



Arkansas

STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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Instructions for Application for Licensure (2010-2012 Form)

Qualifications for Licensure

- Meet qualifications as set forth in Arkansas Code 17-86-101 also known as the Arkansas Massage Therapy Act;
- Must be at least 18 years of age;
- High School Graduate or GED recipient;
- Medically tested and determined free of infectious tuberculosis (TB);
- Authorize a personal criminal background check. All applicants must submit to a criminal background check with the results of check sent directly to the Arkansas State Board of Massage Therapy from the issuing agency – Applicants with a history of arrests, sanctions, and/or criminal record must see “Criminal History” section for additional information.
- Complete a massage therapy program of at least 500 hours of in-classroom coursework from a Board-accepted massage therapy school or State-approved education institution. 500 hours must meet the state required courses as set forth in Arkansas Code 17-86-306;
- Applicants who graduated from an accredited school of massage therapy outside of Arkansas must see “Out-of-State Applicants” for additional information;
- Pass the MBLEx examination; and
- Pass The Arkansas Law examination

Out-of-state Applicants

- Must provide Criminal Background Check from state or states previously resided in or Federal Background Check to include the taking of fingerprints (results must be sent to the Arkansas State Board of Massage Therapy from the issuing agency);
- Transcripts and/or documentation must provide detailed course descriptions for consideration of transfer of credits;
- Details of transcripts and/or documentation must be provided by school administrator, director, or other school official;
- Provide original application plus seven copies of your application including all supporting documentation;
- State Law Course Requirements (*Checklist*)
 - 175 hours of anatomy, physiology, pathology, and contraindications to massage therapy;
 - 225 hours of technique;
 - 25 hours of hydrotherapy, electrotherapy, and heliotherapy;
 - 25 hours of hygiene and infection control;
 - 25 hours of massage therapy law, business management, and professional ethics; and
 - 25 hours of related subjects as approved by the board.

Required Documentation (Checklist)

- Completed Application;
- \$180.00 Cashier's Check or Money Order;
- Valid Photo Identification: Driver's License, State-issued ID Card, Passport, or US Military ID;
- Copy of High School Diploma and/or Transcript, College Diploma and/or Transcript, or GED;
- TB Test – Must be issued by a qualified medical doctor (excluding Chiropractors) on Official Letterhead, Clinic Form, or Health Card;
- Massage School Diploma;
- Massage School Transcript;
- MBLEx Score Report; and
- Have you submitted your application for your Criminal Background Check?

Arkansas State Police Headquarters: Background Checks

- Contact information:

Arkansas State Police Headquarters
1 State Police Plaza Drive
Little Rock, AR 72209

Website: <http://www.asp.state.ar.us/>

Phone for **Criminal Background Check** Department: 501-618-8500

Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx)

- The MBLEx is administered by the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB);
- Applicants must contact the FSMTB directly for MBLEx information or to schedule testing;
- MBLEx Handbook and Application form are available at www.fsmtb.org;
- For full details on fees, re-examination fees, refunds, or appointments, please contact FSMTB directly;
- Contact information:

The Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB)

PO Box 198748

Nashville, TN 37219

Toll Free (MBLEx Specific): 866-962-3926

Fax: 615-846-0153

Toll Free (FSMTB): 888-703-7682

Website: www.fsmtb.org email: info@fsmtb.org MBLEx specific email: mblex@fsmtb.org

Arkansas Massage Therapy Law Exam

- Law exam study materials can be found on our website: www.arkansasmassagetherapy.com. (Under the 'Forms' Tab as 'Arkansas Massage Therapy Chapter 86');
- Please contact our office at 501-683-1448 to schedule an appointment for your law exam;

ASBMT Board Office
101 E. Capitol, Suite 460
Little Rock, AR 72201

Arkansas State Board of Massage Therapy Application Fees (ASBMT)

- Application Fee \$ 75.00
- License Fee \$ 80.00
- Law Exam Fee \$ 25.00
- Total Fees \$ 180.00

*If a re-take of the Arkansas Law Exam is necessary, an additional fee of \$25.00 per each re-take exam is required prior to re-testing.

- Fees are payable to ASBMT by **Cashier's Check or Money Order ONLY**.
- **Arkansas Law Exams are administered at the ASBMT Board office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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