

POLICY
TENNESSEE MASSAGE LICENSURE BOARD

**REQUIRED CURRICULUM FOR TENNESSEE MASSAGE
LAW CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES AND
MASSAGE SCHOOL INSTRUCTION**

The Tennessee Massage Licensure Board (Board) hereby adopts the following required curriculum for Tennessee massage school instruction and for continuing education courses concerning Tennessee massage statutes and rules. Such courses must include:

1. Massage therapist scope of practice in Tennessee.
2. Any recent changes to Board statutes, rules, or policies.
3. Basic information regarding the Board's peer assistance program, including:
 - a. Availability to licensed massage therapists and students;
 - b. An explanation of what peer assistance is and is not; and
 - c. How to access peer assistance services, including contact information.
4. Information about the rules and regulations regarding continuing education requirements, including:
 - a. Hours required, including for new licensees;
 - b. Limitations on hours earned through multi-media courses; and
 - c. Board policies regarding penalties for noncompliance.
5. Information regarding the rules and regulations regarding establishment licenses, including:
 - a. The establishment license requirement and what situations it applies to;
 - b. The establishment license application process;
 - c. Establishment license renewal;
 - d. Massage therapist responsibility to not work in an unlicensed establishment;
 - e. Board policies regarding penalties for noncompliance.
6. Information regarding the requirement for licensees to report criminal convictions within 30 days as contained in Rule 0870-01-.18.
7. Information regarding the location, use, and functions of the Board's website.
8. License renewal, retirement, and reinstatement, including Board policies regarding penalties for practicing with an expired or lapsed license.
9. Violations of laws/rules/policies and disciplinary actions.

10. The definitions in Board rules for “Board,” “Board Administrative Office,” “Continuing Education,” “Establishment,” “Massage/bodywork/somatic,” and “Sexual Activity.”

In addition to the above, the Board suggests that massage schools include in their massage law curriculum copies of the Tennessee Massage Practice Act and the Rules and Regulations Governing Massage Therapists and Establishments, and that special emphasis be placed on the following sections of the Rules:

- 0870-01.02 Practice Standards and inspections of establishments
- 0870-01-.03 Necessity of Licensure
- 0870-01.05 Establishment Licensure process
- 0870-01.09 Licensure renewal
- 0870-01.11 Retirement, Reinstatement, Inactivation and reactivation of licensure
- 0870-01.12 Continuing Education
- 0870-01-.13 Disciplinary actions and civil penalties
- 0870-01-.15 License address and name
- 0870-01-.17 Advertising
- 0870-01-.18 Consumer Right to Know Requirements
- 0870-01.19 Professional and ethical standards for therapists and establishments

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