



# LOUISIANA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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Dear Therapists and Establishment Managers,

Changes to the Massage Therapy Practice Act went into effect on January 1, 2013. We are sending out this notification as a courtesy. This does not alleviate your responsibility to be familiar with all laws that affect you and your livelihood. This notification is being sent in reference to:

Licensed Massage Therapist Identification Cards (LMT-ID)

La. R.S. 37.3556 (D) states,

The board shall issue a license to each person who meets the qualifications provided for in this Section upon payment of the professional license fee provided pursuant to R.S. 37.3562. The license, in the form of a Licensed Massage Therapist Identification Card (LMT-ID Card), grants all professional rights, honors, and privileges to the licensed massage therapist.

La. R.S. 37.3558(A) (1) provides,

Each person engaging in the practice of massage therapy at a massage establishment shall be the holder of a Licensed Massage Therapist Identification Card (LMT-ID Card), which shall identify the therapist as being properly licensed and shall authorize the therapist to provide off-site massage services.

La. R.S. 37.3559(A) states,

Each licensed massage therapist who works at a massage establishment shall display his LMT-ID Card in plain view in an appropriate public manner. A licensed massage therapist who is working outside of a massage establishment shall have in his possession his LMT-ID Card and shall present it for review upon request of a client or board representative.

The Massage Therapy Rules also address this matter.

Each massage establishment shall post, in plain sight, its establishment license and the license or the licensed massage therapist identification card (LMT-ID) of each massage therapist who practices in the massage establishment. Each massage therapist must have his licensed massage therapist identification card (LMT-ID) in his possession while providing massage therapy for a client and present it for review upon request.

LAC, Title 46, Part XLIV, Chapter 33, 3301(A).

Two (2) LMT-ID cards are printed on the page with each Professional License. As stated above, one should be maintained in the licensed massage therapist's possession and one may be displayed in the establishment. All professional and establishment license applications are available on the board's website.

As a reminder and as provided in the Rules,

All name, location and/or ownership changes of licensure must be reported in writing to the board within 30 days of occurrence using a form provided by the board.

LAC, Title 46, Part XLIV, Chapter 29, 2901.

We remind you that this notification does not contain all the changes that were made to the Massage Therapy Practice Act. The current Massage Therapy Practice Act is available on the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy's website ([www.labmt.org](http://www.labmt.org)), under the "Louisiana Law" tab. It is important for you as a Massage Therapist to be aware of all the laws that impact your profession.

If we may be of further service to you, please contact the board office at 225/756-3488 or [admin@labmt.org](mailto:admin@labmt.org).

Kindest regards,  
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