

## MICHIGAN MASSAGE THERAPY LICENSING GUIDE

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSE BY EXAMINATION (first license)**

- Graduate from high school or hold a GED.
- Graduate from an approved massage therapy supervised curriculum or one that includes at least 500 total hours of classroom instruction with a) at least 200 combined classroom hours of instruction in Massage and Bodywork Assessment, Theory, and Application; b) at least 125 combined classroom hours of instruction in Anatomy, Physiology, and Kinesiology; c) at least 40 hours of instruction in Pathology; d) at least six hours of instruction in ethics; e) at least four hours of instruction in Business and Professional Practice; and f) at least 125 hours of classroom instruction in an area or field related to massage therapy with at least 40 of those hours performing massage therapy services in a supervised student clinic. Education completed outside of the U.S. must have curriculum evaluated for substantial equivalency by an accredited credential evaluation agency.
- If education was not taught in English, pass the TOEFL (minimum 550) and TSE (minimum 50) or pass the TOEFL iBT (not less than 89 with a minimum 21 on reading, 18 on listening, 26 on speaking, and 24 on writing.)
- 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 (NCBTMB) National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage (NCETM), or the NCBTMB National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCETMB).
- Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.
- Submit the Massage Therapist by Examination application found at [http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417\\_27529\\_53660---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_53660---,00.html) with the \$95.95 fee.
- 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.

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT (currently licensed in another state)**

- Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.
- Graduate from high school or hold a GED.
- Pass one of the examinations listed under License by Examination.

- If licensed less than five years in another state, must have completed the supervised curriculum listed in License by Examination, including the credential evaluation and TOEFL/TSE or TOEFL iBT requirements, if appropriate.
- Submit the Massage Therapist by Endorsement application found at [http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417\\_27529\\_53660---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_53660---,00.html) with the \$95.95 fee.
- 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.