

**Chapter 79. Massage Therapists.**

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted. Complete new sections are not in boldface or underlined.)

12 AAC 79.200(b) is amended to read:

(b) An applicant for renewal of a massage therapy license **shall** [MUST] meet the requirements **set out under** [OF] AS 08.61.050 [AND THIS SECTION] **and** [. A MASSAGE THERAPIST APPLYING FOR LICENSE RENEWAL] submit

(1) a completed renewal application on a form provided by the department;

(2) beginning October 1, 2017, and at least once every six years thereafter, the applicant's fingerprint information described in 12 AAC 79.130 and the fingerprint processing fee specified in 12 AAC 02.396;

(3) the license renewal fee specified in 12 AAC 02.396; **and**

(4) **attestation** [DOCUMENTATION] **that the applicant**

**(A) holds a** [OF] current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation through the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, **or** American Safety and Health Institute [, OR AN EQUIVALENT ORGANIZATION]; and

**(B) has** [(5) DOCUMENTATION THAT THE MASSAGE THERAPIST] satisfied the continuing education requirements **set out under** [IN] 12 AAC 79.210.

(Eff. 5/28/2016, Register 218; am 4/17/2019, Register 230; am 3/25/2020, Register 233; am 12/13/2023, Register 248; am \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_\_\_)

**Authority:** AS 08.61.020 AS 08.61.050

The introductory language of 12 AAC 79.210(a) is amended to read:

(a) Each biennial licensing period, an applicant for renewal of a massage therapy license **shall complete** [MUST DOCUMENT COMPLETION OF]

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12 AAC 79.210(f) is amended to read:

(f) An applicant for renewal who has been licensed more than 90 days but less than 12 months of the concluding biennial license period is not required to submit **an attestation of having satisfied** continuing education **requirements, as required under 12 AAC 79.200(b)** [RECORDS].

(Eff. 5/28/2016, Register 218; am 7/15/2016, Register 219; am 7/5/2017, Register 223; am 4/17/2019, Register 230; am 3/25/2020, Register 233; am 6/6/2021, Register 238; am 5/26/2023, Register 246; am \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_\_\_)

**Authority:** AS 08.61.020 AS 08.61.030 AS 08.61.050

12 AAC 79 is amended by adding new sections to read:

**12 AAC 79.905. Disciplinary sanctions.** The following acts constitute grounds for disciplinary sanctions against a licensee:

(1) failure by the licensee to

(A) cooperate with an official investigation by the board or an agent of the board;

(B) report to the board a disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another licensing jurisdiction, health care entity, or law enforcement agency within 30 days after the date of the action;

(2) disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another licensing authority;

(3) conviction of a crime that affects the licensee's ability to practice competently or safely. (Eff. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_\_\_)

**Authority:** AS 08.61.020 AS 08.61.040 AS 08.61.060

**12 AAC 79.950. Internet advertising requirements.** (a) A licensed massage therapist or registered massage therapy establishment shall display the licensee's license number or massage therapy establishment's registration number on each Internet advertisement.

(b) For purposes of this section, "Internet advertisement" means a message in an Internet medium that offers or solicits a person to utilize the services of the advertising massage therapist or massage therapy establishment. (Eff. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_\_\_)

**Authority:** AS 08.61.020 AS 08.61.060 AS 08.61.070