

Rule 345-4-0.1-.02 Emergency Rule on Continuing Education Hours.

- (1) During the Public Health State of Emergency regarding COVID-19, all continuing education (CE) hours taken to meet the requirements to renew a massage therapy license expiring October 31, 2020:
 - (a) Must be related to the practice of massage therapy;
 - (b) Must be obtained from an approved provider on the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork website at www.ncbtmb.org; and,
 - (c) May be completed live (in-person), online, or by other distance learning methods.
- (2) Except as otherwise provided for in this chapter, every massage therapist must complete a minimum of twenty-four (24) CE hours as a condition for renewing his or her license.
- (3) A massage therapist who is licensed during the second year of the biennium renewal period shall only be required to complete twelve (12) CE hours for that renewal period.
- (4) An applicant having graduated from a Board recognized approved massage therapy education program within one year of their application date shall be exempt from continuing education requirements for their initial biennium renewal period only.
- (5) An applicant for reinstatement of a lapsed or revoked license must show along with their completed application and fee payment that they have taken the required twenty-four (24) hours of CE, in accordance with this rule, within one (1) year of the date of their reinstatement application to the board. The CE hours used for the reinstatement of a license cannot be used to meet the CE hours required for renewal of the license during the biennium which the license was reinstated or thereafter.

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-24A-7(b)(6), 43-24A-20 and § 50-13-4(b).

History. Original Rule entitled "Emergency Rule on Continuing Education Hours" adopted. F. August 28, 2020; eff. September 24, 2020.