

****IMPORTANT NOTICE****

LAW CHANGE (ACT 102, SLH 2021)

On June 25, 2021, Act 102, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2021 was signed into law.

Act 102, SLH 2021 amended Hawaii Revised Statutes § 452-16 (Renewal of license; fee; **continuing education.**) to require continuing education for all Hawaii massage therapists with the biennium commencing on **July 1, 2022** and every biennial renewal thereafter.

The continuing education requirement:

- **Beginning on July 1, 2022**, requires all massage therapists to complete at least twelve (12) hours of continuing education within the 2-year period preceding the renewal date (**by June 30, 2024**), of which two (2) of those twelve (12) hours shall include first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or other emergency-related courses;
- Requires the Board to adopt rules relating to the requirements and standards that continuing education programs shall meet to obtain recognition and approval from the Board; and
- Authorizes the Board to conduct a random audit of licensees to determine compliance with the continuing education requirements during the preceding biennium. All licensees selected for audit will be provided written notice of their selection and required to respond within sixty (60) days of notification by and providing documentation verifying compliance with the continuing education requirements.

The Board of Massage Therapy is still in the process of promulgating administrative rules relating to the requirements and standards that continuing education programs shall meet to obtain recognition and approval from the Board and will be issuing a guidance document and FAQs in the near future on these requirements.

Click here to see a copy of Act 102, SLH 2021:

<https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2021/bills/GM1204 .PDF>