

## List of State Reciprocity Requirements—Massage Therapy

Each state establishes licensure requirements for being able to practice massage therapy in their state. States develop specific requirements for individuals who graduated from a massage therapy school in one state to be able to become licensed in another state. This process is considered reciprocity or endorsement. We have listed the requirements for an individual who graduates from a massage therapy program in the United States and who wants to become licensed in another state.

Please note that the school you are planning on attending has only had their curriculum evaluated by their state to meet the requirements for licensure and practice. In the field of massage therapy each state board reviews the number of clock hours you attended in your home state, the subject areas, and the practical experiences you completed as a part of the process of determining what, if any, additional requirements you may have to meet in order to be licensed in their state. We encourage all graduates who are considering becoming licensed in another state to first take the licensure exam in their home state, which will make it easier to transfer into another state. If you are not licensed by your home state, the state you are considering getting licensed in may require you to take additional training to meet their state minimum hour requirements and/or take their state licensure exam. State boards do not evaluate the curriculum of schools located in other states, but do, in most cases, recognize training from other states. Please refer to the requirements below.

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Alabama	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (650 hours).	The massage therapist license requirements are a minimum of 650 hours from an accredited massage therapy school. Additionally, an applicant must have taken and passed either the NCBTMB (National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork) exam or the MBLEx (Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination). Each massage therapist applicant must also produce evidence of personal liability insurance coverage of \$1,000,000; certified transcripts; and verification of passing one of the approved exams.
Alaska	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (625 hours).	Verification of licensure or certification must be sent directly to the division by the licensing or certification entity from each state where the individual holds or has held a massage therapy license. Verification must indicate that the applicant met or exceeded the current Alaska standards for massage program educational hours (625 hours from an approved school) and successfully completed a nationally recognized competency examination approved by the board.
Arizona	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (500 hours).	The applicant successfully completed a course of study in massage therapy or bodywork therapy consisting of a minimum of 500 classroom and clinical hours of supervised instruction at a school outside of this state that is recognized by the board. The applicant successfully passed an examination administered by a national board accredited by the certifying agency that has been approved by the national commission on competency assurance and is in good standing with that agency; or, the applicant successfully passed an examination that is administered or approved by the board.
Arkansas	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (500 hours).	The applicant successfully completed a course of study in massage therapy or bodywork therapy consisting of a minimum of 500 classroom and clinical hours of supervised instruction at a school. Must provide a copy of the individual's state license.

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California	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (500 hours).	The California Massage Therapy Council issues voluntary certifications to massage professionals who meet the California state law requirements (500 hours). Certification is voluntary. CAMTC certification is not required by state law in order for massage professionals to practice their profession in the state. However, some cities and counties locally require CAMTC certification for massage professionals. To find out if the city or county requires CAMTC certification, please contact the city or county in which you wish to practice. Local permits may be needed for each city or county where an individual practices unless you are CAMTC certified. Massage professionals may find CAMTC certification useful as it allows certified individuals to practice their profession in all cities and counties in the state without the need to get a local permit to provide massage for compensation.
Colorado	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (400 hours).	Licensure by endorsement based on practice as a massage therapist requires an individual to demonstrate a minimum of 400 hours of practice during a 12-month period in the two years immediately preceding receipt of an application for massage therapist licensure in Colorado.
Connecticut	The state allows for individuals licensed in other states to transfer to Connecticut under reciprocity.	The state allows for reciprocity as long as the individual has not been found guilty or convicted as a result of an act which constitutes a felony under (i) the laws of this state, (ii) federal law, or (iii) the laws of another jurisdiction and which, if committed within this state, would have constituted a felony under the laws of this state; is subject to a pending disciplinary action or unresolved complaint before the duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of any state or the District of Columbia; or has been subject to disciplinary action similar to an action specified by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of any state or the District of Columbia.
Delaware	The state allows for individuals licensed in other states to transfer to Delaware under reciprocity.	Upon payment of the appropriate fee and the submission and acceptance of a written application on forms provided by the board, the board shall grant a license to each applicant who shall present proof of current licensure, in good standing, in another state or the District of Columbia. In addition, the applicant: meets the criteria for licensure in good standing for all currently and previously held licenses; has achieved the passing score on a written, standardized, nationally-prepared and administered examination in massage or bodywork therapy (the passing score shall be as established by the testing agency); has practiced massage and bodywork continually for two years immediately prior to making application in Delaware; and possesses current CPR certification.

