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Important Information About Continuing Education and Upcoming Renewals

The 2020 licensure renewal cycle for Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants is fast approaching. Licensees will receive renewal notices with instructions for accessing the online process beginning in early to mid-November with a renewal deadline of December 31, 2020.

IMPORTANT: Please note that you will not be able to renew your license online until 45-60 days prior to the renewal deadline (approximately on or about November 16, 2020).

As licensees prepare for the renewal process, there are a number of important changes for the 2020 renewal cycle.

1. Exemption from Continuing Education (CE) Requirements

At the most recent meeting of the Board of Physical Therapy, due to ongoing concerns with the COVID emergency and access to continuing education courses, the Board voted to grant licensees a blanket exemption from the CE requirements for purposes of the 2020 renewals.

This means that, for renewal of licenses by December 31, 2020, licensees will not be required to have completed the required CE contact hours for the previous two years (from January 1, 2019-December 31, 2020) in order to renew their licenses.

Please note that this exemption **does not** apply to active practice hours for renewal. Licensees will still be required to attest to having completed the required hours of active practice (a minimum of 160 hours of [active practice](#) in the preceding two years) in order to renew their licenses. (See [18VAC112-20-130](#))

While meeting CE requirements will not be a condition for renewal in 2020, this CE exemption will not apply to future renewals.

2. Going Green - Last Paper License

The 2020 renewal cycle marks the last time that licensees will receive hard copy, paper licenses by mail after their renewal.

During the 2020 renewal, a final hard copy will be issued that contains no expiration date. This final copy should be maintained, carried, or posted in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Health regulatory agencies, employers, insurance providers, and citizens seeking verification of current licensure status in the Commonwealth of Virginia may obtain this information via the Department of Health Professions' [License Lookup](#).

A replacement or duplicate of a final hard-copy license, certification, registration, or permit may be requested through an individual licensee's [online account](#).

3. Renewals and Changes of Address

In early to mid-November, renewal notices will be sent electronically to each licensee's e-mail address of record on file with the Board. If address changes (physical or electronic addresses) are necessary, licensees will have the opportunity to make those changes during the renewal process.

If you have any questions, please visit the Board's website at www.dhp.virginia.gov/PhysicalTherapy.