

Massage License/Registration Expires On October 31, 2026



MARYLAND
Department of Health

IMPORTANT 2026-2028 BIENNIAL RENEWAL INFORMATION

FOR

LICENSED MASSAGE THERAPIST & REGISTERED MASSAGE PRACTITIONERS

July 31, 2026

Dear Licensees and Registrants:

The deadline to renew your Massage Therapy License or Registration is **October 31, 2026**. All renewals will be online, with some exceptions which are explained in the attached letter. Access to the online renewal portal is through the Board's website at www.health.maryland.gov/massage.

The Massage Board takes this opportunity to remind you of:

- The requirement to renew your license or registration to lawfully practice massage therapy in Maryland for the next two years.
- The need to create your online account, now, to access the renewal portal when it opens and to print your license, after renewing. Instructions for creating an account are attached.
- Creation of an online account requires the use of the email address currently on file with the Board.
- New Inactive status changes and status continuations may also be completed online during the renewal period.
- **All licenses and registrations must be renewed regardless of the original issue date.**

Below is information on key dates, required renewal fees, and CEU renewal requirements for the 2026-2028 licensure/registration period.

Online Renewal Access - You may access the portal through the Board's website at www.health.maryland.gov/massage.

Renewal Deadlines:

- **Opening of Renewal Portal** - The renewal portal will be open to receive applications at 6:00 pm on **August 17, 2026**.
- **Regular renewal** - The regular renewal period is August 17, 2026 through 11:59 pm on October 31, 2026.
- **Late renewal** - The late renewal period is November 1, 2026 through 11:59 pm on November 30, 2026. **The renewal portal will promptly close at 12:00:01 am on December 1, 2026.**

Implicit Bias Training Requirement:

New legislation was passed in 2025 by the Maryland General Assembly that establishes new requirements for healthcare professionals. See [Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations § 1-225](#). Effective October 1, 2025, all health occupation professionals must complete recognized training programs on both implicit bias and structural racism. To find a list of approved courses, use this link, [Implicit Bias and Structural Racism Courses](#). **This one-time training requirement applies only to the first renewal cycle after April 1, 2026.**

Fees:

- **Renewal Fee Charged August 17, 2026 - October 31, 2026:** LMT: \$276 RMP: \$250
- **Late Renewal Fee Charged November 1, 2026 - November 30, 2026:** LMT: \$476 RMP: \$450
- **Reinstatement Fee Charged after November 30, 2026:** LMT: \$501 RMP: \$475
- **Inactive Status Fee:** \$50
- **Late Inactive Status Fee:** \$250

Continuing Education Requirements: Mandatory CEUs, Electives, Mandatory Implicit Bias and Structural Racism Training, and CPR Certification:

- 8 Hrs. Mandatory CEUs: 3 Hrs. Ethics or Jurisprudence, 3 Hrs. in Communicable Diseases including HIV/AIDS, and 2 Hrs. Diversity, Cultural Competency or Implicit Bias.
- 16 Hrs. Elective CEUs in Massage Therapy, as approved by the Board.

- 1 Hr. Implicit Bias and Structural Racism training **if this is your first renewal after initial licensure/registration.**
- CPR Certification: Must possess an unexpired CPR certificate (LMTs Healthcare Provider Level & RMP's Basic CPR) at the time of renewal. **NOTE:** CPR courses do not count as continuing education.

CEUs are to be completed between 11/01/2024 and the date you submit your online renewal.

CEU Exemption Notice - Initial licenses issued after November 1, 2025: Initial licenses issued after 11/1/2025 are exempt from the CEU requirements but the license must still be renewed online. The licensee or registrant must hold a valid CPR certification and complete the implicit bias and structural racism training.

LMTs & RMPs with Tax Liens and/or Child Support Holds: The Board must receive official clearance from the MD Comptroller and/or the Division of Child Support Enforcement before a license or registration may be issued. Licensees and registrants with a hold were notified by email on June 2, 2026.

Email mdh.bcmte@maryland.gov with questions related to the upcoming renewals.

The Board appreciates your continued commitment to providing quality massage therapy services and healthcare to the citizens of Maryland.

Sincerely,

Charlene Faison, Licensing Manager/Deputy Director

- [2026 Renewal Postcard.pdf](#)
- [Creating Your Portal Account.pdf](#)
- [Deputy Director Letter.pdf](#)