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District of Columbia	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (500 hours).	<p>An applicant shall furnish proof satisfactory to the board that the applicant has successfully completed an educational program in the practice of massage therapy at an institution or institutions licensed by the District of Columbia Educational Licensing Commission or, at the discretion of the board, by the educational licensing authority of another state, at the time the applicant graduated. In addition, said institution(s) shall be approved or accredited.</p> <p>Of the minimum 500 hours of in-class training, a minimum of 100 hours shall consist of anatomy, physiology, and kinesiology. The remaining 400 hours shall include a majority of hours in massage therapy theory and practice, as well as discretionary related course work, including but not limited to professional ethics, business practices, health and hygiene, contraindications of massage, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and first aid.</p> <p>The applicant must also have: (a) An official certified transcript of the applicant's successful completion of the required in-class training; (b) A certificate of graduation from an approved school; (c) Certification of the applicant's passing the required approved examination; and (d) Current certification in both CPR and first aid.</p>
Florida	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (500 hours).	<p>Applicants must complete, at a minimum, a 500-clock hour course of study at a massage school approved by the equivalent licensing agency or department of education in the state in which it is located. The license was issued based on the passage of one of the following board-approved examinations: the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork Examination; the National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage; the National Exam for State Licensure option administered by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork; or the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx) administered by the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards. If disciplinary action has been taken against your license, please request the licensing state to send any disciplinary information (complaints, final orders, etc.) directly to the board office.</p>
Georgia	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (500 hours).	<p>Applicants must complete, at a minimum, a 500-clock hour course of study at a massage school approved by the equivalent licensing agency or Department of Education in the state in which it is located. The license was issued based on the passage of one of the following board approved examinations: the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork Examination; the National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage; the National Exam for State Licensure option administered by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork; or the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination.</p>

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Hawaii	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (570 hours).	Meet the minimum education and training hours requirement of 570 hours; pass the state of Hawaii licensure examination; and possess current infant and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification from the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association. The applicant attended and successfully completed a massage therapy program in a school that was licensed/registered/certified by the state department of education in the respective jurisdiction or by an agency authorized by the appropriate government agency of the respective jurisdiction. The school must have been licensed/registered/certified while the student attended the program.
Idaho	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (500 hours).	Licensure by endorsement requires proof of being licensed or certified and in good standing in another state with substantially equivalent requirements to those in Idaho, which consists of the minimum of five hundred (500) in-class supervised hours of coursework and clinic work.
Illinois	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (600 hours).	Must provide proof of certification, on forms provided by the division, of successful completion of an approved massage therapy program or substantially similar massage therapy program (600 hours) from another jurisdiction. Should an applicant not meet the required number of classroom/hands-on hours, the division may require completion of additional coursework prior to licensure. The proof of certification from the jurisdiction of original licensure and the state in which the applicant is currently licensed and practicing, if other than the original, must state: the time during which the applicant was licensed in that state; whether the file on the applicant contains records of any disciplinary actions taken or pending; and the applicant's license number. A report of the applicant's examination record must be forwarded directly from NCBTMB or FSMTB. Fingerprinting is required.
Indiana	The state accepts training/licensure from other states.	The applicant's official transcript must be sent directly from the massage therapy program/school showing that the applicant has met all requirements for graduation/completion. Proof of completion and passage of an examination must be sent directly from one of the following entities: the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx); the National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage (NCETM); the National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB); or the National Board Certification Agency National Certification Examination (NBCA NCE). The individual must have a criminal background check.
Iowa	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (500 hours).	The board may receive by endorsement any applicant from the District of Columbia or another state, who: submits to the board a completed application; pays the licensure fee; shows evidence of licensure requirements that are similar to those required in Iowa (500 hours); provides official copies of the academic transcripts sent directly from the school to the board; and provides proof of passing any National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB) examination. The applicant must provide verification of license(s) from every jurisdiction in which the applicant has been licensed, sent directly from the jurisdiction(s) to the board office.

