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Proposed Newsletter Article

The Importance of Timely Renewal of Licenses

The Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists encourages all licensees to renew their licenses in a timely manner. This means that licensees should not wait until the last few days of their renewal month to renew their licenses, but instead should renew their licenses at least two weeks in advance of their renewal deadline, which is the last day of their renewal month.

There are several reasons why timely renewal is important to the licensee.

Renewals online require that the money transactions be processed by the Comptroller and then the Board's computer database is automatically updated so that the renewal permits are issued and then can be mailed to the licensees. Depending on when the last days of the month fall, this can take up to five or six days for the renewal permits to be issued and mailed.

It is important to remember that the Board does not control the money processing mechanism of the generic online renewal system.

Licensees need to have their renewal permits to practice legally. Therefore, to ensure that licensees have their renewal permits in hand by the first of the month following their renewal month, licensees should renew their licenses in a timely manner.

It is highly recommended by the Board that licensees renew their licenses at least two weeks before the last day of their renewal month.

A licensee will not be charged a late fee if they renew online even on the last day of their renewal month. However, when a licensee renews the last few days of the month, the system cannot be fine-tuned to prevent a late fee from being automatically added if the money is actually processed by the Comptroller after the last day of the renewal month. Agency staff monitor these renewals and remove any late fees that are erroneously added by the system in such a situation.

Additionally, if a licensee renews in the last few days of his or her renewal month and the renewal has not finally processed in the Board's database system and a renewal permit issued, a provider who calls the Board office to confirm current licensure of the licensee will be informed that the license is delinquent. Confirmations of licensure status by phone do not allow the Board to further research the status of a particular licensee.

Also, licensees should remember that the generic online renewal system on occasion is inoperable. If the licensee has waited until the last day or two of the month to renew the license, he or she may be unable to renew the license online. Should this occur, the licensee can still avoid a late fee provided that they download the generic renewal forms from the Board's website

and submit these with their renewal fee and continuing education with a postmark that is still in their renewal month. Otherwise the licensee will face a late fee for late renewal of the license.

Any questions about renewals should be addressed to the agency's renewal coordinators:
Jeanette Waldrop for LPs and Carol Erickson for PLPs, LPAs, and LSSPs.

Selected Rules Adopted after Issuance of July 2009 Rulebook

465.2. Supervision.

- (a) (No change.)
- (b) Licensees ensure that their supervisees have legal authority to provide psychological services in adherence to Board rules.
- (c) - (i) (Renumbered sections)

469.7. Persons with Criminal Backgrounds.

- (a) (No change.)
- (b) Criminal History Evaluation Letters:
 - (1) In compliance with Chapter 53 of the Texas Occupations Code, the Board will provide criminal history evaluation letters.
 - (2) A person may request the Board to provide a criminal history evaluation letter if the person is planning to enroll or is enrolled in an educational program that prepares the person for a license with this Board and the person has reason to believe that the person is ineligible for licensure due to a conviction or deferred adjudication for a felony or misdemeanor offense.
 - (3) The requestor must submit to the Board a completed Board application form requesting an evaluation letter, the required fee, and certified copies of court documentation about all convictions and resolution to the Board.
 - (4) Before submitting the application the requestor must obtain a fingerprint criminal history record check and have it mailed directly to the Board.
 - (5) The Board has the authority to investigate a request for a criminal history evaluation letter and may require that the requestor provide additional information about the convictions and other dispositions if requested by the Board.
 - (6) The Board will provide a written response to the requestor within 90 days of the Board's receipt of the request, unless a more extensive investigation is required or the requestor fails to comply with a Board investigation. The Board's evaluation letter will state the Board's determination on each ground for potential ineligibility presented by the requestor.
 - (7) In the absence of new evidence known to but not disclosed by the requestor or not reasonably available to the Board at the time the letter is issued, the Board's ruling on the request determines the requestor's eligibility only with respect to the grounds for potential ineligibility set out in the letter.
- (c) - (i) (Renumbered sections)

473.5. Miscellaneous Fees (Not Refundable).

- (a) - (i) (No change.)
- (j) Preliminary Evaluation for Eligibility for Licensure of Person with Criminal Record--\$150.

