

**TITLE 16       OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**  
**CHAPTER 7     MESSAGE THERAPISTS**  
**PART 10       EXAMINATIONS**

**16.7.10.1       ISSUING AGENCY:** Regulation and Licensing Department, Massage Therapy Board.  
[16.7.10.1 NMAC - Rp 16.7.10.1 NMAC, 11/15/2019]

**16.7.10.2       SCOPE:** This part applies to massage therapy applicants for licensure.  
[16.7.10.2 NMAC - Rp 16.7.10.2 NMAC, 11/15/2019]

**16.7.10.3       STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** This part is adopted pursuant to the Massage Therapy Practice Act, Sections 61-12C-13 and 61-12C-16 NMSA 1978.  
[16.7.10.3 NMAC - Rp 16.7.10.3 NMAC, 11/15/2019]

**16.7.10.4       DURATION:** Permanent.  
[16.7.10.4 NMAC - Rp 16.7.10.4 NMAC, 11/15/2019]

**16.7.10.5       EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 15, 2019, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[16.7.10.5 NMAC - Rp 16.7.10.5 NMAC, 11/15/2019]

**16.7.10.6       OBJECTIVE:** This part is to establish the examination requirements for massage therapy licensure.  
[16.7.10.6 NMAC - Rp 16.7.10.6 NMAC, 11/15/2019]

**16.7.10.7       DEFINITIONS:** (Refer to 16.7.1 NMAC).  
[16.7.10.7 NMAC - Rp 16.7.10.7 NMAC, 11/15/2019]

**16.7.10.8       JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION:**

**A.** All massage therapy licensure applicants applying for licensure by examination, and licensees that received their license under expedited licensure, prior to renewal of their license after initial licensure under expedited licensure must successfully pass the board's open-book jurisprudence examination.

**(1)** the applicant will receive the jurisprudence examination with instructions from the board office after the board office receives both the application and application fee;

**(2)** to complete the jurisprudence examination, the applicant will use the statute and regulations received either from the board or which the applicant downloaded from the board's website at [www.rld.state.nm.us](http://www.rld.state.nm.us);

**(3)** the applicant must pass the jurisprudence examination with a minimum score of seventy percent;

**(4)** the applicant must return the completed jurisprudence examination to the board office as required.

**B.** Applicants may retake the examination as many times as necessary to achieve a passing grade.

**C.** The jurisprudence examination shall not be reproduced or shared in any manner.

[16.7.10.8 NMAC - Rp 16.7.10.8 NMAC, 11/15/2019; A, 03/14/2023]

**16.7.10.9       LICENSING EXAMINATION:**

**A.** Applicants for massage therapy licensure must successfully pass a certification examination for therapeutic massage and bodywork (NCETMB), the national certification examination for therapeutic massage (NCETM) administered by the national certification board for therapeutic massage and bodywork (NCBTMB), the massage and bodywork licensing examination (MBLEx) administered by the federation of state massage therapy boards, or other examining or certification agency approved by the board.

**B.** The candidate must apply to take the NCETMB, NCETM or the MBLEx examination and meet the examining agency's requirements.

**C.** The applicant must ensure that the examining agency sends the official examination results directly to the board office.

[16.7.10.9 NMAC - Rp 16.7.10.9 NMAC, 11/15/2019; a, 03/14/2023]

**16.7.10.10 PROCEDURES TO RETAKE A LICENSING EXAMINATION:** Applicants who fail to pass an examination must apply directly to the examining agency to retake the examination.  
[16.7.10.10 NMAC - Rp 16.7.10.10 NMAC, 11/15/2019]

**HISTORY OF 16.7.10 NMAC:**

**Pre-NMAC History:** The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with State Records Center and Archives under:

Rule 92-8, Examination Procedures, 3/26/1992

Rule 92-8, Examination Procedures, 9/9/1992

Rule 92-8, Examination Procedures, 11/19/1992

Regulation 8, Examination Procedures, 1/5/1994

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**Other History:**

16.7.10 NMAC - Massage Therapists - Examinations filed 5/29/2001 was replaced by 16.7.10 NMAC - Massage Therapists - Examinations filed 5/29/2001 effective 11/15/2019.