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Licensees,

In response to the Governor's Proclamation # JBE 2020-27, the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board hereby provides the following waivers to licensees renewing in the year 2020:

- 1) The deadline for renewing is extended in 2020 for thirty (30) days to May 30, 2020.**
Even-year license terms are extended to May 30, 2020. Licenses not renewed shall automatically expire at the end of its term, after which the licensee shall not practice in Louisiana.
- 2) The late renewal of license fee is waived for all who renew.**
Licensees who renew in March, April and May will be subject to the 2-year renewal fee of \$280.00.
- 3) Online courses may be substituted for the live course requirement to meet the CE requirement for renewal.**
To comply with state and federal recommendations in response to COVID-19, the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board is allowing online courses to substitute for live courses during the 2020 renewal period. Biennial requirements in Rule 194 will still apply, with the exception that online coursework may substitute the live coursework requirement.

Rule 194: Biennial Requirements

The four types of approved courses or activities and requirement for each are:

- (1) jurisprudence: a minimum of 2 contact hours;*
- (2) ethics or professionalism: a minimum of 2 contact hours;*
- (3) clinical/preventive: a minimum of 18 contact hours, up to 6 of which may be earned by completion of a board approved self-assessment tool*
- (4) administrative: a maximum of 8 contact hours may be applied during each renewal period. Additional clinical/preventive hours may be substituted for administrative.*

IMPORTANT: To renew without 15 hours of board-approved live coursework in 2020.

The online renewal application requires a minimum of 15 hours traditional/on-site coursework added to Current Courses in order to proceed with the online renewal application. Follow these steps to add the required minimum 15 hours of traditional/on-site to your Current Course list.

1. Login to your online account

2. From your Dashboard, select the “Add a Course” button
3. Select the Sponsor, "Louisiana Physical Therapy Board"
4. Select the correct Course Title:
 - › Renewal 2020 (Board resolution) 15 traditional/on-site hours(2020)
5. Enter the month and year - 03/2020
6. Select “Submit”

Are you registered for an upcoming live course?

Board-approved live courses may be offering an online or webinar option to licensees. For course sponsors who plan to “convert” a live course to a distance learning course, course applications must be submitted to the Board by April 30, 2020 by the course sponsor. Course application fee for reviewing these courses is waived. Approved courses will appear as an approved course on the renewal form.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out via email to board staff. Staff emails can be found [here](#).

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In compliance with Act 655 of the 2018 Regular Legislative Session, the Board gives notice to its licensees and applicants of their opportunity to file a complaint about board actions or procedures. You may submit such complaints to one or more of the following organizations: La Physical Therapy Board, 2110 W. Pinhook Road, Ste. 202, LA 70508; 337-262-1043; info@laptboard.org; Committee on House & Governmental Affairs; La House of Representatives, P.O. Box 44486, Baton Rouge, LA 70804; 225-342-2403; h&ga@legis.la.gov; Committee on Senate & Governmental Affairs; La Senate, P.O. Box 94183, Baton Rouge, LA 70804; 225-342-9845; s&g@legis.la.gov