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|  | Illinois licensed PTA members,  **September 30th, 2023 marks the Illinois PTA License renewal deadline.**  **What to know about renewing:**   * PTAs will be able to renew on the [IDFPR website approximately](https://458rl1jp.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me/L0/https:%2F%2Fidfpr.illinois.gov%2Frenewals%2Fdefaultssl.html/1/0100018877990402-bfb03ece-8010-421e-ac15-9d7a269036ca-000000/Slr3Z8VxaM_dLacQt_XuckAGgjA=324) **3 months prior** to the expiration date shown on your license. * If you don't know your expiration date, you may find it by using the IDFPR [**License Lookup**](https://458rl1jp.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me/L0/https:%2F%2Fonline-dfpr.micropact.com%2Flookup%2Flicenselookup.aspx/1/0100018877990402-bfb03ece-8010-421e-ac15-9d7a269036ca-000000/DCMKf_YWP3f2KokCsko1_xkDFgU=324) application. * **Make sure your contact information (including email address) is up to date with IDFPR,** as they no longer send out paper renewal notices. * For those requiring additional assistance with the login process, please contact IDFPR by emailing [fpr.lmu@illinois.gov](mailto:fpr.lmu@illinois.gov?subject=renewal) and indicate "RENEWAL" in the subject line of your e-mail. * Read IDFPR's [Tips for First Time Registration to Renew a Professional License.](https://458rl1jp.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me/L0/https:%2F%2Fidfpr.illinois.gov%2Fcontent%2Fdam%2Fsoi%2Fen%2Fweb%2Fidfpr%2Fforms%2Fonline%2Frenewal-tips-individual-accounts-2021-12-15.pdf/1/0100018877990402-bfb03ece-8010-421e-ac15-9d7a269036ca-000000/KUbDvqQLb3nF29D8tA6JgV4ryyU=324)   In Illinois, every physical therapist assistant shall **complete a minimum of 20 CE hours** relevant to the practice of physical therapy during each prerenewal period as a condition of renewal.  The IPTA sought clarification from the IDFPR regarding the **NEW** CE requirements for renewing Illinois PTA licenses in 2023.  **Am I expected to complete the Implicit Bias and Dementia Training to renew my license in 2023?**  **Yes,** for the 2023 renewals (and beyond), a health care professional who has continuing education requirements (including PTAs) must complete at least a **one-hour course in training on implicit bias awareness** per renewal period. And all licensed healthcare professionals in Illinois (i.e. PTAs), who have direct patient interaction with adults age 26 and above, will be required to complete **one hour dementia training**.  The IPTA offers this training FREE for members/ CE Subscribers (nonmember price is $25):   * **DEMENTIA TRAINING:** On [**Tuesday, June 20th, 2023**](https://458rl1jp.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me/L0/https:%2F%2Fwww.ipta.org%2Fevent%2FDementiaTraining2023/1/0100018877990402-bfb03ece-8010-421e-ac15-9d7a269036ca-000000/tTfjIqSOQpRmyHiCkB1zA4usxWY=324), the IPTA GeriSIG is hosting a 1 hour virtual LIVE one hour CE presentation on **"Alzheimer’s and Dementia: What Are We Forgetting?**"**(1 CE)**. Since this is a virtual live webinar, this counts as "live" CE. * **IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING:** A recording of IPTA's presentation on **"Implicit Bias: Recognizing and Responding in Healthcare Settings**"**(1 CE)**has been added to the[**IPTA store**](https://458rl1jp.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me/L0/https:%2F%2Fwww.ipta.org%2Fstore%2Fviewproduct.aspx%3Fid=21540108/1/0100018877990402-bfb03ece-8010-421e-ac15-9d7a269036ca-000000/eSet1M0sKWfc4w3GVuxiEAc25S8=324)and is available for members, and nonmembers, to view and receive CE (self-study).   **FIRST TIME RENEWAL APPLICANTS:** As outlined in the [Rules of Administration of the IL PT Act,](https://458rl1jp.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me/L0/https:%2F%2Fwww.ilga.gov%2Fcommission%2Fjcar%2Fadmincode%2F068%2F068013400000610R.html/1/0100018877990402-bfb03ece-8010-421e-ac15-9d7a269036ca-000000/F0vmAj_JcDxr-BaakWKQkEKaP6o=324) if this is your first renewal following the original issuance of your Illinois license, you do **NOT** need to comply with the CE requirements (including the implicit bias and dementia training), but you **must still renew your license**.  \*\*Any PTA license issued **AFTER** July 1st (of the renewal year) is automatically extended to the next renewal cycle. So, for any new graduate who license will be issued on July 2, 2023 will not need pay the renewal fee, and will automatically be extended to September 30, 2025.  **A couple other things to note about CE:**   * A **prerenewal period** is the 24 months preceding the September 30th renewal deadline. Meaning, CE must have been earned between 10/01/21 - 09/30/23. * PTs and PTAs are **allowed to have 75%** of their total CE required for license renewal be self-study. * Virtual attendance at **live** professional presentations, provided the participant is able to communicate **in real time** with the speaker and other participants, shall be considered **"in person" CE.** * **At least 3 of the 20 CE hours must include content related to the ethical practice of physical therapy.** * In addition, **all healthcare providers are required to complete a 1 hour sexual harassment prevention training** – this includes PT and PTAs. The IPTA offers an on-demand program that is FREE for members and meets this requirement. [Click here to view.](https://458rl1jp.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me/L0/https:%2F%2Fwww.ipta.org%2Fstore%2Fviewproduct.aspx%3Fid=22010844/1/0100018877990402-bfb03ece-8010-421e-ac15-9d7a269036ca-000000/XdQKgKlBZbq4YlbUKcttxw2b-vs=324)   **Know the Rules:** [Click here to read the ways in which CE may be earned,](http://458rl1jp.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me/L0/http:%2F%2Fwww.ilga.gov%2Fcommission%2Fjcar%2Fadmincode%2F068%2F068013400000610R.html/1/0100018877990402-bfb03ece-8010-421e-ac15-9d7a269036ca-000000/4dUIi-kvgKm0GaZShOhbj8QmYJ0=324) as outlined in the Rules of Administration of the IL PT Act. |