Oral Examiners

The following licensed psychologists have served as oral examiners for at least one of the last two oral exams: July 2009 and January 2010

Abney, Marvin Daniel Ph.D.
Agan, Herb W. Ed.D.
Ballering, Lawrence R. Ph.D.
Beiler, M. Eileen Psy.D.
Belcher, Leon H. Ed.D.
Belter, Karen Sue Ph.D.
Blankmeyer, Bonnie Lou Ph.D.
Boake, Corwin III Ph.D.
Booth, Carol Ann Ph.D.
Borda, Robert P. Ph.D.
Braun, Robert Gerald Ph.D.
Bullard, Barry Wayne Psy.D.
Burdick, Malcolm Roger Ph.D.
Burkhalter, Johnny Kenneth Ph.D.
Cansler, David Clay Ph.D.
Cruz, Maria Concepcion Ph.D.
Cunningham, Howard Michael Ph.D.
Dailey, Kathlyn Clare Ph.D.
Deutsch, Connie Jean, Ph.D.
Doyle, Alexandria Hope Ph.D.
Ehrisman, Wayne Joseph Ph.D.
Elwood, John Victor Psy.D.
Eubanks, Joseph Daniel III Ph.D.
Fling, Sheila Ph.D.
Fournier, Constance Jean Ph.D.
Garber, Ronald A. Ph.D.
Gasquoine, Philip Gerard Ph.D.
Gerwell, Kristine Johnston Ph.D.
Gonzalez, Josue R. Ph.D.
Grammer, Jerry Richard Ph.D.
Grubbs, Gerald (Jerry) Ed.D.
Hankins, Keith M. Ed.D.
Harris, Lynnette L. Ph.D.
Hart, Rion Ph.D.
Haskovec, Charles A. Ph.D.
Hatfield, Mark Edward Ph.D.
Hays, J. Ray Ph.D.
Jordan, Krista Diane Ph.D.
Kaimann, Carmen Rita Ph.D.
Langston, Robert D. Ph.D.
Lawlis, Garland Frank Ph.D.

Lehman, Mark Ph.D.
Linskey, Arthur Owen Ph.D.
Liss, Deanna Lynn Shows Ph.D.
Matthews, Gary Nolan Ph.D.
Matthews, Joan M. Ph.D.
Moore, Pamela R. Ph.D.
Neal, Gary William Ph.D.
Nelson, Dennis Ph.D.
Offerle, Joan M. Ph.D.
Olson, James Neil Ph.D.
Pannabecker, Willard J. Ph.D.
Parker, Thomas G. Ph.D.
Patterson, John C. Ph.D.
Peavey, Barbara Suzanne Ph.D.
Peck, Richard L. Ph.D.
Perez, Francisco I. Ph.D.
Pharis, Mary Evans Ph.D.
Quackenbush, John F. Ph.D.
Robert, Rhonda Simone Ph.D.
Roberts, Dan Haynes Ph.D.
Rogers, Sharon Louise Ph.D.
Rubenstein, Jody Alan Ph.D.
Salo, Ann A. Ph.D.
Singg, Sangeeta Ph.D.
Snodgrass, Gregory Ph.D.
Snowden, James E. Ph.D.
Stagner, Brian Ph.D.
Stone, Douglas Thomas Jr. Ph.D.
Tacher, R. David Ph.D.
Thomas, Diane M. Ph.D.
Waldman, Kenneth R. Ph.D.
Wallace, Lee Travis Ph.D.
Wardell, William Ph.D.
Ware, Margaret Deann Ph.D.
Weltzien, Joan Ed.D.
Wilde, Mark C. Psy.D.
Williams, Sam Kelly Jr. Ph.D.
Wilson, Nancy E. Ph.D.
Worsham, John William Jr. Ph.D.
Yohman, Joseph Robert Ph.D.