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Kansas	The state does not regulate massage therapy.	Kansas does not regulate massage therapy.
Kentucky	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (600 hours).	The board may grant a license to any person who is licensed, certified, or registered in another state that has standards at least as stringent as those required by Kentucky (600 hours). The board may grant a license by endorsement to applicants licensed, certified, or registered in another state that has lesser standards than Kentucky's if the board determines that the applicant's combined initial training, professional experience, continuing education, or other credentials constitute an equivalent to the standards in Kentucky. Applicants who are not from a state that has standards at least as stringent as those required by Kentucky may appeal to the board for a hearing to determine if their experience and education meet the criteria.
Louisiana	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (500 hours).	Applicants with a current massage therapy license which has been active for more than one year from another state may be eligible for a Louisiana license through reciprocity. The applicant must have met similar education requirements (500 hours) and the following information must be provided: a completed license verification from each state in which the individual has been issued a license; documentation of passing a national exam and/or MBLEx must be provided directly from the testing agency; an official original and certified transcript showing compliance with the educational requirements of the licensing state; and a background check.
Maine	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (500 hours).	The applicant must pass the examination sponsored by: the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork, or the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards or their successor, or other organizations approved by the department; or, the applicant must demonstrate completion of a course of training consisting of 500 or more hours approved by the department.
Maryland	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (600 hours).	The applicant must: submit a completed criminal background check; pass the Massage Therapy Examiners Jurisprudence Examination (administered by the state board) with a score of at least 75 percent; have proof sent directly to the board by the administering authority of having passed a board-approved examination; have copies of official transcripts sent directly to the board by the school from which the applicant graduated that documents completion of a program of at least 600 classroom hours in massage therapy education recognized by the state's Higher Education Commission, or comparable authority; be approved or accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education; provide documentation of current certification in CPR at the Basic Life Support (BLS) level; and have verification of status sent directly to the board by the issuing state, if certified, licensed, or registered to practice massage therapy in another state.

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Massachusetts	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (650 hours).	<p>The state may issue a reciprocal license without examination to any person who holds a license, certification, or registration as a massage therapist, or the equivalent thereof, as determined by the board, issued by another state provided that the requirements and standards for that license, certificate, or registration are reasonably equivalent to or exceed the standards of the state.</p> <p>The applicant must have successfully completed a board-approved course of study, including a minimum of 650 classroom hours of supervised instruction at a licensed massage school, with 300 supervised classroom hours in massage theory and technique, 150 hours of which meet the definition of "massage," and including 100 hours of unpaid and supervised clinical or externship experience. He or she must not have been convicted, in any jurisdiction, of a sexually related crime or a crime involving moral turpitude for a period of ten years immediately prior to the date of application. He or she must provide proof of coverage by an individual professional liability insurance policy of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence and at least \$1,000,000 aggregate.</p>
Michigan	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (625 hours).	<p>If the individual has been licensed in other states for five years or more: submit verification by the licensing agency of any state in which the applicant holds a current registration or license or has ever held a registration or license as a massage therapist. Contact the testing organization to have a copy of the passing exam scores sent directly to the state board. The acceptable exams are the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) and the Massage Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx).</p> <p>If the individual has been licensed in other states for LESS than five years, in addition to the above, the individual must also have official academic transcripts submitted directly to the board from the institution confirming the completion of the massage education program that satisfies the state's requirements. The completed supervised curriculum form needs to be signed by the program director from the massage therapy school where the curriculum was completed and then submitted to the board.</p>
Minnesota	The state does not have a massage therapy curriculum.	The state does not have a massage therapy license.
Mississippi	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (500 hours).	<p>The applicant: must be licensed and in good standing with the state regulatory board; must show proof of at least three (3) years of work experience as a massage therapist; must show proof of passing scores from a board comprehensive examination; must take and pass the Mississippi State Law Examination (MSLE) offered by the board; must submit a timeline of massage therapy school enrollment and graduation, when the board comprehensive examination was passed, work experience, and residency; must submit certified transcript(s) from a massage therapy school that includes the school's name, state license number, physical address, mailing address (if different), and telephone number, and the transcript(s) must be signed by the owner, director, or administrator of the school. For a massage therapy school that is nationally or regionally accredited by an agency recognized by the US Department of Education, the transcript has a minimum of 500 hours of in-class academic education. The massage school must provide evidence of its current accreditation and be in good standing with the accrediting body.</p>

