

**All License Renewal Dates Have Been Extended to
January 30, April 30, July 30, or October 30**

LSPs must renew their licenses every three years by submitting proof that they have obtained the required number and type of continuing education credits and by submitting a license renewal fee.

But as a result of a change in 2002 to the LSP Board's license renewal regulations, all LSP licenses now expire on one of only four dates: January 30, April 30, July 30, or October 30.

Specifically, the next license expiration date for each LSP was extended to the 30th of January, April, July, or October, whichever date occurs soonest after each LSP's previous expiration date.

Thus, for example, if an LSP's license had been scheduled to expire on August 12, 2003, that license expiration date has automatically been extended to October 30, 2003.

In 2002, all LSPs were notified by mail of this regulation change.

Previously, each licensee's renewal date fell on the 3-year anniversary of his or her initial licensure as a full LSP. Because the Board has been licensing new LSPs throughout every year since 1993, and particularly because of the Board's policy since early 1999 of allowing applicants to take the licensing exam whenever they were ready to do so rather than on fixed dates, the Board's staff found that it was processing license renewals in nearly every month of every year. This proved to be quite inefficient and cumbersome. To address this problem, the Board decided to "batch" license renewal dates so that licenses would no longer expire precisely on each individual LSP's 3-year anniversary date but would instead expire on the 30th of January, April, July, or October, whichever of these dates is or occurs soonest after three years from the beginning of the LSP's 3-year license renewal period. The amendments the Board promulgated in 2002 to 309 CMR 3.06 authorized a one-time renewal-date conversion on June 30, 2002. Now that this change has been implemented, staff members have to process license renewals only four times per year. In making this one-time conversion, no LSP's renewal period was shortened, and many LSPs obtained one or two extra months to obtain the credits they need to renew their licenses.

The Board will mail to each LSP a license renewal application and a renewal fee invoice approximately 6 weeks before that LSP's license is now scheduled to expire.