

# Alabama Board of Physical Therapy Newsletter

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## ONLINE RENEWAL NOTICE

- WHO:** ALL ALABAMA PT & PTA LICENSEES
- WHAT:** 2007 LICENSE RENEWAL
- WHEN:** August 1 - September 30, 2007
- WHERE:** [www.pt.alabama.gov](http://www.pt.alabama.gov)
- HOW:**
1. Click Renewal box at bottom of home page
  2. Know your license # & last 4 digits of SS#
  3. Have your CEU information
  4. Use your credit card
  5. Print your receipt
  6. If audited, mail in copy of CE certificate

Your license expires at midnight September 30.  
You **MUST NOT** work with an expired license!



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Regarding the **carry over of CEUs** from one compliance period to the next, The Administrative Code 700-X-2 states: *Hours earned by a physical therapist in excess of ten (10) hours during a compliance period, and hours earned by a physical therapist assistant in excess of six (6) hours during a compliance period, may be carried forward into the next compliance period; but, no more than ten (10) hours may be carried forward by a physical therapist, and no more than six (6) hours may be carried forward by a physical therapist assistant.*

This “roll over” of CEUs is based on the honor system. It is the therapist’s responsibility to keep up with the number of hours used for 2006 renewal and the balance to be used for 2007 renewal. If audited, the therapist must submit certificates with the number of hours used in 2006 and the number used for 2007. For example, if a therapist took a course to acquire 15 contact hours in 2006 and used 10 of those hours for the 2006 renewal, he/she could use the balance of 5 hours toward the 2007 renewal CEU requirement of 10 hours. If audited, the therapist would again submit the certificate from 2006 for the 5 hour balance and certificate(s) for the other 5 hours required for 2007 renewal.

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## BOARD APPOINTMENTS for 2006

On March 19, 2007, the Governor appointed Jay Segal from Birmingham AL to the physical therapist position on the Board; and Ron Bass from Wedowee AL was re-appointed for a second term as consumer member.

Mr. Segal is the Director of Physical Therapy at Human Performance and Rehabilitation Centers, Inc. (HPRC) in Birmingham AL and is currently licensed in Alabama, California, Georgia, and Louisiana.

Ron Bass is a realtor in the Wedowee AL area and has served on the board as the consumer member since 2002. He was the recent recipient of the Alabama PT Association's Physical Therapy Advocate Award (to recognize an individual outside of the profession whose activities promote and elevate physical therapy).

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### PTAs & FCEs?

Can a Physical Therapist Assistant perform a Functional Capacity Evaluation? The answer is, "maybe". That may sound evasive, but it is a legitimate response. Rule 700-X-3-.03 (b)2 states that a PTA can assist with disability testing but cannot perform it. The PTA can assist the PT in collecting data regarding the performance of the patient but cannot perform the evaluation of the patient. The PT will evaluate the patient per a physician referral and then delegate to the PTA what tests may need to be performed in order for the collection process to be completed. This direction is determined by the PT and depends on the training of the PTA. Ultimately, the PT is responsible for the evaluation process.



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## ALABAMA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY DISCIPLINARY INVESTIGATIONS AND ACTIONS

The Board has a three-tier system of discipline.

The lowest level of sanction involves the placing of a *letter of admonition* in a licensee's permanent file.

The intermediate level of sanction involves the licensee entering into a *guilty plea agreement* with the Board, either prior to or following a formal or informal hearing. A licensee who pleads guilty may be required to pay a fine, or be subjected to a period of license suspension, or both.

The highest level of sanction involves a finding of guilt after a *formal administrative hearing*. This level of sanction includes a fine and/or license suspension, and may include license revocation.

Disciplinary actions are matters of public record.

In addition to being included in a licensee's permanent file, disciplinary actions are also published in the Board's semi-annual newsletter and to the Healthcare Integrity Protection Data Bank. (HIPDB).

Licensees who either plead guilty, or who are found guilty after either an informal or formal hearing, have their names and the nature of their discipline published in the Board's newsletter and filed with HIPDB.

With a letter of admonition, only the nature of the disciplinary action is published.

In keeping with this policy, the following is a list of the Board's disciplinary actions since the last newsletter:

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Allegation:                   Practicing physical therapy without a current license, caused by failure to timely renew license.

Disposition:                Licensee pleaded guilty and was fined \$1000.00

<u>Case #</u>	<u>Name</u>
07-09-47	Susan J. Lee

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Allegation:                   Unprofessional conduct involving lack of supervision of physical therapist assistants and aides.

Disposition:                Dismissed with prejudice after passing Alabama Jurisprudence Exam.

<u>Case #</u>	<u>Name</u>
03-03-08	Renee Stone