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Missouri	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (500 hours).	The applicant must submit: a completed, notarized application and application fee; two (2) sets of fingerprints for the purpose of conducting a criminal background check; and verification of licensure, to be submitted to the board office from the state, territory, or the District of Columbia's license authority that includes the license issue date and expiration date and any complaints, prior or pending investigations, or disciplinary action on the license. The individual seeking licensure as a massage therapist must have completed five hundred (500) clock hours of massage therapy training and have successfully passed an examination approved by the board.
Montana	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (500 hours).	All applicants for licensure with an out-of-state license shall submit a completed application and fee. Applicants must also submit verification of an active license, certification, or registration in good standing from another state or jurisdiction, whose current requirements include each of the following: (i) Proof of completing a course of studies that includes, at a minimum, each of the following: (A) 200 hours of in-class and instructor-supervised massage and bodywork assessment, theory, and application instruction; (B) 150 hours combined of instruction on the body systems (anatomy, physiology, and kinesiology) and pathology; and (C) 150 hours combined of business and ethics instruction and instruction in an area or related field that completes the massage program of study; and (ii) A passing score on either the MBLEx, NCETMB, NESL, or the NCETM examination, or a state examination deemed to be equivalent.
Nebraska	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (1,000 hours).	An applicant who is licensed in another jurisdiction and has not completed 1,000 hours of training in massage therapy may obtain hours through a massage therapy program, a college/university, work experience, and/or continuing education. An applicant may be credited 100 hours for each year of full-time practice as a massage therapist and/or up to 100 hours obtained from NCBTMB or FSMTB approved continuing education programs. An applicant who is licensed in another jurisdiction must also successfully pass the board-developed jurisprudence examination. An applicant who is licensed in another jurisdiction may also submit evidence of college/university coursework, work experience, and/or continuing education to count toward the required 1,000 hours.
Nevada	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (550 hours).	The applicant must submit a copy of his/her current massage license. Official transcripts need to be sent directly to the board from the school or submitted in an unopened envelope with the school seal. The official score report must be submitted from whichever national exam the individual took, such as NCETMB, NCETM, NESL, MBLEx, ITEC, or the Structural Integration Exam. The licensing agency must complete the Certified Statement from State Licensing Authority form in the application, or the agency may send a letter stating the individual's status (i.e., "in good standing" or "no disciplinary actions are pending"). Applicants must provide a certified statement of verification from each state where they are or have ever been licensed previously. Applicants must also submit a certificate of completion (diploma) showing that they have completed a massage therapy program with a minimum of 550 hours of education.

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New Hampshire	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (750 hours).	The executive director may waive any requirements for licensure for any applicant for a massage therapy license who, on the date of application, holds a valid license issued by any other state, but only if the other licensing body's requirements are substantially equivalent to or not less than New Hampshire's state requirements (750 hours). The applicant must not have been convicted in New Hampshire or in any other state of any crime involving violence inflicted on a person or threatened against a person, or any sexually related crime.
New Jersey	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (500 hours).	Upon payment to the board of a fee and the submission of a written application on forms provided by it, the board shall issue without examination a license to a massage and bodywork therapist who holds a valid license or certification issued by another state or possession of the United States or the District of Columbia which has education and experience requirements substantially equivalent to the state's requirements (500 hours).
New Mexico	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (650 hours).	<p>The applicant who has graduated from an out-of-state massage therapy school or who has attended more than one massage therapy school must make arrangements for the school to provide the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The board's "A" form completed and submitted directly to the board by the massage therapy school(s) that the applicant attended.</li> <li>(2) An official transcript submitted directly to the board by the school(s) that meets the requirements.</li> <li>(3) Proof that the school is approved to operate as a private post-secondary educational institution or its equivalent.</li> </ol> <p>Official transcripts of massage therapy training: The applicant shall make arrangements for official transcript(s) to be sent directly to the board by the educational institution documenting that the applicant has completed the minimum curricula of 650 hours of massage therapy training.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) If more than one massage therapy school was attended, at least one official transcript must document a minimum of 300 class hours of training in massage therapy.</li> <li>(2) Continuing education (CE) or continuing education units (CEU) may be accepted toward the educational requirements for licensure.</li> </ol>
New York	Must be licensed in a state with at least 800 hours.	<p>An individual may request licensure in New York through endorsement of another license if he or she: has been licensed in another state, country, or territory; has had professional practice experience as described below for at least five years within the past 10 years; has passed a licensing examination in that district that is acceptable to this department; has satisfied the professional education requirements for licensure in that state; and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which you are licensed.</p> <p>For licensure by endorsement, the department requires the completion of at least 800 clock-hours of specific education requirements. The experience must include at least an average of 12 hours of massage therapy a week for 52 weeks to be considered as one year of experience.</p>