**Disciplinary Actions:
August 2009, November 2009, and February 2010**

Michelle L. Bengtson, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist (Southlake)

Complaint: Respondent failed to timely respond to a patient's written requests for records.

Sanction: Respondent was assessed an administrative penalty of \$750 and must complete six (6) hours of continuing education in ethics.

Michael H. Bennett, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist (Mesquite)

Complaint: Respondent has personal problems with potential to impair competency.

Sanction: Respondent's license was suspended with suspension probated for three years conditioned upon completion of a neuropsychological evaluation and therapy as recommended, abstention from use of drugs or alcohol, engagement of a practice monitor, completion of eighteen (18) additional hours of continuing education in ethics, and payment of an administrative penalty of \$2,000.

Robert E. Codina, M.A., Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (McAllen)

Complaint: Respondent provided supervision to an LSSP intern who lacked legal authorization to provide psychological services in the public schools.

Sanction: Respondent was assessed an administrative penalty of \$500 and must complete three (3) hours of continuing education in ethics.

**David W. Crawford, Ph. D., Licensed Psychologist (Pasadena)
And Licensed Specialist in School Psychology**

Complaint: Respondent provided supervision to a person who performed duties of an LSSP intern without legal authority.

Sanction: Respondent was assessed an administrative penalty of \$150 and three (3) hours of continuing education in ethics.

**Amy T. Doolan, M.A., Licensed Psychological Associate (Pasadena)
And Licensed Specialist in School Psychology**

Complaint: Respondent provided supervision to a person who performed duties of an LSSP intern without legal authority.

Sanction: Respondent was assessed an administrative penalty of \$500 and three (3) hours of continuing education in ethics.

**Richard R. Eiles, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist (Huntsville)
And Licensed Specialist in School Psychology**

Complaint: Respondent provided supervision to a person who lacked legal authorization to practice for more than one year.

Sanction: Respondent was assessed an administrative penalty of \$500 and three (3) hours of continuing education in ethics.

Scott D. Hammel, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist (Austin)

Complaint: Respondent failed to obtain informed consent with respect to his fee for a psychological evaluation.

Sanction: Respondent was assessed an administrative penalty of \$1,000 and three (3) hours of continuing education in ethics.

John C. Hardie, Ph.D., Provisionally Licensed Psychologist (Dallas)

Complaint: Respondent failed to fully disclose his history of arrests on his application for provisional licensure.

Sanction: Respondent was assessed an administrative penalty of \$500 and must complete three (3) hours of continuing education in ethics.

**Sam S. Hill, III, Psy.D., Licensed Psychologist and Licensed Specialist
in School Psychology (Corpus Christi)**

Complaint: Respondent was convicted of violating certain Medicaid rules pertaining to billing for the psychological services of LPAs. The rules were subsequently amended to allow that type of billing practice.

Sanction: Respondent's license was reprimanded and he was assessed an administrative penalty of \$500, which was waived due to extensive mitigating circumstances of the case.

Linda M. Luscomb, M.A., Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (Houston)

Complaint: Respondent practiced as an LSSP at a time when her license was in delinquent status due to failure to timely renew it. Respondent failed to provide records in response to a written request from a parent whose child was provided services under her LPA license, which is now void.

Sanction: Respondent's license was suspended with probation for two years, during which she must obtain neuropsychological and neurological physical examinations and submit reports of fitness to practice to the Board. In addition, she must follow any recommended treatment program(s) as prescribed by the examiners. She was assessed an administrative penalty of \$500.

David McCall, M.A., Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (San Antonio)

Complaint: Respondent was arrested and charged with violation of Title 21 USC § 844, for a 2nd offense DWI on a military base and upon entry of a guilty plea was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, one year supervised release, and fined. Respondent failed to report these legal actions to the Board.

Sanction: Respondent agreed to a license revocation.

Rosanne T. McKenzie, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist (Corpus Christi)

Complaint: Respondent failed to report an outcry of child sexual abuse within the time designated in Texas Family Code Chapter 261.

