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Dear Midwife,

Enclosed please find your license renewal form for 2016. Please submit the following items with a postmark on or before March 1, 2016:

- Completed paper renewal form – always required even if you pay to renew online
- \$562 (2 year term) license renewal fee
- Proof of 20 hours of continuing education taken since March 1, 2014
- Copy of current CPR card (both sides) as proof of current certification for health care providers by the American Heart Association; professional rescuer from the Red Cross; healthcare and professional rescuer from the National Safety Council; or professional rescuer from EMS Safety Services
- Copy of current Neonatal Resuscitation card (both sides) for American Academy of Pediatrics/American Heart Association
- Copy of Jurisprudence Examination certificate **only if you did not take the exam for your 2014 renewal – this exam is required for renewal every four (4) years, not at each renewal**

The Jurisprudence Examination is a renewal requirement that became effective September 1, 2006. You are required to complete the examination every four years. The examination costs \$35 and is available through a link from our website: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/midwife>.

If you wish to renew late, you may send the above items along with the appropriate late fee (\$137.50 up to 90 days late or \$275 more than 90 days late) postmarked on or before March 1, 2017. You have one year to renew late. You may not practice midwifery in Texas with an expired license.

If you do not renew by March 1, 2017 your license will lapse and you must apply for a new license. **If your license lapses, you must apply for a new license and meet the current requirements for all new applicants for a license, including education and passing all required examinations.**

Timely renewal of your midwifery license, with payment by credit card, is available online through our online system. You will first need to create a user registration, then attach your midwife license. A link to the online renewal page is available on our website at: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/midwife> under "Renew A License". **If you complete online renewal, you must still send all the items listed above including the paper renewal form to our office postmarked, emailed, or faxed by March 1, 2016.**

Once your renewal has been processed, you will be able to print an online verification through our live online system at: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/midwife/mw_search.shtm. Please feel free to contact the Midwifery Program if you have any questions at 512-834-4523.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Feinleib
Midwifery Program Director