

TENNESSEE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Policy Statement: Lapsed License

The Board of Physical Therapy recognizes that an individual may inadvertently allow his/her license to expire. However, statute prohibits an individual from working as a Physical Therapist or Physical Therapy Assistant unless he/she has an active and unrestricted license. While the Board does not condone an individual working on an expired license, recognition is given to the fact that the problem does exist. As such, the Board has adopted the following procedures for reinstatement of an expired or administratively revoked license.

- Immediately upon recognition that his/her license has expired, the individual must stop practicing, obtain and complete a reinstatement application, and submit it to the Board's administrative office along with any additional information and all fees specified in the instructions.
- Upon receipt of a completed reinstatement application and supporting documentation, including continuing education and fees, the board administrator may immediately reinstate a license, which has been in an expired status for less than one month.
- If the reinstatement application received reflects that the individual has practiced physical therapy on a lapsed license for between one and three months, the board's administrative office will send the licensee an agreed citation for practice on a lapsed license with civil penalties of \$250 per month for every month worked in excess of one month from the expiration date, up to a maximum of \$500.
- If the reinstatement application received reflects that the individual has worked in excess of three months while his or her license was expired, a copy of the reinstatement application and supporting documentation will be sent to the office of investigations as a complaint of unlicensed practice, which is to be handled by the Office of General Counsel.

The Board of Physical Therapy adopted this policy on November 16, 2012.