



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)

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

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 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)

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 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)

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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)

In order to minimize disruption to the Board's meeting, all audio and video recordings of a Board meeting made by a member of the public pursuant to SDCL 1-25-11 shall be made from a place in the meeting room designated by the Board for such public recordings. The place designated by the Board will be located in the meeting room to reasonably allow for audio or video recordings. The Board does not guarantee the quality of the acoustics, sound or lighting in the meeting room or any impact such acoustics, sound or lighting may have on the quality of the recording. No matters properly subject to Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 maybe recorded, in any manner, by a member of the public or a member of the Board. (April 10, 2017)

The President may appoint a non-board member to investigate a complaint when file by or filed against a board member. (Board Action July 11, 2017)

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 not as binding authority. The South Dakota Board of Massage Therapy reserves the right to modify or repeal a policy or position at any time.