



Tennessee

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Tennessee licenses massage, bodywork, and “somatic” (sic) as the same thing and has a very broad definition. There is no exemption for Structural Integration. The rule for examination states that the Board accepts the National Certification Exam of the NCBTMB and accepts “any other board-approved examination”.

Law and Regulation

<https://www.tn.gov/health/article/ML-statutes>

Statute

The Massage Licensure Act of 1995, Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-18

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/tncode/>

63-18-102. Chapter definitions.

(3) "Massage/bodywork/somatic" means the manipulation of the soft tissues of the body with the intention of positively affecting the health and well being of the client;

Regulation

<http://share.tn.gov/sos/rules/0870/0870.htm>

0870-01-.08 EXAMINATION.

(1) With the exception of applicants qualifying pursuant to Rule 0870-01-.04 (1) (m) 2. (ii) or Rule 0870-01-.05, all persons intending to apply for licensure must successfully complete one (1) of the competency examinations adopted by the Board pursuant to this Rule as a prerequisite to licensure. Such examinations must be completed prior to application for licensure. Evidence of successful completion must be submitted by the examining agency directly to the Board Administrative Office as part of the application process contained in Rule 0870-01-.04.

(2) Competency Examination - The Board accepts successful completion, as determined by the examining agency, of any one (1) of the following examinations:

(a) The N.C.B.T.M.B.'s and/or its successor organization's National Certification Examination. - Application for, proof of having successfully completed a massage, bodywork, and/or somatic therapy curriculum(s) as provided in subparagraph 0870-01-.04 (1) (f), and fees necessary to take the National Certification Examination must be sent to the N.C.B.T.M.B. and not to the Board.

(b) *Any other Board-approved examination* - Application for, proof of having successfully completed a massage, bodywork, and/or somatic therapy curriculum(s) as provided in subparagraph 0870-01-.04 (1) (f), and fees necessary to take a Board-approved examination must be sent to such exam's testing agency and not to the Board.

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