



## *Feedback—OBMT Survey*

We value your feedback! Please take a moment to participate in our survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OBMTsurveyquestions>

## *Proposed Rules – Effective July 1, 2015*

The board has proposed the following changes to modify Oregon Administrative Rules on July 1, 2015:

- Establishes the budget for the 2015-17 biennium
- Increases board member stipends
- Modifies definitions and defines Good Moral Character and Professional Fitness
- Allows for electronic fingerprints to be used in addition to fingerprint cards
- Exempts Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy and Milne Institute Craniosacral Therapy from licensure
- Reduces late fees to a maximum of \$100 (from \$250).
- Removes the requirement to have a handwashing sign posted
- Adds photographing or filming the body without a client's consent to the discipline section.

Read the entire proposed rules changes at <http://www.oregon.gov/OBMT/Pages/lawsrulespolicies.aspx>

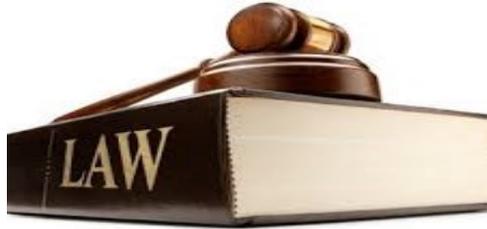


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## *Legislative Concept 706*

“PROPOSING A BILL  
THAT WOULD  
INCREASE THE  
NUMBER OF CLASS  
HOURS TO QUALIFY  
FOR A MASSAGE  
LICENSE”



The board is proposing a bill that would increase the number of class hours to qualify for a massage license. The cur-

rent statute requires an applicant to have 500 contact hours of certified classes and most massage schools in Oregon exceed that requirement.

In addition, this bill would include “Bodywork” in the title of the board, “Oregon Board of Massage and Bodywork”. The addition of “Bodywork” to the board’s title would more appropriately reflect the practitioners that the board licenses as there are several practitioners who do not consider their technique to be massage.

## *CEU Changes with a Proposed Effective Date of January 1, 2016*

After listening to a great deal of feedback from LMTs, school administrators, and others, the Board is proposing to modify Continuing Education (CE) requirements. These proposed rules would go in effect, if passed, on January 1, 2016. This gives schools and CE providers a chance to meet the specific requirements. I encourage you to read the proposed Rules changes at <http://www.oregon.gov/OBMT/Pages/lawsrulespolicies.aspx>

Here’s a quick summary:

- The 25 CE hours each license renewal (except the first one) will require a minimum of 15 contact hours.
- Of the 15 contact hours, at least 4 hours must be in the area of Professional Ethics, Boundaries and/or Communication.
- Methods to obtain CE contact hours include classes from a massage school, university, massage professional organization, or OBMT registered CE provider as long as subject is listed in the Topics of OAR334-010-0050 (1).
- Interactive distance learning cases may satisfy CE contact hours only in specific subject areas – Business, A & P, Kinesiology, Pathology, Professional Ethics, Boundaries and/or Communication, and Cultural Competency.
- CE Contact hours are also given to those who serve as a Peer Supervisor or Practical Examiner as well as to LMTs who attend Board meetings or serve on Board committees/task forces.

The method to become an OBMT registered CE provider will be fairly straightforward – this will allow those providers who are not associated with a school or professional organization to share their knowledge in classes. This registration does not mean OBMT has approved the content or reviewed the instructor’s qualifications. It will still be your job as consumers to be sure the class you plan to attend will be delivered professionally. If you have questions about the proposed CE Rules Revision, don’t hesitate to contact the Board staff.

– Lisa Barck Garofalo, Education Committee Chair.

## *When Should I Renew my License?*

The renewal cycle for your license is based on the month and year you were born. If you were born in an odd year (1989), then your next renewal is due in an odd year (2015). If you were born in an even year (1988), then your next renewal is due in an even year (2014). To renew your license with no late fees it must be received by the 1st day of your birth month of even/odd year.





## *FSMTB ANNUAL MEETING*

It was an honor and a privilege to be the OBMT delegate to the 2014 Federation of State Massage Boards (FSMTB) annual meeting in Tucson, Arizona. This was my fifth annual meeting in the seven years I have been serving on the Oregon Board of Massage Therapists as a Public Member.

