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DPS changes its renewal period to encourage the early submission of Controlled Substances renewals

The Texas Department of Public Safety is responsible for the issuance and renewal of licenses to prescribe Controlled Substances. As it is vitally important for doctors and other medical professionals to have this certification, the renewal period will be extended from 60 days to 90 days prior to the expiration of the license.

During the month of July, 4,953 certifications were set to expire and needed to be renewed. 3,582 applications have been received and renewed. As of 2 p.m. on July 29, 330 applications are still being processed internally by DPS and will be completed by the end of the day. Approximately 925 applications remain outstanding as they have yet to be submitted to the Department or were found to be incorrect or incomplete. Applications for renewal in the month of July received that are incomplete or incorrect will have 30 days to correct the application.

On August 31, more than 4,800 registrations are set to expire. As of today, only 20 percent of the persons who need to submit applications have done so. We encourage persons whose registrations will expire during the months of August, September and October to submit their applications as soon as possible to ensure the timely renewal of their license.

Registrants can check the status of their registration by going online at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/csr/index.aspx> and selecting the Public Search.