



LOUISIANA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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Dear Therapists and Establishment Managers,

As of January 1, 2013, the updated Massage Therapy Practice Act went into effective. To ensure compliance with the updated laws, this notification is being sent for your convenience in reference to the Establishments requirements to license and/or register with the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy.

The new definition of "Massage Establishment" provides that.

"Massage establishment" means any place of business that offers the practice of massage therapy and where the practice of massage therapy is conducted on the premises of the business. A place of business includes any office, clinic, facility, or other location where a person or persons engage in the practice of massage therapy. The residence of a therapist or an out call location which is not owned, rented, or leased by a massage therapist or massage establishment shall not be considered a massage establishment, unless the location is advertised as the therapist's or establishment's place of business. The term "massage establishment" shall not include physician offices, physical therapy facilities, chiropractic offices, or athletic training facilities, whether or not they employ, contract with, or rent to massage therapists, or institutions of secondary or higher education when massage therapy is practiced in connection with employment related to athletic teams. **RS 37:3552 (7)**

Louisiana Revised Statute 37:3558 provides which establishments must register with the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy. It states:

A. Massage establishments shall be required to be licensed as follows.

(2) All locations where one or more persons are regularly engaged in the practice of massage therapy shall register with the board as a massage establishment. Additionally, all locations where more than one person is regularly engaged in the practice of massage therapy shall pay the establishment license fee.

(3) Obtaining a massage establishment license shall be the responsibility of the entity which controls the physical location where the services are provided, which entity may be a sole proprietor, lessee, owner, partnership, corporation, cooperative, association, or other legal entity. **RS 37:3558 (A)**

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With these changes, all Massage Establishments are required to either license or register with the Louisiana Board Massage Therapy according to the number of Massage Therapist engaged in the practice of massage therapy at each establishment location.

A breakdown of the two is as follows:

License:

1. More than one person is regularly engaged in the practice of massage therapy.
2. Pay the establishment license fee.
3. Expires annually, March 31st each year.
4. Late fee incurred if the renewal application is not received/post-marked on or before the expiration date.
5. Must be posted in plain sight for public viewing.

Registration Certificate:

1. One person is regularly engaged in the practice of massage therapy.
2. Expires annually, March 31st each year.
3. Late fee incurred if the renewal application is not received/post-marked on or before the expiration date.
4. Must be posted in plain sight for public viewing.

These were not the only changes made to the Massage Therapy Practice Act. If you are interested in learning the other changes, please use the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy's website (www.labmt.org). All changes in the Massage Therapy Practice Act and Rules can be found under the "Louisiana Law" tab. Upon review, you may contact the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy with any questions you may have. Also, all professional and establishment license applications are available on the board's website.

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

Kindest regards,

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