

Renewals Transitioning to Birth Month

At its January 30, 2015 meeting, the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (TBPE) adopted an amendment to **§341.1. Requirements for Renewal** which converts license renewal dates from an anniversary method to a birth-month system. Currently, licenses are renewed on the two-year anniversary of the license's first issuance. In the new birth-month system, all renewals will occur every two years at the end of the birth-month of the licensee. The transition will not only make it easier for licensees to track when they need to renew but will also eliminate agency workload spikes in renewals caused by fixed-date testing.

The conversion will begin **March 1, 2015**. When an individual's license is renewed after that date, the new expiration date will automatically update to the last day of the licensee's birth month for the next renewal period. During the transition period, no renewal period will be less than twenty-four (24) months, and some renewal periods will increase to up to thirty-five (35) months.

Here's how it will work.

- If a PT or PTA has a license which expires 3/31/2015 and a birth month of August, the expiration date for the following renewal period will be 8/31/2017 once he renews.
- If a PT or PTA has a license which expires 6/30/2015 and a birth month of June, the expiration month will remain the same and the expiration date will be 6/30/2017.
- If a PT or PTA has a license which expires 3/31/2015 but renewed prior to March 1, 2015, the conversion to birth-month will not occur until after the 2017 renewal.

What you need to do. Timely renew your license with all of your required continuing competence by your current expiration date. Your birth-month renewal date will be automatically calculated for you for the following renewal period.

What about fees? The license expiration conversion will not impose any additional license fee and will not increase your continuing competence requirement.

What about Initial Licenses? Any individual approved for licensure as a PT or PTA after March 1, 2015 will be issued a license that will expire the last day of their birth month at least twenty-four (24) months following the date of licensure.