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North Carolina	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (500 hours).	The board may issue a license to a practitioner who is duly licensed, certified, or registered as a massage and bodywork therapist under the laws of another jurisdiction. The practitioner shall be eligible for licensure by endorsement if all of the following qualifications are met: (1) The applicant submits the required application and fees to the board. (2) The applicant currently holds a valid license, certificate, or registration as a massage and bodywork therapist in another jurisdiction, and that jurisdiction's requirements for licensure, certification, or registration as a massage and bodywork therapist are substantially equivalent to or exceed the requirements for licensure. (3) The applicant is currently a practitioner in good standing, with no disciplinary proceeding or unresolved complaint pending in any jurisdiction at the time a license is to be issued in this state. (4) The applicant passes a jurisprudence examination. (5) The applicant demonstrates satisfactory proof of proficiency in the English language, has submitted fingerprint cards in a form acceptable to the board at the time the license application is filed, and has consented to a criminal history record check by the North Carolina Department of Justice.
North Dakota	The state accepts training provided by other states.	Any individual who has been duly licensed in another state or jurisdiction of the United States to practice massage may, upon paying a fee of one hundred fifty dollars or a lesser fee set by the board, be granted a license to practice in this state without being required to take an examination, if the applicant provides evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant: is licensed in good standing in any other state or jurisdiction of the United States; actively practiced for at least two of the last three years; graduated from a school of massage or a massage therapy program approved by the board which may be proven by presentation of a diploma or credentials; passed an examination acceptable to the board; and has a massage license that is not subject to suspension, revocation, or otherwise restricted in any manner for disciplinary purposes. To qualify for licensure under this section, an applicant shall submit to a statewide and nationwide criminal history record check.
Ohio	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (750 hours).	An individual can apply for reciprocity by submitting criminal record checks (FBI and Ohio BCI). The applicant must hold a diploma or certificate from a school, college, or institution in good standing as determined by the board, showing either the completion of the required courses of instruction or the completion of a course of instruction that meets course requirements determined by the board (750 hours). The applicant must also hold, for not less than five years preceding the application, a current license, registration, or certificate in good standing in another state for massage therapy. The applicant must have passed the MBLEx (Massage and Bodywork Licensing Exam).

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Oklahoma	The state accepts the curriculum of other states if the state licenses the individual; if not, the individual must show proof of 500 hours of training.	The state board of cosmetology and barbering may grant license by reciprocity, without examination, to any applicant who shall qualify and who shall submit the required application and fees to the board. Reciprocity applicants will request a Certification of Records from the state board or appropriate licensing agency where a current license is held. This is a legal document which contains licensing history, number of hours completed, and includes appropriate state seal and official signature. Applicants from a state that does not license practitioners must also show proof of completion of the required number of hours of school instruction (500 hours). Oklahoma only accepts hours from other state boards or appropriate licensing agencies. Upon acceptance of this application, the applicant shall be notified of the scheduled date and time to appear for the board's sanitation and safety examination.
Oregon	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (625 hours).	<p>The state board of massage therapists may license by endorsement or reciprocity any individual who applies, meets the requirements established by the board, and, on the date of application, is a massage therapist licensed under the laws of any other state or territory of the United States, if the requirements in the state or territory where the applicant is licensed are not less than those required by Oregon (625 hours). The board shall adopt rules for determining the necessity of an examination based on educational preparation, successful completion of other examinations, work experience, and the number of years in active practice of massage.</p> <p>The board may license by endorsement any individual who applies and successfully completes a practical examination if the individual is already licensed under a law of this state to do an act included in the definition of massage.</p>
Pennsylvania	The state accepts the curriculum of other states if the state licenses the individual.	An applicant for licensure by reciprocity shall have the official licensing authority of every jurisdiction in which the applicant holds a license to practice massage therapy provide the board with verification that the applicant is a licensee in good standing and documentation of any disciplinary action taken by the jurisdiction's licensing authority. An applicant for licensure by reciprocity shall request that the applicant's massage therapy school provide the board with the applicant's official transcript and verification that the school is recognized by the jurisdiction's licensing authority, accredited by a national accrediting organization, or authorized to operate by the jurisdiction's Department of Education. An applicant for licensure by reciprocity shall provide evidence that the applicant passed the MBLEx, the NCETM, the NCETMB, or successfully completed the NESL option, or the applicant shall provide evidence of obtaining original licensure through qualifications equivalent to those for existing practitioners. An official criminal history record information check must be submitted from the state police or other state agency for every state in which the candidate has resided during the past five years. The reports must be dated within six months of the date of application. CPR certification that is valid for at least six months following the date of application is required.

