

## Subtitle 65 BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS

### 10.65.01 General Regulations

Authority: General Provisions Article, §4-333(c); Health Occupations Article, §§6-101, 6-102, 6-201—6-206, 6-301—6-306, and 6-504; Annotated Code of Maryland

#### Notice of Proposed Action

[25-095-P]

The Secretary of Health proposes to amend Regulation .06 under COMAR 10.65.01 General Regulations. This action was considered by the Board of Massage Therapy Examiners at a public meeting held on October 23, 2024, notice of which was given by publication on the Board's website at [health.maryland.gov/massage/Pages/home.aspx](http://health.maryland.gov/massage/Pages/home.aspx) pursuant to General Provisions Article, §3-302(c), Annotated Code of Maryland.

#### Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to update the conversion requirements of a registration to a license pursuant to Chs. 705 and 706, Acts of 2022.

#### Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

#### Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

#### Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

#### Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Jordan Fisher Blotter, Director, Office of Regulation and Policy Coordination, Maryland Department of Health, 201 West Preston Street, Room 534 Baltimore, Maryland 21201, or call 410-767-0938, or email to [mdh.regs@maryland.gov](mailto:mdh.regs@maryland.gov). Comments will be accepted through June 30, 2025. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

#### .06 Application for Licensure or Registration.

A.—E. (text unchanged)

F. Conversion.

(1) In order for an individual to convert from a registered massage practitioner to a licensed massage therapist, a minimum of one of the following shall be met by the *conversion* applicant:

[(1)] (a) Has held a registration continuously in good standing for a minimum of 10 years preceding the conversion request;

[(2)] (b) Attest to the accumulation of 1,000 hours of hands-on experience *within the practice of massage therapy* over the previous 2 years between:

(i) [work] *Work* hours; and

(ii) *Board-approved* continuing education hours; or

[(3)] (c) Provide documentation verifying a total of 750 hours of *massage therapy education* which may include [program]:

(i) *Contact hours from a Board-approved program of study of massage therapy* [and]; or

(ii) *Board-approved* continuing education hours.

(2) *It is the burden of the conversion applicant to demonstrate that the applicant is eligible for conversion.*

(3) *The Board:*

(a) *May request additional documentation from the conversion applicant to substantiate or clarify the applicant's conversion application; and*

(b) *May not convert the registration of an applicant whose registration has been suspended or revoked.*

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Secretary of Health