



South Dakota Board of Massage Therapy

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South Dakota Board of Massage Therapy Board Policies & Positions

Any officer of the Board may sign documents on behalf of the Board. (Board Action March 6, 2006)

The Board shall join the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards. (Board Action April 18, 2006)

Massage therapy students may perform supervised externships without a license. (Board Position October 14, 2008)

Reiki is not massage therapy. Reiki classes are not continuing education compliant. (Board Position April 16, 2009)

SDCL 36-35-12 allows the Board to recognize compliant continuing education hours to fulfill deficient hours for licensure. (Board Action August 6, 2010)

Online training/education is accepted by the Board as long as there is at least 200 hours of hands-on training and it is from a Board-recognized institution. (Board Action February 4, 2011)

A licensee grandfathered in another state does not meet reciprocity requirements in South Dakota. (Board Action July 25, 2011)

Repeat continuing education courses are acceptable for two compliance periods in a row, but not a third compliance period. (Board Action September 23, 2011)

Schools accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools are recognized as an acceptable facility for purposes of meeting the recognized facility requirements for licensure. (Board Action September 17, 2012)

A mailing list of massage therapist licensees, including only name and primary mailing address of a licensee, will be available in a PDF format for one-time use for a fee of \$100. (June 17, 2013)

The Board may approve an application from an applicant with training and study in the practice of massage therapy from a combination of two or more facilities or instructors

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recognized by the Board. (Declaratory Ruling on SDCL 36-35-12(4) and ARSD 20:76:08, June 17, 2013)

The Board considers the following information collected of licensees by the Board to be public: Original License Category; License Status; Complaint(s); First Name; Middle Name; Last Name; Maiden Name; Primary Address; Primary City; Primary State; Primary Zip Code; Issue Date; Expiration Date; and Inactive Date. All other information collected by the Board is considered confidential. (Board Action June 17, 2013)

For purposes of demonstrating the education required for initial licensure, the Board recognizes facilities that are accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. (Board Action March 17, 2014)

The Board pro-rates the hours of continuing education required for renewal of a licensee licensed on or after October 1, 2012 in six month increments, with 8 hours required if licensed within 19-24 months of renewal; 6 hours required if licensed within 13-18 months of renewal; 4 hours if licensed within 7-12 months of renewal; and 2 hours required is licensed within 0-6 months of renewal. (Board Action March 17, 2014)

The Board does not accept education from a school that is no longer operational and was not recognized by a state board or recognized accrediting body while in operation. (Board Action March 17, 2014)

The Board does not accept carryover continuing education credits for multiple renewal periods. (Board Acton March 17, 2014)

The Board may pre-approve education courses if the courses meet the statutory requirements for qualifying continuing education. (Board Action March 17, 2014)

The Board will allow licensees who receive their original license on June 1st or later each year to be issued a license that is valid through September 30 of the following year. (Board Action July 21, 2014)

The Board accepts CPR courses only from American Red Cross and American Heart Association certified instructors and such courses count as 4 hours of continuing education per renewal period. (Board Action November 3, 2014)

The Board authorizes the Executive Secretary to refer complaints alleging unlicensed practice to the state's attorney at the time the complaint is filed with the Board and dismiss the complaint due to lack of jurisdiction. (Board Action March 16, 2015)

Costs associated with a student performing a massage may be recovered when the student performs such services within the scope of an approved massage therapy school curriculum under the supervision of a licensed massage therapist. (Board Action September 21, 2015)

~~A mailing list of licensed massage therapists will not be made available for purchase, but a list of licensees will be posted on the Board's website. (Board Action January 19, 2006) (Repealed June 17, 2013)~~

~~The NCBTMB Code of Ethics was adopted by the Board. (May 16, 2011) (Repealed September 21, 2015)~~

This is a summary of policies and positions adopted by the South Dakota Board of Massage Therapy on specific issues. This summary is not an exhaustive list of all policies and positions of the South Dakota Board of Massage Therapy and should not be relied on as an exhaustive list. These policies and positions are offered as guidance. The South Dakota Board of Massage Therapy reserves the right to modify or repeal a policy or position at any time.