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New York Peer Specialist Certification Board Announces New Online NYCPS-P Renewal Program

The New York Peer Specialist Certification Board is pleased to announce the launch of the new online New York Certified Peer Specialist-Provisional (NYCPS-P) renewal program which will allow individuals with a NYCPS-P certification to apply for renewal by completing a simple online form and uploading training documentation. Once the renewal is approved by the NYPSCB, candidates receive their renewed NYCPS-P certificate via email within 30 days of approval.

The NYCPS-P certification is initially issued for a two year period with only one renewal period of two years available. All NYCPS-P are expected to complete the upgrade procedure to the New York Certified Peer Specialist (NYCPS) within 4 years of being issued the NYCPS-P certification. For information about upgrading to the NYCPS, please visit the NYPSCB website for details.

The NYCPS-P renewal process:

1) **Training** - Complete 20 hours of peer specialist specific training (10 hours per year). Training must have been completed **AFTER** your initial NYCPS-P certification date in order for it to be applied to renewal. Only peer specialist specific training will be accepted.

2) **Online Renewal Form** - Fill out the online NYCPS-P Renewal Form which can be found on the NYPSCB website or click [HERE](#).

3) **Upload Training Certificates** - Upload documentation of training (PDF of the training certificate) with your online NYCPS-P Renewal Form. You must submit 20 hours (or more) of training in order to renew your NYCPS-P certification. **Please do not submit your renewal form without the required training documentation.**

4) **Update your contact information with the NYPSCB** – It is your responsibility to ensure the NYPSCB has your updated contact information. Please email [info@nypeerspecialist.org](mailto:info@nypeerspecialist.org) if your address, email, phone number or legal name has changed since the initial issuance of your NYCPS-P.

For questions about the NYCPS renewal program, please visit [www.nypeerspecialist.org](http://www.nypeerspecialist.org) or contact the NYPSCB office.