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Rhode Island	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (500 hours).	<p>A license to practice as a massage therapist by endorsement may be issued to an applicant if the state or territory in which the applicant received his or her education is equal to or exceeds the requirements set forth in Rhode Island. The curriculum shall have consisted of at least five hundred (500) hours which included study and practical training specifically designed to provide knowledge and skills necessary for the practice of massage. The content of the five hundred (500) hour program shall include no less than the following classroom subjects, including practical training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) Anatomy, physiology, and kinesiology;</li> <li>(B) Supervised theory and practice;</li> <li>(C) Clinical assessment and bodywork competency;</li> <li>(D) Pathology;</li> <li>(E) Elective subjects, including first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and any of the following: ethics, boundaries, regulations and guidelines for professional practice, business practices/law, and office procedures.</li> </ul> <p>The applicant successfully completed the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx) or other examination as approved by the department.</p>
South Carolina	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (500 hours).	To be granted a license to practice in this state without being required to take an examination, a person shall submit to the department a duly attested certificate from the licensing department or board of the state or territory in which they are licensed and complete a department-approved application and pay the appropriate fees. The department has the power to enter into reciprocal relations with other states and territories whose requirements are substantially the same as those provided in this chapter.
South Dakota	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (500 hours).	The applicant must: provide proof of a passing score on an accepted national certification; provide proof of at least 500 hours of specific training in massage therapy; have a Completed Verification of Education Form mailed directly to the board; have an official transcript mailed directly to the board; provide a verification letter from each state where he or she is licensed, along with a copy of the license; and provide a copy of malpractice or professional liability insurance of at least \$250,000.

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Tennessee	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (500 hours).	<p>Applicants who are licensed or have been licensed in another state and are seeking reciprocity licensure in Tennessee may do so by providing one or more transcripts compliant with the rules outlined below and verification of having successfully completed an approved competency examination. All applicants for reciprocity licensure must submit proof of having successfully completed five (5) classroom hours of instruction regarding Tennessee massage statutes and regulations and must have had at least ten (10) classroom hours of ethics instruction.</p> <p>Applicants shall request a transcript from one (1) or more post-secondary academic institution(s) approved by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission or its equivalent in another state(s). The transcript(s) must carry the official seal of the institution(s) and must show that the applicant has successfully completed a massage, bodywork, and/or somatic therapy curriculum(s) consisting of no less than five hundred (500) classroom hours, specifically delineated as follows:</p> <p>(1) Two hundred (200) classroom hours shall consist of sciences including, but not limited to, anatomy, physiology (western and/or eastern), kinesiology, pathology, HIV/AIDS and blood-borne pathogens, and hygiene (including standard precautions). Other sciences related to the human body may be included with board approval.</p> <p>(2) Two hundred (200) classroom hours shall consist of basic massage theory and practice including, but not limited to, history; benefits; indications; contraindications; demonstration and supervised practice; client assessment/evaluation; soft tissue manipulations including: gliding, kneading, friction, compression, vibration, percussion, and stretching; joint movements; draping; positioning; turning; feedback; charting/ documentation; proper body mechanics; and self-care.</p> <p>(3) Eighty-five (85) classroom hours shall consist of related subjects including, but not limited to, business standards of practice, communication skills, CPR/first aid, the Americans with Disabilities Act, referral methods, specialized populations, and specialized and adjunct therapies/modalities (including hydrotherapy).</p> <p>(4) Ten (10) classroom hours shall consist of ethics instruction.</p> <p>(5) Five (5) classroom hours shall consist of instruction regarding Tennessee massage statutes and regulations.</p>

