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To Agency Stakeholders:

Fee changes for all professions regulated by the Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA) are effective **October 1, 2008**.

September 1, 2008, was previously the effective date. Additional database modification and updating required moving the effective date forward to October 1, 2008.

OHLA stakeholders provided comment on the fee changes. Interested parties may review the independent hearing officer's report of the public administrative rules hearing held on July 23, 2008. The report includes a summary of stakeholder comment and can be accessed on OHLA's Web site at www.oregon.gov/OHLA.

Based on stakeholder feedback and recommendations of the hearings officer, OHLA is adjusting the late fee charged for authorizations to practice in expired status to \$25 for the initial month in expired status and \$10 per month thereafter.

To assist license holders in renewing on time, OHLA offers five different ways to renew:

- Online at www.oregon.gov/OHLA
- Postal mail
- Fax (503) 370-9004
- Phone (503) 378-8667
- In person

OHLA would like to remind license holders that practicing in expired status is a violation of state regulations. OHLA may cite practitioners for this violation in addition to charging a late fee. However, we would rather reduce the number of licensees in expired status through education, outreach and regulatory streamlining efforts.

We continue to listen to our licensees and stakeholders as part of our ongoing efforts to make the licensing and regulatory experience faster, easier and cheaper for our licensees while achieving our public safety and consumer protection mission.

If you have questions or concerns regarding fee changes or any other issue, please contact OHLA's **Customer Service Hotline** at **503-373-2292** or e-mail ohla.info@state.or.us.

*See reverse side for more information
on new fees and licensing period.*

New Fees At-a-Glance



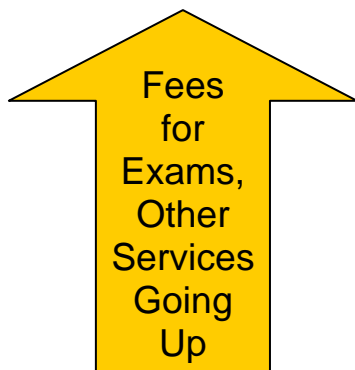
Two-year licensing period – All professions the Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA) licenses and regulates are moving to a two-year licensing period. Instead of paying a fee for an authorization-to-practice annually, licensees will pay **once every two years**.

The two-year licensing period is one more way OHLA is making the licensing and regulatory experience **faster, easier and cheaper** for license holders.



Reduction in Fees to Practice – Most OHLA-regulated professions will see a **reduction in fees for authorizations to practice** (licenses, registrations, certifications). Reductions vary from profession to profession.

OHLA is posting new fees on its Web site at www.oregon.gov/OHLA the first week in September 2008 and is distributing the official administrative rule documents specifying fee changes to key stakeholders the second week of September. License renewal notices will also include information on new fees.



Increase in Fees for Certain Services – Fees for services such as application processing and examinations are increasing to address agency resources (staff time, complexity of the qualification process, for example) allocated to provide these services.



Continuing Education to Align – OHLA is aligning continuing education requirements with the new two-year licensing period. Look for more information when you receive your license renewal notice, or contact OHLA for more details. Some professions currently aligned with national CE schedules may require additional review and adjustment.

How does OHLA establish fees? Through a newly implemented **cost allocation model** highlighted at www.oregon.gov/OHLA/cost_allocation_model.shtml.