sciences Doctoral Program, and is also a faculty associate in the Gerontology Program of the College of Public Health and the Family Medicine Department in the College of Medicine.

She received her Bachelor of Science degree at State University of New York - Upstate Medical Center, MSEd in Clinical and College Teaching and PhD in Gerontology from the University of Kentucky.

Janice has practiced physical therapy in various environments including pediatric centers, the school system, Hospice, and acute care. Immediately prior to joining the faculty she served as the Chief Operating Officer of a mid-sized acute care hospital. She serves both the profession and the community in various volunteer positions and enjoys free time at her home in the country.

Debra Stanley Turner, P.T. Term Expired

Debra's Board term has expired and we are sorry to see her go. Debra has been an outstanding Board member, having been appointed by Governor Patton in 2000 and again by Governor Fletcher in 2004. She served on the Complaint Committee several times and has been Board Chair several times as well. As many of you already know, Debra is an upstanding, moral and fair person that has improved Board procedures and disciplinary processes. We will miss Debra and wish her well in future pursuits. Thanks Debra for your many contributions to the Board!

Welcome New Staff Member! Kathryn Green

Katye has joined the Board of Physical Therapy staff after graduating with a Masters in Biblical Counseling from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in May 2008. She is originally from Keller, Texas (in the Dallas/Forth Worth area) and earned her Bachelor of Science in Psychology.

Katye's duties include Accounts Payable, Financial Reports, Special Projects, and assisting the Executive Director and Licensure Coordinator. She has lived in Louisville for the past three and a half years. Welcome, Katye!

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

The Kentucky Physical Therapy Association's Board of Director's met on September 26, 2008. Following a presentation by the Kentucky Board of Physical Therapy, the KPTA Board voted unanimously not to support the KBPT's proposed Practice Act revisions in the 2009 legislative session. The Kentucky Board of Physical Therapy will revisit the proposed changes in the 2010 legislative session.

There have been many questions received in the board office regarding when it is necessary to write a discharge summary and what a summary requires. To clarify 201 KAR 22:053 Section 5, the following **proposed** change has been submitted for the February, 2009, Legislative Review Committee:

- (4) *Discharge summary, which is a written or typed, signed, and dated statement.*
- (a) *A physical therapist assistant may write the discharge summary which shall be countersigned by the responsible physical therapist;*
- (b) *The discharge summary shall include:*
 1. *Date of discharge;*
 2. *Reason for discharge;*
 3. *Physical therapy status upon discharge; ~~and~~*
 4. *A discharge plan, which includes any recommendations the physical therapist has regarding the need for continuing physical therapy[-]; and*
 5. *A discharge summary shall be written within 30 days of the expiration of the current plan of care when no subsequent plan of care has been established.*