

HOW DO I BECOME LICENSED IN MISSISSIPPI? CHECKLIST

CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS THEN EMAIL director@msbmt.state.ms.us FOR FURTHER QUESTIONS

NO.	YES / NO	QUESTION
1		I have passed one of the following:
		The Mississippi State Pre-Licensure Examination (MSPLE) administered by or on behalf of MSBMT (effective June 30, 2007)
		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
		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
		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. The NCCAOM will continue to license and certify; however effective December 31, 2012 the ABTE will be discontinued.
		If you answered "YES" to any of the above, you do not qualify for a temporary provisional permit as the definition of provisional permit is <i>a temporary license approved by the Board when all requirements other than a Board-approved national or state pre-licensure examination have been met, not to exceed 90 days</i> (Rule 1.4.Q) GO TO QUESTION 2 If you answered "NO" to any of the above all persons seeking licensure with the Mississippi State Board must pass one of the above required examinations. You may refer to our website (www.msbmt.state.ms.us) Examination tab for a link to the NCBTMB or the FSMTB. You may also find the application (EX.01) for the Mississippi State Pre-Licensure Examination (MSPLE) under the Examination tab. Test dates, deadlines, locations, directions and handbook can also be located here. GO TO QUESTION 2
2		I have met the supervised 700 hour in-class education requirement for Mississippi. GO TO ITEM 4 AND 5 IF YOU ANSWERED "YES".
3		I have met the MINIMUM supervised 500 hour in-class education requirement for Reciprocity in Mississippi and have documented evidence of at least three (3) years working experience from a regulated state. You qualify for reciprocity if all other requirements are met. If you answered in the affirmative to any of the items in # 1 you do not qualify for a temporary provisional permit. GO TO ITEM 4 AND 5 IF YOU ANSWERED "YES"
4		Complete the EX.01 Application for All State Examinations (Examination tab) and submit all required documents and fees. Your fingerprints will be taken at the examination site for federal and state criminal history checks. You understand that if these criminal history check indicate any action other than "CLEAR" that you are required to contact the City or County of Jurisdiction and have the court produce certified evidence that all requirements of the court order have been met. This may also delay your application for licensure should the Board determined that a Show Cause Hearing might be warranted.
5		Complete the MT.01 Application for Professional Licensure and submit with the application all required documents and fees. This application can be found on the website under the "Licensure" tab. The EX.01 and the MT.01 may be submitted together if you so desire along with 1 money order for all the required fees.
6		After all requirements have been met, your application will be reviewed and placed on the agenda at the next regularly scheduled board meeting. The board meeting dates may be found on the website under the "Board Meeting" tab. Rule 3.2.A(4) states that the Board's responsibility is to <i>"evaluate the qualifications of applicants for licensure under the Mississippi Professional Massage Therapy Act and advise applicants as to the acceptance or denial of licensure with any reasons for denial within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the COMPLETED APPLICATION</i> which includes all required attachments.

Please find below all the requirements for Licensure in Mississippi:

Part 2501 Chapter 4: Licensing Requirements

Rule 4.1 General Requirements

- A. No person shall practice massage for compensation in the State of Mississippi except as provided by state statute and these regulations.
- B. An applicant must be eighteen (18) years of age, or older, on the date the application is submitted.
- C. An applicant must provide proof of high school graduate equivalency.
- D. An applicant must be of legal status not only to receive a license, but also to work in the State of Mississippi with such license.
- E. All required fees for initial licensure must be submitted by the applicant with a cashier's check or money order. Corporate checks are accepted from Mississippi licensed massage therapy schools in good standing.
- F. Any and all requirements regarding good moral character and competency, as provided for in accepted codes of ethics shall be met. Effective July 1, 2013, an applicant must have successfully been cleared for licensure through an investigation that shall consist of a determination as to good moral character and verification that the prospective licensee is not guilty of or in violation of any statutory ground for denial of licensure as set forth in Section 73-67-27.
 - 1. To assist the board in conducting its licensure investigation, all applicants shall undergo a fingerprint-based criminal history records check of the Mississippi central criminal database and the Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history database. Each applicant shall submit a full set of the applicant's fingerprints in a form and manner prescribed by the board, which shall be forwarded to the Mississippi Department of Public Safety (department) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Identification Division for this purpose.
 - 2. Any and all state or national criminal history records information obtained by the board that is not already a matter of public record shall be deemed nonpublic and confidential information restricted to the exclusive use of the board, its members, officers, investigators, agents and attorneys in evaluating the applicant's eligibility or disqualification for licensure, and shall be exempt from the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983. Except when introduced into evidence in a hearing before the board to determine licensure, no such information or records related thereto shall, except with the written consent of the applicant or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction, be released or otherwise disclosed by the board to any other person or agency.
 - 3. The board shall provide to the department the fingerprints of the applicant, any additional information that may be required by the department, and a form signed by the applicant consenting to the check of the criminal records and to the use of the fingerprints and other identifying information required by the state or national repositories.
 - 4. The board shall charge and collect from the applicant, in addition to all other applicable fees and costs, such amount as may be incurred by the board in requesting and obtaining state and national criminal history records information on the applicant.
- G. The Board must receive a complete application packet, fees and official transcript(s) by the established application deadline for the application to be considered for licensure at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting.
- H. An applicant must supply proof of current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid of at least eight (8) hours of training, including practical testing, and supply documentation of familiarity with the American with Disabilities Act.
- I. An applicant must have completed an approved course on communicable diseases, including HIV/AIDS information and prevention. Board approved schools shall include these courses and those listed in 'H' above in the curriculum.