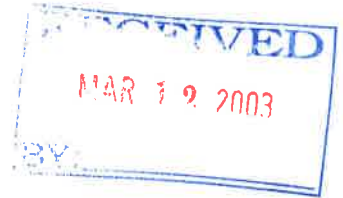




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CASE NUMBER: 2003-04

DATE: February 19, 2003

RE: Informal Consent Order Regarding Late License Renewal

Licensee Nelda Thomas, License No. 04660R (referred to herein as Applicant) acknowledges that she failed to timely apply for renewal of her Physical Therapy license for the year 2003. While license renewals are required by law and Board Rules to be made "on or before December 31 of each year", Applicant's renewal was not received until January 6, 2003. This resulted in Applicant not having a valid license with which to practice until January 6, 2003, when her 2003 license became effective. This is a violation of the Physical Therapy Practice Act [La. R.S. 37:2402, 2403] and of the Rules and Regulations of the Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners [46 LAC Sec. 165]. These facts and provisions of law provide the authority for this Consent Order.

Applicant has now applied for license renewal for 2003 and agrees to the following terms and conditions with the Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (the Board) for the late issuance of her license:

A. By providing a copy of this Informal Consent Order to her employer, Applicant will provide notice to her employer of the time period during which Applicant did not hold a valid license. This notification is provided so that Applicant's employer may take appropriate actions regarding billings and documentation.

B. Applicant will pay to the Board, in addition to regular renewal fees, the sum of \$250 as reimbursement for the administrative and legal time and expenses involved in late renewal of her license. Payment by check is attached to this Order.

Applicant voluntarily gives her consent to this Informal Consent Order, the terms of which were approved by the Board at its January 23, 2003 meeting.

Nelda Thomas
 Applicant

Date: 3/10/03

Cheryl Gaudin
 Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director
 On behalf of the Board