The FSMTB was formed in 2005 with the mission “to support its Member Boards in their work to ensure that the practice of massage therapy is provided to the public in a safe and effective manner.” As a non-profit, the revenue collected by the organization helps provide support to its Members in fulfilling their responsibility of protecting the public from unsafe practice, enhance FSMTB programs and improve the quality of its examination and services. The Federation developed and administers the MBLEx pre-licensure exam.

The two-day annual meeting was very informative but, in my opinion, the highlight of the two days happened within the first hour of the annual meeting when the Executive Director of the Federation, Debra Persinger and the National Certification Board (NCB) CFO made this announcement.

“The Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) and the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB) have worked cooperatively to reach an agreement that the NCBTMB will no longer provide examinations for licensure purposes and will now focus exclusively on delivering quality certifica-

tion programs. This supports the common goal of the FSMTB, Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals (ABMP), American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) and the Alliance for Massage Therapy Education (AFMTE), for the Massage & Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx) to be utilized as the sole licensure exam for the profession, thus facilitating licensure portability for therapists.” (NCB website)

I attended my first FSMTB annual meeting in 2007, at that time, it seemed to me that the regulation of the massage profession was so different in all of the states that portability would never happen. Just a short seven years later, I left this annual meeting believing that the states are more similar than different and portability MAY be possible.

— Kathy Calise, Vice Chair.



“THE MESSAGE & BODYWORK LICENSING EXAMINATION (MBLEx) TO BE UTILIZED AS THE SOLE LICENSURE EXAM FOR THE PROFESSION, THUS FACILITATING LICENSURE PORTABILITY FOR THERAPISTS.” (NCB WEBSITE)





\*\*\*ORS Chapter 368 provides for transparency within State Government. The following disciplinary report is included in the BOARDerline as to allow transparency of all disciplinary actions taken by the Oregon Board of Massage Therapists during January 2014 through August 2014.\*\*\*

## **Oregon Board of Massage Therapists, Disciplinary Action Report 2014**

- Case: 1529 – Lihong Guan (\$1000 Civil Penalty)
- Case: 1544 – Johnny Ruezell Russell JR (\$1000 Civil Penalty)
- Case: 1561 – Lihong Guan (Denial of Application for Licensure)
- Case: 1568 – Jason M. Myers (Voluntary Surrender of Licensure)
- Case: 1574 – Randy Anderson (\$3000 Civil Penalty) (Is currently licensed)
- Case: 1594 – Roman Pervushin (\$750 Civil Penalty) (is currently licensed)
- Case: 1597 – Amanda N. Allan (\$250 Civil Penalty) (is currently licensed)
- Case: 1599 – Reimi Zacccone (\$1000 Civil Penalty)
- Case: 1608 – Angelin Maria Camacho (\$1000 Civil Penalty)
- Case: 1609 – Scott E. Williams (\$2000 Civil Penalty)
- Case: 1610 – Sodey Bright A. Philips (\$1000 Civil Penalty)
- Case: 1611 – Andy Baker (Consent Order)
- Case: 1618 – Bryce D. Cioffi (Voluntary Surrender of Licensure)
- Case: 1620 – Guan Pin Zhou (\$500 Civil Penalty)
- Case: 1621 – Xuan Hong Hu (\$500 Civil Penalty)
- Case: 1625 – Thomas Westran (Probation/Monitoring)
- Case: 1626 – Aaron J. Sanne (Consent Order)
- Case: 1630 – Wen Jiang (\$1000 Civil Penalty)



## **Oregon Board of Massage Therapists, Disciplinary Action Report 2014 Continue**

- Case: 1631 – Yun Wu Anderson (\$3000 Civil Penalty) (is currently licensed)
- Case: 1634 – Niimei E. Mehr (\$2000 Civil Penalty)
- Case: 1636 – Christina M. Vance (\$2000 Civil Penalty)
- Case: 1638 – David C. Common (Suspended)
- Case: 1639 – Rui Yun Fu (\$1500 Civil Penalty)
- Case: 1640 – Yaohun Duan (\$1000 Civil Penalty)
- Case: 1645 – Xtnwen Tang (\$1000 Civil Penalty)
- Case: 1646 – Lijing Huang (\$1000 Civil Penalty)
- Case: 1653 – Stephanie A. Dagostino (\$1000 Civil Penalty) (is currently licensed)
- Case: 1657 – Guohui Yang (\$500 Civil Penalty)
- Case: 1673 – Mary E. Lanning (Probation/Monitoring)

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