

# State Medical Board of Ohio

## FACTS about Staggered Medical License Renewal and Continuing Medical Education Requirements

### Why did the renewal cycle change from a biennial renewal to a staggered renewal?

- Passage of the budget bill in 1997 authorized the Medical Board's fiscal autonomy and included language implementing a staggered medical license renewal scheme beginning in March 1998.
- The staggered renewal method provides funding for the Medical Board on a continual basis as contrasted to biennial funding.

### What is "staggered renewal?"

"Staggered renewal" is defined as a method of shifting Ohio medical license expiration dates from a single date of expiration for all licensees to variable expiration dates based upon the first letter of the licensee's last name.

### Name Changes:

The licensee's renewal group will be based upon the first letter of their last name at the time the staggered renewal is implemented. Each licensee will remain in their originally assigned group for all subsequent license renewals.

### Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements:

The table below summarizes the CME cycle and the number of CME hours required.

First initial of licensee's last name	License expiration date	CME cycle	CME hours needed
JAN 1 2007- A-B	7/1/07	4/2/05 - 4/1/07	100 hours (40 Cat. 1)
OCT 1 2006- C-D	4/1/07	1/2/05 - 1/1/07	100 hours (40 Cat. 1)
JULY 1 2004- E-G	1/1/07	10/2/04 - 10/1/06	100 hours (40 Cat. 1)
APRIL 1 2004- H-K	10/1/06	7/2/04 - 7/1/06	100 hours (40 Cat. 1)
JAN 1 2006- L-M	7/1/06	4/2/04 - 4/1/06	100 hours (40 Cat. 1)
OCT 1 2005- N-R	4/1/06	1/2/04- 1/1/06	100 hours (40 Cat. 1)
JULY 1 2005- S	1/1/08	10/2/05 - 10/1/07	100 hours (40 Cat. 1)
APRIL 1 2005- T-Z	10/1/07	7/2/05 - 7/1/07	100 hours (40 Cat. 1)

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