

PROPOSED FEE INCREASE

We need your help!

The Board and staff have analyzed revenue projections and past expenditures and after ten years, since 1998, we are proposing an increase in fees of two dollars per month. The proposed increase in licensing fees is to continue adequately funding the business of the Board.

Over the last decade, the Board has continued to streamline its processes in a fiscally prudent manner to provide improved service to its licensees and the public at no additional cost. However, the continued rising costs associated with conducting Board business can no longer be absorbed. The current fee generated revenue will not cover increased costs for services and expenditures used by the Board and staff to maintain its mission and statutory requirements. Due to these increased costs the 2007-2009 approved budget is in a deficit of approximately \$19, 654, which is depleting the Boards reserves.

Without additional revenue generated through a proposed increase in fees, our agency programs will not be able to maintain current levels of service. E-commerce projects for Board applications processed online, including the newly implemented online renewals payable by credit card would be put on hold. The position need for a part-time investigator could not be met and mandatory criminal background checks and investigations, complaint investigations, and facility inspections would decrease to a level that could ultimately place patients at risk and create barriers in receiving health care. The alternative would be to utilize existing staff and increase individual workload. This situation causes a domino effect creating an increase in staff turnover and causing the decline in other significant services - the licensing process time would revert to a fourteen to twenty-one day turnaround time or longer, instead of today's five working days or less.

The Board is reluctant during these times of economic difficulties to create a financial hardship on our professionals, but after ten years we have exhausted all the possibilities of stretching the dollar value the current revenue provides. We welcome your input and would appreciate your comments and suggestions. You may contact the Board in writing by clicking [here](#) or addressing your email to OBRT.Info@state.or.us. If you would like to contact us by regular mail, the address is 800 NE Oregon St., Suite 1160 A, Portland, OR 97232.

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for your valuable input.

Sincerely,

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