

360-5-.06 Renewal of Physician Assistant License.

(1) All physician assistant licenses must be renewed biennially on the last day of the month in which the licensee's birthday falls. In order to renew, the licensee must:

- (a) Complete the renewal application;
- (b) Complete the Board approved continuing education requirements;
- (c) If intending to continue active practice have a Board approved primary supervising physician and approved job description, or if seeking an inactive license, meet the applicable requirements of 360-5-.08 ; and
- (d) Pay a renewal fee.

(2) Approximately 60 days prior to the expiration date, the Board may as a courtesy, mail a notice for license renewal to the last address on file in the Board's records to every person holding a current license. Failure to receive such notification shall not relieve the licensee of the obligation to renew and pay the required fee prior to the expiration date of the license. Deposit of the renewal fee by the Board does not indicate acceptance of the renewal application or that any licensing requirements have been fulfilled.

(3) Failure to renew a license by the designated expiration date shall result in a penalty fee for late renewal as determined by the Board.

(4) Failure to obtain the continuing education required for renewal may result in the denial of the application for renewal, or renewal of the license under a consent order with a fine, public or private reprimand and the requirement of additional continuing education.

(5) Licenses expired for three months or less may be late renewed by meeting all the requirements for renewal and paying a late renewal fee.

(6) Licenses that have been expired for longer than 3 months shall be deemed administratively revoked for failure to renew. Such licensees must apply for reinstatement of the license.

(7) Reinstatement of License

(a) In order to reinstate a license to practice as a physician assistant, the Board must receive:

- 1. A completed application;
- 2. A reinstatement fee as required by the Board.

(b) Reinstatement of a license to practice as a physician assistant is within the discretion of the Board. The physician assistant must be able to demonstrate to the Board's satisfaction that:

- 1. He or she has maintained current knowledge, skill and proficiency in the health care area related to the job description as required by O.C.G.A. § 43-34-103; and

2. He or she is mentally and physically able to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

(8) A physician assistant whose license has expired may neither practice nor represent himself as a physician assistant until such time that the Board has approved his application for renewal or reinstatement.

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