

MICHIGAN MASSAGE THERAPY LICENSING GUIDE

ALL APPLICANTS:

- A fingerprint report and criminal background check are required. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received and entered into the database.
- If your education/curriculum was not taught in English, you must obtain a total score of not less than 80 on the test of English as a foreign language internet-based test (TOEFL-IBT).
- Human Trafficking requirement – Administrative Rule R 338.732: Proof of completion of training to identify victims of human trafficking. This is a one-time training that is separate from continuing education (CE). Licensees renewing in 2017 must complete training by renewal in 2020; renewals for 2018 by 2021, and renewals for 2019 by 2022. Beginning March 14, 2022, completion of the training is a requirement for initial license issuance.

ELIGIBILITY FOR MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSE BY EXAMINATION (first license)

- Submit the Massage Therapist by Examination application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_53660---,00.html with the appropriate fee to the Michigan Board.
- Have official academic transcripts submitted directly to this office from the institution confirming the completion of the massage education program that meets the requirements of MCL 333.17959 and R 338.722 and approved by the NCBTMB as an assigned school or accredited by CHEA.
- Certification of Completion of Massage Therapy Supervised Curriculum form.
(1) Graduate from an approved massage therapy supervised curriculum. Curriculum shall include, at a minimum, both of the following: **(a)** Classroom instruction as defined in R 338.701(b)(i), including all of the following: (i) 500 total hours, if the applicant is or was enrolled in school before August 1, 2017, or at least 625 hours if the applicant enrolls in the school on or after August 1, 2017 (ii) 40 hours performing massage therapy services in a student clinic that is supervised by a licensed massage therapist. (iii) 200 hours of massage and bodywork assessment theory, and application instruction **(b)** Classroom instruction as defined in R 338.701(1)(b) or (ii) including all of the following: 125 hours of instruction on the body systems, that includes anatomy, physiology and kinesiology (iii) 40 hours in Pathology (iv) 10 hours of business, professional practice, and ethics instruction, with a minimum of 6 hours in ethics (iv) 85 hours of instruction in an area or related field, as determined by the school, that complete the massage therapy program of study.

LICENSE BY EXAMINATION CONTINUED:

(2) A supervised curriculum shall use only classroom instruction as defined in R 338.701(b) to satisfy the requirements of this rule.

(3) Any curriculum that meets the requirements of R 338.722 satisfies the qualifications for an approved supervised curriculum.

- If your massage therapy curriculum was completed outside of the United States, you must have your education reviewed and certified by a recognized and accredited credential evaluation agency that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). You may find an accredited credentialing agency by visiting their website at www.naces.org.
- Pass either the Federation of State Massage Therapy Board's Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx), or the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork's (NCBTMB) National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCETMB), if taken prior to November 1, 2014.
- Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.

ELIGIBILITY FOR MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT

(currently licensed in another state)

If licensed for 5 years or more in another state the following is required:

- Submit the Massage Therapist by Endorsement application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_53660---,00.html with the appropriate fee to the Michigan Board.
- Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.
- Pass either the Federation of State Massage Therapy Board's Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx), or the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork's (NCBTMB) National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCETMB), if taken prior to November 1, 2014.

ELIGIBILITY FOR MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT CONTINUED

If licensed **less than five years** in another state, in addition to the above, the following is required:

- Submit the Massage Therapist by Endorsement application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_53660---,00.html with the appropriate fee.

- Have official academic transcripts submitted directly to this office from the institution confirming the completion of the massage education program that meets the requirements of MCL 333.17959 and R 338.722 and approved by the NCBTMB as an assigned school or accredited by CHEA.
- Certification of Completion of Massage Therapy Supervised Curriculum form per guidelines stated above in license by examination.
- If your massage therapy curriculum was completed outside of the United States, you must have your education reviewed and certified by a recognized and accredited credential evaluation agency that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). You may find an accredited credentialing agency by visiting their website at www.naces.org.
- Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.