



# Louisiana Board of Pharmacy

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## BULLETIN No. 08-02

To: Certified Pharmacy Technicians  
From: Malcolm J. Broussard  
Date: April 7, 2008  
Re: Renewal of Pharmacy Technician Certificates

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The Board office will begin printing renewal applications during the week of April 21, 2008. Any address changes received after April 18, 2008 will not be reflected on the renewal application. We will mail the renewal applications during the week of April 28, 2008. If you do not receive your application by May 15, 2008, it becomes ***your*** responsibility to obtain a renewal application. You may download a replacement renewal application form from our website at [www.labp.com](http://www.labp.com).

For the third year in a row, technicians will be able to renew their certificates online; that portion of the website will be operational from May 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008. We have removed the convenience fee for online renewal transactions, so the renewal fee will be the same for both paper and electronic applications. The difference will be the processing time. We mail renewals from online transactions within 1-2 days, but it will take substantially longer with paper transactions. Despite our best efforts, our Internet service provider may experience weather-related or other unforeseen technical difficulties from time to time – as they did on the last day of the summer renewal cycle last year. You have 60 days to renew your certificate; if you choose to wait until the last day and the website is not available, then you will be responsible for the consequences of your failure to renew your certificate in a timely manner. Why take a chance? Please do not wait until the last minute.

All technician renewals will expire on June 30, 2008, regardless of the date of issue. Technicians may not practice with an expired renewal. The renewal of an expired certificate will incur an additional \$25 penalty, as well as an additional \$200 reinstatement fee. Applications bearing a postmark from the mail service of July 1, 2008 or later must be accompanied by the additional fees, or the package will be returned unprocessed, causing additional delays. If you need to be in possession of a current renewal before July 1, 2008, we suggest that you mail the properly completed application and fee on or before May 30, 2008, using the mail tracing service of your choice. If you find yourself without a current renewal for the 2008-2009 year and it is close to the deadline, you may wish to consider the online renewal option.