



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Board of Physical Therapy, Department of Health Professions
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	18VAC112-20-10 et seq.
Regulation title	Regulations Governing the Practice of Physical Therapy
Action title	One-time reduction in renewal fees
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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

In order to reduce an accumulated surplus in the budget of the Board of Physical Therapy, a one-time reduction in renewal fees has been adopted. The renewal fee for physical therapists will be reduced for the biennial renewal from \$135 to \$60, and for physical therapist assistants, the renewal fee will be reduced from \$70 to \$30. Fees for inactive licensure (which are approximately one-half the active renewal fee) are reduced correspondingly. The application fee for physical therapist assistant is being permanently reduced from \$105 to \$100.

The Board is also amending the renewal deadline from biennially in the licensee's birth month to biennially on December 31st of even years in order to simplify the renewal process and the performance of audits for continuing education compliance. The amendment will result in a benefit for licensees of one to eleven months delay in the time for paying the renewal fee (i.e., a licensee whose birth month is January would, in effect, have a free license until the renewal fee is due by December 31, 2006).

This action is exempt from the Virginia Administrative Process Act in § 2.2-4006 A 7:
“Regulations of the regulatory boards served by (i) the Department of Labor and Industry pursuant to Title 40.1 and (ii) the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation or the Department of Health Professions pursuant to Title 54.1 that are limited to reducing fees charged to regulants and applicants.”

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

On August 19, 2005, the Board of Physical Therapy amended 18VAC112-20-10 et seq., Regulations Governing the Practice of Physical Therapy for a one-time reduction in renewal fees and inactive fees for renewal for from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 and for a change in the biennial renewal schedule.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

There is no impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.