

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

LICENSE RENEWAL

Every three years you will have a question on your renewal form to answer – Have you met the CME requirement? – Yes or No.

If you have not met the CME requirement, you cannot renew your license. If your license is not renewed by the 1st day of your renewal month, **your license becomes inactive and you cannot practice medicine in any form. There is no grace period.** If you are able to meet the CME requirement during the 60 days after your license becomes inactive, you may renew your license and pay the reactivation fee. Licenses not renewed during this 60 day period will be suspended for failure to renew and you will need to apply for reinstatement.

Do not send your CME documentation with your renewal unless requested to do so. If you are chosen for an audit, you will be required to send proof of your CME at that time. Your licensure information listed on our website now shows your CME due date.

NEW LICENSE APPLICANT

If you are a first time applicant for a medical license in Oklahoma, you will not be asked about CME until three (3) years from the date your license application is approved and issued.

REINSTATED LICENSE

If you are reinstating your license in Oklahoma, **the renewal date of your previous Oklahoma license remains the same** regardless of the date your license is reinstated. *Example: If your license was reinstated in November 2002 but your renewal month from your previous Oklahoma license was April, then April will remain the month of your renewal each year. You would not be asked about CME until three (3) years from April 2002.*

CME RULE

435:10-15-1. Continuing medical education

(a) Requirements.

- (1) Each applicant for re-registration (renewal) of licensure shall certify every three years that he/she has completed the requisite hours of continuing medical education (C.M.E.).
- (2) Requisite hours of C.M.E. shall be sixty (60) hours of Category I obtained during the preceding three (3) years as defined by the American Medical Association/Oklahoma State Medical Association/American Academy of Family Physicians or other certifying organization recognized by the Board.
- (3) Newly licensed physicians will be required to begin reporting three years from the date licensure was granted.

(b) Audit/Verification.

- (1) The Board staff will, each year, randomly or for cause select licensees to be audited for verification that C.M.E. requirements have been met.
- (2) The Board shall accept as verification:
 - (A) Current American Medical Association Physician Recognition Award (AMAPRA);
 - (B) Specialty board certification or recertification that was obtained during the three year reporting period, by an American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) specialty board;
 - (C) Proof of residency or fellowship training during the preceding three years. Fifty (50) hours of CME may be awarded for each completed year of training;
 - (D) Copies of certificates for the Category I education.

(c) Compliance.

- (1) Licensees selected for audit must submit verification of meeting the CME requirement.
- (2) Failure to submit such records shall constitute an incomplete application and shall result in the application being returned to the licensee and the licensee being unable to practice.
- (3) A license obtained through misrepresentation shall result in Board action.