Sanction: Respondent was assessed an administrative penalty of \$350 and three (3) hours of continuing education in ethics.

S. Marilyn Miller, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist (Galveston)

Complaint: Respondent failed to report an administrative complaint in another jurisdiction that led to a license surrender.

Sanction: Respondent's license was suspended for six (6) months, with suspension probated, assessed an administrative penalty of \$500 and must obtain psychological therapy during the probated suspension.

Karyn M. Munson, M.A., Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (Angleton)

Complaint: Respondent failed to report a legal action to the Board.

Sanction: Respondent was assessed an administrative penalty of \$350.

Elizabeth J. Murphey, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist (San Antonio)

Complaint: Respondent failed to timely respond to a Board subpoena for records in a child custody case.

Sanction: Respondent's license was made subject to a probated suspension for one year during which she must complete six (6) hours of continuing education in ethics, engage a monitor to review record keeping procedures, and pay \$5,000 administrative penalty/costs.

Cynthia Orrego, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist and Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (Houston)

Complaint: Respondent provided a psycho-educational evaluation to a child but failed to obtain consent of both biological parents, did not recognize that the matter was subject to the forensic rule, and filed a report that omitted sources of information including source of psychological diagnoses of some parties.

Sanction: Respondent's license was reprimanded and she must complete nine (9) hours of continuing education in forensic services, assessment and reports, and ethics. In addition, she was assessed an administrative penalty of \$1,000.

Deborah A. Parker, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist (Plano)

Complaint: Respondent provided therapeutic services in a forensic case and then made visitation recommendations not based on forensic evaluations of all parties.

Sanction: Respondent's license was reprimanded, she must complete six (6) hours of continuing education in ethics and forensic services, and she was assessed an administrative penalty of \$1,000.

Linda J. Pitts, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist (Frisco)

Complaint: Respondent failed to timely respond to a written request for records.

Sanction: Respondent was assessed an administrative penalty of \$500 and must obtain three (3) hours of additional continuing education in record keeping.

Annette G. Raj, M.A., Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (Bellaire)

Complaint: Respondent failed to provide the Board with timely proof that she obtained the minimum 12 hours of continuing education in psychology for two preceding years in which she was licensed.

Sanction: Respondent was assessed an administrative penalty of \$500.

Robert Schindler, Ph. D., Licensed Psychologist (Houston)

Complaint: Respondent supervised an LPA who maintained records of services provided under his supervision. The LPA was unable to produce records upon written request from a patient.

Sanction: Respondent was assessed an administrative penalty of \$500 and must obtain six (6) hours of additional continuing education in record keeping and supervision.

Bryan A. Taylor, M.A., Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (Katy)

Complaint: Respondent failed to obtain proper informed consent from parents of students to be evaluated and exceeded the scope of his engagement.

Sanction: Respondent's license was suspended, with suspension probated upon completion of six (6) additional hours of continuing education in ethics and psychological services in schools, and payment of an administrative penalty of \$1,000.

Mark C. Winslett, M.A., Licensed Psychological Associate and Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (Houston)

Complaint: Respondent provided supervision to an LSSP intern who lacked legal authorization to provide psychological services in the public schools.

Sanction: Respondent was assessed an administrative penalty of \$250 and must complete three (3) hours of continuing education in ethics.

Kelli L. Wright, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist

(Houston)

Complaint: Respondent failed to report a legal action to the Board.

Sanction: Respondent was assessed an administrative penalty of \$500.

Resignations in Lieu of Adjudication

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| 1) Sherry D. Crowell, Ph.D. | (Abilene) |
| 2) Anne C. Cunningham, M.A. | (Chicago, IL) |
| 3) Lindley E. Doran, Ph.D. | (Houston) |
| 4) Elizabeth Mast, M.A. | (Austin) |
| 5) Phyllis M. Nash, M.A. | (Dallas) |
| 6) William D. Tarter, M.A. | (Seattle, WA) |
| 7) Mary M. Wetherby, Ph.D. | (Orlando, FL) |