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Texas	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (500 hours).	<p>An applicant from another state must provide documentation that licensure was obtained by standards substantially equivalent to those of Texas. Degrees, certificates, diplomas, and course work received at other institutions shall be accepted only if such institution is approved by an education agency in that state and the curriculum, the accrediting/credentialing body of that state, or the course of studies meets the criteria set out by the state of Texas. Submit a transcript(s) of all relevant course work acceptable to the department. Provide proof of successfully passing the required exam. Provide proof of successfully passing the jurisprudence exam. Successfully pass a criminal history background check performed by the department in accordance with the act, the department's criminal conviction guidelines.</p> <p>Satisfactorily complete massage therapy studies in a minimum 500-hour approved course at a licensed massage school which includes at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) 200 hours of massage therapy techniques, theory, and the practice of manipulation of soft tissue, with at least 125 hours of Swedish massage therapy techniques;</li> <li>(B) 50 hours of anatomy;</li> <li>(C) 25 hours of physiology;</li> <li>(D) 50 hours of kinesiology;</li> <li>(E) 40 hours of pathology;</li> <li>(F) 20 hours of hydrotherapy;</li> <li>(G) 45 hours of massage therapy laws and rules, business practices, and professional ethics;</li> <li>(H) 20 hours of health, hygiene, first aid, universal precautions, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); and</li> <li>(I) A 50-hour internship program.</li> </ul>
Utah	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (500 hours).	An applicant who completes equivalent education and training must provide documentation of: graduation from a licensed or recognized school outside the state of Utah with a minimum of 500 hours; completion of the examination requirements; and practice as a licensed massage therapist for a minimum of three years. Applicants for licensure as a massage therapist shall pass the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx).
Vermont	The state does not have a massage therapy curriculum or requirements.	Vermont does not regulate massage therapy.
Virginia	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (500 hours).	A massage therapist who has been licensed in another United States jurisdiction with requirements substantially equivalent to those in Virginia and who is in good standing or is eligible for reinstatement, if lapsed, shall be eligible to apply for licensure by endorsement in Virginia. An applicant for licensure by endorsement shall submit a completed application and required fee, including a criminal history background. He or she shall: have successfully completed a minimum of 500 hours of training from a massage therapy program certified or approved by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia or an agency in another state, the District of Columbia, or a United States territory that approves educational programs; have passed the licensing examination of the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards, or an exam deemed acceptable to the board; have not committed any acts or omissions that would be grounds for disciplinary action or denial; and have completed a criminal history background.

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Washington	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (500 hours).	The applicant must hold an active massage license in a state or foreign jurisdiction with substantially equivalent licensing requirements as Washington state. A massage therapist applicant holding a license in another state may be granted a Washington license without examination, if, in the opinion of the board, the other state's examination and educational requirements are substantially equivalent to Washington's. However, the applicant must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the board a working knowledge of Washington law pertaining to the practice of massage. The applicant shall provide proof in a manner approved by the department that the examination and requirements are equivalent to Washington's.
West Virginia	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (500 hours).	Applicants must have completed a program of massage education at a school by a state agency in another state, the District of Columbia, or a United States territory which approves educational programs and which meets qualifications for the National Certification Exam administered through the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork. This school shall require completion of at least five hundred hours of supervised academic instruction. The applicant must successfully complete the National Certification for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCTMB) examination, or other board approved examination, and submit payment of a reasonable fee every two years.
Wisconsin	Must be licensed in a state with equal or greater requirements (500 hours).	<p>An applicant for a license on the basis of a similar license, registration, or license in another state or territory of the United States shall submit all of the following to the board: an application; proof of a current similar license, registration, or certificate to practice massage therapy or bodywork therapy in another state or territory of the United States, the requirements for which are substantially equivalent to the requirements of Wisconsin; proof as a policyholder of malpractice liability insurance coverage in an amount that is not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$1,000,000 for all occurrences in one year. He or she must not have not been convicted of an offense.</p> <p>The individual must also have either of the following:  (A) Certification by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork or any other organization accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies to certify massage therapy or bodywork therapy.  (B) Proof of passing an examination: the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination offered by the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards; the Board Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork offered by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork; an examination relating to the practice of massage therapy or bodywork therapy that is administered by a national board that is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies; or, an examination that is substantially equivalent, as determined by the board, to an approved examination and completion of at least 500 classroom hours of instruction in massage therapy or bodywork therapy at a school.</p>
Wyoming	The state does not have a state curriculum.	Massage therapy is not regulated in the state.