



January 4, 2018

Dear Licensed Massage Therapists,

The Board of Massage Therapists is always striving to keep their licensee base informed. In keeping with that tradition, please see the following information on Continuing Education in Alaska.

Continuing Education (2017-2019):

Massage Therapists licenses will be expiring September 30, 2019. The Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing strive to send out reminder notices at least 90 days in advance of license expiration. Licensees will have the ability to renew their license starting June 1, 2019.

- All licensed massage therapists must complete 16 hours* of continuing education for the 2017-2019 licensing period between October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2019.
- All continuing education must be completed prior to the submission of renewal application.
- Please review the "Unacceptable Continuing Education List" available on the board's website prior to taking courses. <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofMassageTherapists.aspx>
- Continuing education must be completed through a:
 - Board approved massage therapy or bodywork therapy school or training program
 - Regionally or nationally accredited institution of higher education...approved by the board as directly related to the skills and knowledge required for the practice of massage therapy (and includes a bloodborne pathogens/universal precautions course)
 - Local, state, or national professional organization that serves the massage therapy profession such as ABMP, AMTA, FSMTB, NCBTMB)
- CE Certificates must have:
 - Name of the licensee
 - Amount of continuing education credit awarded
 - Description of the continuing education
 - Dates of actual participation or successful completion
 - Name, mailing address, and signature of the instructor, sponsor, or other verifier.
- There will be a random audit of licensees after the renewal period has ended on September 30, 2019. If the continuing education requirement has not been met, the board could impose disciplinary sanctions such as remedial classes, fines, consent agreements and letters of disciplinary action.
- Records must be kept for 4 years from the date hours were obtained.

**According to 12 AAC 79.210(b), applicants for renewal who have been licensed less than 12 months are not required to submit proof of continuing education.*

If you have any questions or wonder why you were not included in this e-mail, please don't hesitate to contact the board's licensing examiner, Dawn Dulebohn, at dawn.dulebohn@alaska.gov or at 907-465-3811

Sincerely,

The Board of Massage Therapists