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**IMPORTANT 2022-2024 BIENNIAL RENEWAL INFORMATION
FOR
LICENSED MASSAGE THERAPIST & REGISTERED MASSAGE PRACTITIONERS**

IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING REQUIRED FOR 2022 RENEWAL

July 29, 2022

Dear Licensed Massage Therapists & Registered Massage Practitioners:

The deadline to renew your Massage Therapy License or Registration is **October 31, 2022**. All renewals will be online, with some exceptions which are explained in the attached instructions and procedures. Access to the online renewal portal is through the Board's website at www.health.maryland.gov/massage.

- **Opening of Renewal Portal** –The renewal portal will be open to receive applications at 6:00 pm on August 15, 2022, and will remain open through 11:59 pm on November 30, 2022.
- **Regular Renewal** –The regular renewal period is August 15, 2022 through 11:59 pm on October 31, 2022.
- **Late Renewal** –The late renewal period is November 1, 2022 through 11:59 pm November 30, 2022. *The renewal portal will promptly close at 12:00:01 am on December 1, 2022.*

NEW: IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING REQUIREMENT

In 2021, the Maryland legislators voted to require Implicit Bias training for all licensees and registrants of a Health Occupations Board. See Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations § 1-225. **This one-time training requirement applies only to the first renewal cycle after April 1, 2022.** All applicants for renewal of licenses or registrations in 2022 are to complete an Implicit Bias Training course approved by the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program within the Maryland Department of Health (MHHD). Training programs must be recognized by the Board or accredited by the [Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education](#). **Other courses are not approved and will not be accepted.**

To find a list of accredited education courses/programs, approved by MHHD, use this link, [Implicit Bias Courses](#), and search [CME Passport](#), ACCME's online search tool under [“implicit](#)

[bias” focused search.](#)

24 CEU HOURS RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS & CEU CARRYOVER

All LMTs and RMPs must complete a total of twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education for the 2022-2024 renewal cycle as noted below:

7 Hours Mandatory Massage CEUs:

3 hours Ethics or Jurisprudence

3 hours Communicable Diseases

1 hour Diversity or Cultural Competence

1 hour Mandatory Implicit Bias Training

16 Hours CEU Electives, CPR and Carryover

16 hours in Massage Therapy education. If you completed up to 16 Elective CEs between November 1, 2018 and June 30, 2021 you may carry those CEs over to this renewal cycle. You must also possess an unexpired, valid CPR certificate at the time of completing your renewal application.

Key Points:

1. Renew your license or registration as soon as the renewal portal opens, but no later than October 30, 2022. This allows sufficient time for processing your application and mailing your updated license or registration which must be displayed wherever you provide massage therapy services.
2. You are required to complete the **seven (7) mandatory hours in CEUs, Implicit Bias Training**, possess an unexpired CPR certificate (provider level for LMTs and basic level for RMPs), and the required elective CEs **before** you submit your renewal application online.
3. **If you received your initial license/registration on or after November 1, 2021, you are only required to complete the Implicit Bias training as a condition of renewal**, and have a valid CPR certification commensurate with your status.
4. You may be randomly audited. If so, you will need to provide copies of all CE courses completed.
5. Payment will be accepted online via MasterCard or Visa credit or debit card. If you do not have a bank issued MasterCard or Visa, you may purchase a disposable MasterCard or Visa card from a local retailer such as: Giant, Walmart, Target, CVS, Walgreens, etc., and deposit sufficient fund on the card to cover your license/registration fee: **\$276.00-LMT, \$250.00-RMP, or \$50.00 for Inactive Status.**

If you wish to ‘reinstate’ a license/registration that has been in “Non-Renewed” status for five years or less, or ‘reactivate’ a license/registration from Inactive status, you are unable to do so using the renewal portal. Please contact the Board for instructions on completing the ["Reinstatement Application"](#) or ["Reactivation Application"](#) which are located in the ["Forms"](#)

section on the Board's website. Submit all required documents and fees as outlined in the application(s) and mail to: MD State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners, 4201 Patterson Avenue, Suite 301, Baltimore, MD 21215, Attn: Licensing Unit. If you have questions about the reinstatement or reactivation process, please email mdh.bcmte@maryland.gov or call Christopher Hawkins at 410-764-2965. You may also call the office main line on 410-764-4738.

There is an evaluation/rating option on the online system that permits all users to enter their rating and opinion of the online renewal system. We appreciate your comments and rating as it will assist the Board and the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) in refining these online renewal portals.

We ask that you renew as early as possible to guarantee that you will receive your updated license/registration before it expires. We are committed to working hard and making this renewal process as painless as is humanly possible. Working cooperatively, we will have a successful 2022 renewal experience.

Best wishes and regards,



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