

## **Massage Therapist Documentation Required for Licensure**

- Application and fee (\$120). **All application fees are nonrefundable.** To apply, do one of the following:
  1. Create an account, apply and pay online at:  
<https://ibpllicense.iowa.gov/PublicPortal/Iowa/IBPL/common/index.jsp>, OR
  2. Print, complete and return a paper application with a check or money order payable to the Iowa Board of Massage Therapy:  
[http://idph.iowa.gov/Portals/1/Files/Licensure/mt\\_app\\_form.pdf](http://idph.iowa.gov/Portals/1/Files/Licensure/mt_app_form.pdf).
  
- Educational Requirement - Official transcripts conferring a degree in massage therapy sent directly from the massage school to the Iowa Board office. The Board requires a minimum of 600 hours. Applicants from schools with less than 600 hours or from schools that have been sanctioned by a national association or governmental body will require full board review at one of the board's quarterly meetings.
  
- Examination Requirement - Official National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork Examination (NCBTMB) or Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx) score results. Exam scores must be sent directly from the exam service to the Iowa Board Office. The applicant is responsible for contacting the examining body to request the scores be sent to the Iowa Board.
  
- If the applicant has never been licensed in another state, ignore this item. Applicants that have been previously licensed, registered or certified in any other state must provide official verification of licensure in the other state(s). The license verification must include license issue date, expiration date and any pending or past disciplinary action. The verification may be printed from another state licensing board's website if it contains all of the required information. If web based verification is not available, the verification must be sent directly to the Board office by the state(s) where the applicant has been licensed, registered, or certified.