Massage Therapy

Massage Establishment Licensure Requirements and Information

General Requirements

- Must submit an application and fee for licensure as a massage establishment.
- Must submit proof of property damage and bodily injury liability insurance coverage.
- Must pass an inspection by the department, which will be initiated by the Board office, upon completion of the application.

Additional Information

- If you plan on opening a massage establishment or move a current establishment you must apply for a license.
- You may not offer massages in an establishment until it has been inspected **AND** the new license has been issued.
- It takes approximately 45 days to process non-problematic applications, complete the inspection, and issue the new license. Please plan accordingly.
- If your establishment fails the inspection your license will be denied by the Department of Health and you will have to re-apply.
- Licensure of a massage establishment **cannot** be transferred to a different owner. The new owner must apply for a new license and the old owner should request an administrative voluntary relinquishment of the current license in writing to the:

  Board of Massage Therapy office
  4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C06
  Tallahassee, FL 32399-3252.

- You must submit proof of property damage and bodily injury liability insurance coverage.
- **Section 480.052, F.S. Power of county or municipality to regulate massage**: A county or municipality, within its jurisdiction, may regulate persons and establishments licensed under this chapter. Such regulation shall not exceed the powers of the state under this act or be inconsistent with this act. This section shall not be construed to prohibit a county or municipality from enacting any regulation of persons or establishments not licensed pursuant to this act.

See Rule 64B7-26.003 of the Florida Administrative Code for more information regarding massage establishment operations.