



# Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

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## Division of Professional Regulation

### Physician Assistant 2020 Renewal FAQ

1. **When can I apply to renew my physician assistant license?** You can apply to renew your physician assistant license approximately 2-3 months prior to the expiration date shown on your license. You will receive an email informing you that renewal is open. Paper renewal forms will not be sent by mail.
2. **Can I renew my physician assistant license online or do I need to mail a paper renewal to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR)?** You can renew your physician assistant license online. Please visit the [Renewal page](#) of the IDFPR website at [www.idfpr.illinois.gov](http://www.idfpr.illinois.gov). This page includes general information regarding the online renewal process. For more detailed information, select Physician Assistant under **Professions Currently in Renewal**. When ready, select the link for Credit Card - Internet Renewal to begin the license renewal process. If you wish to send in a check and a paper renewal form, you can print a paper renewal form on the same page.
3. **Am I required to verify my collaborating physician information in order to renew my physician assistant license?** No. You are not required to verify information about your collaborating physician at the time of your license renewal.
4. **How do I notify the Department if my collaborating physician changes?** Download the appropriate forms on the [Physician Assistant page](#) of the IDFPR website at [www.idfpr.illinois.gov](http://www.idfpr.illinois.gov), complete the forms and then submit to the Department as detailed in the instructions. This notification process is separate from the license renewal process and can be completed at any time.
5. **What is required for renewal of a physician assistant license?** You must file a complete physician assistant renewal application and required fee with the IDFPR. The renewal application and fee payment must be filed with the IDFPR after the renewal period begins for your profession and before the expiration date shown on your license.
6. **Am I required to complete continuing education to renew my physician assistant license?**  
No. You are not required to complete continuing education for the 2020 physician assistant license renewal. However, you must complete 50 hours of continuing education for the 2022 license renewal. The hours must be obtained between March 2, 2020 and March 1, 2022. A minimum of 1 hour must be completed in a CE course in sexual harassment prevention training. In addition, if you hold a controlled substance license, a minimum of 3 hours must be completed in a CE course on safe opioid prescribing practices AND a minimum of 10 hours must be completed in a CE course on pharmacology. FAQs on these CE requirements are available on the [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) of the IDFPR website at [www.idfpr.illinois.gov](http://www.idfpr.illinois.gov).
7. **Is there a separate process to renew my physician assistant controlled substance license?** Yes. You can renew your controlled substance license online as described above. However, it will be completed as a separate transaction. You must file a complete application, answer all certifying questions, and pay the required renewal fee.
8. **Am I required to complete continuing education to renew my physician assistant controlled substance license?** Yes. You are required to complete 3 hours of continuing education in safe opioid prescribing practices for the 2020 physician assistant controlled substance license renewal. A FAQ on this CE requirement is available on the [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) of the IDFPR website at [www.idfpr.illinois.gov](http://www.idfpr.illinois.gov).