

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

2008 RENEWAL AND CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT (CME) FOR PHYSICIANS (M.D.)

LICENSE RENEWAL

Medical licenses expire on January 31, 2008 unless renewed. In order to renew, physicians must meet the continuing medical education (CME) requirements.

RANDOM AUDIT

In order to determine whether the CME requirement has been met, the Board conducts a random audit.

As a result, physicians do NOT need to submit documentation of CME unless they are being audited. Those who are being audited will receive a memo in October 2007. Because they are expected to submit CME documentation with their renewal, they will not be able to renew online.

CME REQUIREMENT

The CME requirement **may be met by:**

1. Completing, in the year **2006 or 2007**, an ACGME accredited residency or fellowship program;
2. Completing, in the year **2006 or 2007**, a full academic year of education in a medically related field leading to an advanced degree other than M.D. ;
3. Meeting the CME requirements of a medical society to which the physician belongs;
4. Meeting the CME requirements of an American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) specialty board with which the physician is certified;
5. Having a current American Medical Association Physician Recognition Award (PRA); or
6. Obtaining 40 or 20 category 1 CME hours during the years **2006-2007** (see below for details).

CATEGORY 1 CME HOURS

Physicians fulfilling the CME requirement through #6 above would need to obtain:

40 hours if they received their license in Hawaii prior to 2/1/06; or

20 hours if they received their license in Hawaii between 2/1/06 – 1/31/07. Only 20 hours are required for the initial renewal. Beginning with the 2010 renewal and thereafter, 40 hours will be required.

CATEGORY 1 CME ACTIVITIES

Category 1 CME hours may be obtained at any time during the years **2006-2007** through the activities below. As such, obtaining all CME hours in a single month (40 hours in February of 2006, for instance) would be acceptable.

- Attending activities that provide category 1 CME hours;
- Participating in internet activities that provide category 1 CME hours;
- Reading/responding to articles in journals that provide category 1 CME hours;
- Participating in an ACGME accredited residency or fellowship program during the years **2006-2007**; or
- Participating in academic study of a medically related field leading to an advanced degree other than M.D. during the years **2006-2007**.

As the rules do not allow the Board to accept the following, the CME requirement **may NOT be met by**:

- Certification with a specialty board;
- Passing a specialty board certification exam;
- Membership in a medical organization (such as a medical society or association); or
- Teaching.

WAIVER/MODIFICATION

The Board is able to waive/modify the CME requirement if the physician:

- Practices in an isolated geographical area with an absence of opportunities for CME; or
- Is unable to devote sufficient hours to CME because of incapacity, undue hardship, or any other extenuating circumstances.

Physicians wishing to request a waiver/modification will need to **mail** in the renewal, fee and affidavit which;

- Requests a waiver/modification of the CME requirement;
- Provides an explanation as to why you were unable to meet the CME requirement; and
- Is notarized.