



Notice of Proposed Changes Relating to Massage School Education Requirements and Continuing Education Requirements in The Regulations of the Alaska Board of Massage Therapists

Proposed Regulations - FAQ

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1. What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will this regulation do?

12 AAC 79.140 Massage school education requirements

- The proposed regulation will reduce barriers to the licensing of massage therapists and will improve reciprocity with the State of Alaska by eliminating specific curriculum requirements.
- Applicants will qualify for license by graduating from a board approved massage school or program with the minimum education hour requirement of 625 hours.
- Applicants will no longer be required to meet a breakdown of curriculum requirements.
- It will expedite the licensing process and increase reciprocity with applicants licensed in other states.

12 AAC 79.210 Continuing education requirements

- The proposed regulation will remove a barrier to license renewals and reinstatements by changing the required time of completion from completion before the concluding licensing period to completion of continued education by the time of application.
- The process of completing applications that did not meet continued education timeframes resulted in delays in licensing and fines, and this is an attempt to remedy this.
- This will decrease delays in renewal and reinstatement applications.

2. What are the costs to comply with the proposed regulations?

None known.

3. When will the regulations be effective?

After the public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Board for consideration. The Board may adopt the regulation as written/publicly noticed, may amend and adopt them, choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in its

whole. After Board action, the adopted regulations goes to Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Regulation takes effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

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