

What is Licensing and Certification?

A license is required to in order to practice massage therapy in Oregon and/or Washington.

Licensure is the process by which a federal, state or local governmental agency grants an individual permission to practice in a particular profession that is subject to regulation under the government's authority. Obtaining a license in order to practice is mandatory, and state laws may provide for criminal or administrative penalties for unlicensed practice. Periodic licensure renewal is also mandatory and usually requires continuing education. To get a license, you will need to fulfill the following requirements:

- Oregon
 - o Complete 500 Hours of education from an accredited school
 - o Provide a transcript documenting the above training
 - o Provide proof of a passing score on the FSMTB-MBLEX or NCBTMB written exams
 - o Receive a passing score on the Oregon Practical Exam
 - o Provide a copy of your current CPR certification

Renewal of an Oregon License

- o The Oregon License renewal cycle is every 2 years, on the first day of your birthday month. The current renewal fee is \$100
- o Oregon requires 25 hours of continuing education every 2 years. You must have at least 12 hours of in-class contact education. The rest can be made up of a variety of learning experiences.

National Certification is different from licensing in that it is not a requirement for licensing. Certification is the process by which private organizations recognize individuals for meeting certain criteria in which individuals are recognized for advanced knowledge and skills. It is a form of self-regulation, which is voluntary in that it is not required of individuals prior to practice and is without governmental oversight. If you choose to be nationally certified, you will need to have fulfilled the following requirements:

- o Provide a diploma from a massage program of 500 hours or more meeting the specific requirements of NCBTMB
- o Alternatively, you can provide a transcripts for a Portfolio Review from more than one school that adds up to 500 hours of the specific requirements
- o Receive a passing score on the National Certification Exam

Recertification of National Certification

- o The NCBTMB recertification cycle is every 4 years. The current recertification fee is \$125
- o In this time, you must document
 - 200 hours of massage practice with clients
 - 48 hours of NCBTMB approved continuing education
 - 6 hours of this education must be in ethics

Agency	NCBTMB	FSMTB
What is it?	Licensing Exam & Certification	Licensing Exam
Cost	\$225	\$195
Education	500 Hrs - See Application for details	No Requirement
Exam Content	Non-Western and/or Western Specific	Entry-Level Competency
Number of Questions	160 - Mult. Choice on a computer	125 - Mult. Choice on a computer
Time Given to Take the Exam	2 Hrs 40 Mins	2 Hrs 20 Mins
Passing Scaled Score*	(from 100 low to 600 High) 300	(from 300 low to 900 High) 630
Transcript & Diploma Needed?	Yes	No
End Result	Exam, Certification, Renew/4 yrs	Exam - No Certification or Renewal
<p>States Accepted</p> <p>* See NCBTMB & FSMTB Handbooks for more information on Scaled Scoring.</p> <p>**For more detailed information, please read your candidate handbooks and visit the websites for each organization.</p> <p>NCBTMB www.ncbtmb.com FSMTB www.fsmtb.org</p>	<p>Alabama</p> <p>Arizona</p> <p>California</p> <p>Colorado</p> <p>Connecticut</p> <p>Delaware</p> <p>Washington D.C.</p> <p>Florida</p> <p>Georgia</p> <p>Illinois</p> <p>Indiana</p> <p>Iowa</p> <p>Kentucky</p> <p>Louisiana</p> <p>Maine</p> <p>Maryland</p> <p>Mississippi</p> <p>Missouri</p> <p>Nebraska</p> <p>Nevada</p> <p>New Hampshire</p> <p>New Jersey</p> <p>New Mexico</p> <p>North Carolina</p> <p>North Dakota</p> <p>Rhode Island</p> <p>South Carolina</p> <p>South Dakota</p> <p>Tennessee</p> <p>Texas</p> <p>Utah</p> <p>Virginia</p> <p>Washington</p> <p>West Virginia</p> <p>Wisconsin</p>	<p>Arkansas</p> <p>California</p> <p>Colorado</p> <p>Washington D.C.</p> <p>Florida</p> <p>Georgia</p> <p>Indiana</p> <p>Iowa</p> <p>Louisiana</p> <p>Maine</p> <p>Mississippi</p> <p>Missouri</p> <p>New Hampshire</p> <p>New Mexico</p> <p>North Carolina</p> <p>Oregon</p> <p>South Carolina</p> <p>Tennessee</p> <p>Texas</p> <p>Utah</p> <p>Washington</p> <p>West Virginia</p> <p>**More states are in the process of considering adopting the MBLEx, some of which are awaiting legislative action to change statutory language, others are currently in the rules process**</p>