

152C.3 Requirements for licensure.

1. The board shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) establishing a procedure for licensing of massage therapists. License requirements shall include the following:

a. Completion of a curriculum of massage education at a school approved by the board which requires for admission a diploma from an accredited high school or the equivalent and requires completion of at least six hundred hours of supervised academic instruction. However, educational requirements under this paragraph are subject to reduction by the board if, after public notice and hearing, the board determines that the welfare of the public may be adequately protected with fewer hours of education.

b. Passage of an examination given or approved by the board.

c. Payment of a reasonable fee required by the board which shall compensate and be retained by the board for the costs of administering [this chapter](#).

2. In addition to provisions for licensure, the rules shall include the following:

a. (1) Requirements regarding completion of at least twelve hours of continuing education annually regarding subjects concerning massage and related techniques or the health and safety of the public, subject to reduction by the board if, after public notice and hearing, the board determines that the welfare of the public may be adequately protected with fewer hours.

(2) The board shall allow a licensed massage therapist to include each hour of completed training required pursuant to [sections 232.69](#) and [235B.16](#) toward the annual continuing education requirement.

b. Requirements for issuance of a reciprocal license to licensees of states with license requirements equal to or exceeding those of [this chapter](#). The rules shall provide for issuance of a temporary reciprocal license for licensees of states with lower requirements.

3. A massage therapist licensed pursuant to [this chapter](#) shall be issued a license number and a license certificate.

[92 Acts, ch 1137, §3](#); [93 Acts, ch 71, §1](#); [98 Acts, ch 1053, §31 – 33](#); [2011 Acts, ch 57, §1](#); [2022 Acts, ch 1078, §1](#)

Referred to in [§152C.5](#), [152C.7](#)