# Rules of Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration

Division 2197—Board of Therapeutic Massage

Chapter 1—General Rules

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20 CSR 2197-1.010 Definitions

PURPOSE: This rule defines terms used in 4 CSR 197.

(1) “Client” is defined as one who utilizes the professional services of a licensed massage therapist whether or not any remuneration is expected by the massage therapist. Client does not include the licensed massage therapist’s immediate family members or significant other.

(2) “Clock hours” is defined as a minimum of fifty (50) minutes of instruction within a sixty (60)-minute period.

(3) “Direct supervision” is defined as the control, direction, instruction and regulation of a student at all times.

(4) “Statistically valid examination” is defined as an examination that has been validated by an unbiased third party such as a nationally recognized testing company or by a professional psychometrician whose credentials are acceptable to the board. The examination shall be based on a job analysis and expert judgement, which identifies a minimum level of competency to perform massage therapy and then tests only subjects judged as most important for beginning licensees to know.

(5) “Universal precautions” is an approach to infection control as defined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). According to the concept of universal precautions, all human blood and certain body fluids are treated as if known to be infectious for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), and other blood borne pathogens. AUTHORITY: sections 324.245, 324.257 and 324.265, RSMo Supp. 1999. * This rule originally filed as 4 CSR 197-1.010. Original rule filed Feb. 25, 2000, effective Sept. 30, 2000. Moved to 20 CSR 2197-1.010, effective Aug. 28, 2006.

20 CSR 2197-1.020 Titling

PURPOSE: This rule specifies the title that may be used by an individual licensed by the board as a massage therapist.

(1) Any person who represents himself/herself as a massage therapist in this state and is licensed by the board may use the abbreviation LMT (licensed massage therapist).


20 CSR 2197-1.030 Name and Address Changes for Individuals

PURPOSE: This rule outlines procedures to be followed for name, address and telephone number changes.

(1) All individuals licensed pursuant to this chapter shall ensure that the license bears the current legal name of that individual.

(2) A licensee whose name has changed shall notify the board in writing within thirty (30) days of the change and provide a copy of the appropriate document authorizing the name change.

(3) A licensee whose address has changed from that printed on the license must inform the board, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the change.

(4) Changes in telephone numbers shall also be reported in the same manner as that described for changes in address.


20 CSR 2197-1.040 Fees

PURPOSE: This rule establishes and fixes the various fees and charges for the Board of Therapeutic Massage.

(1) All fees shall be paid by cashier’s check, personal check, business check, money order, or other method approved by the division and must be made payable to the Board of Therapeutic Massage.

(2) No fee will be refunded should any license be surrendered, suspended or revoked during the term for which the license is issued.

(3) The fees are established as follows:

(A) Business License Fee $100.00
(B) Business License Renewal Fee $50.00
(C) Certified Mentor Fee $100.00
(D) Insufficient Funds Check Charge Fee $25.00
(E) Massage Therapist Application Fee $200.00
(F) Massage Therapist Renewal Fee $200.00
(G) Provisional License Application Fee $50.00
(H) Provisional License Renewal Fee $50.00
(I) Criminal Background Check Fee Amount to be determined by the Missouri State Highway Patrol
(J) Student License Fee $25.00
(K) Education Review Fee $25.00

(4) All fees are nonrefundable.