

ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAG THERAPY
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 532-X-6
CONTINUING EDUCATION

532-X-6-.01 Continuing Education Requirements.

(1) Every massage therapist licensed by the Board must complete 16 hours of continuing education within the 24 months preceding the date of renewal of licensure, from providers of courses approved by the Board, as a condition for renewing the license to practice massage therapy.

(2) The licensee is required to maintain in the licensee's files, for at least four years, the certificates or other documents evidencing completion of the approved continuing education courses.

(3) The licensee must inform the Board, on the application for license renewal, of the licensee's compliance with the continuing education requirement. Failure to do so will result in denial of renewal of licensure.

(5) Upon notification of the licensee that his or her continuing education credits are being audited, the licensee shall send by registered mail to the Board the documents or certificates evidencing his or her completion of the approved continuing education courses. In the event the documentation is not then available to the licensee (as a result of storage in moving, fire, or other catastrophic or like circumstance), without fault on his or he part, the licensee shall so notify the Board by sworn affidavit under notary seal, and shall give the Board a list of the dates, topics, locations, and providers of the approved continuing education courses.

(6) Massage therapists cannot repeat continuing education courses within four (4) years.

(7) Each licensed massage therapist will have there certification attached to their name/license number that can be viewed by the public (clients).

(8) Audit of continuing education. The Board will conduct a mandatory random audit of, at least, ten (10) percent of renewal applications for the most recent renewal period. The audit is to ensure that the continuing education requirement is being met.

(a) A massage therapist whose renewal is selected for audit is required to send verification of his/her continuing

education to the Board office within thirty (30) days of the date of the audit notice. The Board will review the records and respond to the individuals with a statement of compliance or non-compliance.

(b) Non-compliance. In the case of non-compliance with continuing education requirements, the audited licensed massage therapist will have a one (1) month compliance period to meet continuing education requirements. During the one (1) month compliance period, the Board may initiate a complaint citing the licensee with failure to meet continuing education requirements in question. Failure to meet continuing education requirements within the one (1) month compliance period may result in formal disciplinary action by the board.

(c) Licensed massage therapists audited for licensure renewal will be subject to random audit selections in subsequent renewal periods. Successful selection for audit review will not remove a licensed massage therapist from audit review in any subsequent renewal period.

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