



## Mississippi

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### Law and Regulation

**Statutes:** <http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/mscode/>

Miss. Code Ann. § 73-67

TITLE 73. PROFESSIONS AND VOCATIONS

CHAPTER 67. PROFESSIONAL MASSAGE THERAPISTS

§ 73-67-7. Definitions [Repealed effective July 1, 2018]

(g) "Massage" means touch, stroking, kneading, stretching, friction, percussion and vibration, and includes holding, positioning, causing movement of the soft tissues and applying manual touch and pressure to the body (excluding an osseous tissue manipulation or adjustment).

"Therapy" means action aimed at achieving or increasing health and wellness. "Massage therapy" means the profession in which the practitioner applies massage techniques with the intent of positively affecting the health and well-being of the client, and may adjunctively (i) apply allied modalities, heat, cold, water and topical preparations not classified as prescription drugs, (ii) use hand held tools such as electric hand massagers used adjunctively to the application of hand massage or devices designed as t-bars or knobbies, and (iii) instruct self-care and stress management. "Manual" means by use of hand or body.

§ 73-67-5. Exemptions [Repealed effective July 1, 2018]

(1) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the following:

(a) Persons state licensed, state registered, state certified, or otherwise state credentialed by the laws of this state to include massage as part of their practice, *or other allied modalities that are certified by a nationally accredited organization recognized by the board;*...

(2) *Any exemption granted under this section is effective only insofar as and to the extent that the bona fide practice of the profession or business of the person exempted overlaps into the field comprehended by this law, and exemptions under this section are only for those activities that are currently authorized and performed in the course of the bona fide practice of the business or profession of the person exempted.*

§ 73-67-17. Rules and regulations [Repealed effective July 1, 2018]

The board may adopt rules:

(b) Relating to the methods and procedures used in the practice of massage;

(c) Governing the examination and investigation of applicants for the licenses issued under this chapter and the issuance, renewal, suspension and revocation of the license;

§ 73-67-23. Examination [Repealed effective July 1, 2018]

(2) The board shall accept as evidence of competency, in addition to all other requirements as stated in this chapter, the successful completion of any state, nationally or internationally accredited examination approved by the board.

### **Administrative**

**Rules:** [http://www.msbt.state.ms.us/msbmt/web.nsf/webpageedit/LN\\_IN\\_Page\\_IN\\_Rules\\_July,2010/\\$FILE/MSBMT.Rules.Regulations.July.1.2011.Version.1.FINAL.pdf?OpenElement](http://www.msbt.state.ms.us/msbmt/web.nsf/webpageedit/LN_IN_Page_IN_Rules_July,2010/$FILE/MSBMT.Rules.Regulations.July.1.2011.Version.1.FINAL.pdf?OpenElement)

TITLE 30 PROFESSIONS AND VOCATIONS

PART 2501

(The rules reiterate the definitions and exemptions in statute, but expand upon examination information)

### **Examination**

NCETMB, MBLEx, MSLE

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Rule 1.4. Definitions.

X. "Board Comprehensive Examination" means a comprehensive competency exam approved by MSBMT, including but not limited to:

1. The Mississippi State Pre-Licensure Examination (MSPLE) administered by or on behalf of MSBMT.
2. The Massage and Bodywork Licensing Exam (MBLEx) administered by or on behalf of the Federation of State Massage Therapy Board (FSMTB). Cost is determined by FSMTB.
3. The National Examination for State Licensing (NESL) administered by or on behalf of the National Certification Board of Therapeutic massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB). Students MUST take the NCETMB option and select Mississippi as the Official Score Report section for automatic reporting to MSBMT. Cost is determined by NCBTMB.

Rule 4.4 Examination Requirements

A. All persons seeking licensure with the Board must pass one of the following board comprehensive examinations:

July 1, 2011

1. The Mississippi Board Examination administered by or on behalf of MSBMT (effective June 30, 2007);
2. The Massage and Bodywork Licensing Exam (MBLEx) administered by or on behalf of the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) (effective April 10, 2009). Cost is determined by FSMTB;
3. The National Examination for State Licensing (NESL) (effective April 10, 2009) or the National Certification Examination for Massage Therapy and Bodywork (NCETMB) (effective July 1, 2001) administered by or on behalf of the National Certification Board of Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB). Students MUST take the NCETMB option of the NESL and select Mississippi as the Official Score Report section for automatic reporting to MSBMT. Cost is determined by NCBTMB;
4. The Asian Bodywork Therapy Examination (ABTE) administered by or on behalf of the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) (effective July 1, 2001). Cost is determined by NCCAOM;
5. Any other state, nationally or internationally accredited examination approved by the Board.

**Board Members and Staff**

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**Meetings, Agendas, and Minutes**

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