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246-830-050	AIDS prevention and information education requirements. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.085 and 70.24.270. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-830-050, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-830-050, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 70.24.270. WSR 88-22-077 (Order PM 786), § 308-51-320, filed 11/2/88.] Repealed by WSR 98-05-060, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280.	246-830-280	Dismissal from examination. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025(1). WSR 94-13-181, § 246-830-280, filed 6/21/94, effective 7/22/94.] Repealed by WSR 97-20-101, filed 9/29/97, effective 10/30/97. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040.
246-830-220	Grading of examinations. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025. WSR 91-01-077 (Order 102B), recodified as § 246-830-220, filed 12/17/90, effective 1/31/91; WSR 88-11-011 (Order PM 725), § 308-51-110, filed 5/10/88. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.020 and 18.108.070. WSR 85-01-043 (Order PL 501), § 308-51-110, filed 12/13/84. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.020. WSR 79-10-042 (Order 314, Resolution No. 9/79), § 308-51-110, filed 9/13/79; Order PL 248, § 308-51-110, filed 5/25/76.] Repealed by WSR 97-20-101, filed 9/29/97, effective 10/30/97. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040.	246-830-410	Definitions. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025(1). WSR 94-13-181, § 246-830-410, filed 6/21/94, effective 7/22/94. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025. WSR 92-15-153 (Order 291B), § 246-830-410, filed 7/22/92, effective 8/22/92; WSR 91-01-077 (Order 102B), recodified as § 246-830-410, filed 12/17/90, effective 1/31/91; WSR 88-13-038 (Order PM 739), § 308-51A-010, filed 6/9/88.] Repealed by WSR 95-11-108, filed 5/23/95, effective 6/23/95. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025(1).
		246-830-460	Continuing education requirement—Amount. [Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280. WSR 98-05-060, §

- 246-830-460, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025(1). WSR 94-13-181, § 246-830-460, filed 6/21/94, effective 7/22/94.] Repealed by WSR 10-18-100, filed 9/1/10, effective 10/2/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025. Later promulgation, see WAC 246-830-475.
- 246-830-465 Effective date of requirement. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025(1). WSR 94-13-181, § 246-830-465, filed 6/21/94, effective 7/22/94.] Repealed by WSR 98-05-060, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280.
- 246-830-470 Exemptions. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025(1). WSR 94-13-181, § 246-830-470, filed 6/21/94, effective 7/22/94.] Repealed by WSR 98-05-060, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280.
- 246-830-480 Certification of compliance. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025(1). WSR 94-13-181, § 246-830-480, filed 6/21/94, effective 7/22/94.] Repealed by WSR 98-05-060, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280.
- 246-830-690 Cooperation with investigation. [Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.085, 18.130.050 and 18.130.070. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-830-690, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-830-690, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM 842), § 308-51-310, filed 6/30/89.] Repealed by WSR 97-20-101, filed 9/29/97, effective 10/30/97. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040.

MISCELLANEOUS

WAC 246-830-005 Definitions. For the purpose of administering chapter 18.108 RCW, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) "Massage" is as defined in RCW 18.108.010.
- (2) "Massage school" is an institution which has the sole purpose of offering training in massage therapy.
- (3) "Massage program" is training in massage therapy offered by an academic institution which also offers training in other areas of study. A program is an established area of study offered on a continuing basis.
- (4) "Apprenticeship program" is defined for the purposes of this chapter as training in massage administered by an apprenticeship trainer that satisfies the educational requirements for massage set forth in WAC 246-830-430, 246-830-440, and 246-830-450. This training shall be offered by an apprenticeship trainer to no more than three apprentices at one time and shall be completed within two years.
- (5) "Apprenticeship trainer" is defined as a massage practitioner licensed in the state of Washington with not less than five current years of experience in full-time practice.
- (6) "Apprentice" is defined as an individual enrolled in an apprenticeship program, and shall be held to the same standards as students in schools or programs.
- (7) "Student" means an individual currently enrolled in an approved school, program, or apprenticeship program, who is practicing massage solely for the purposes of education as is incidental to their current course work and who is not receiving compensation for said practice.
- (8) "Direct supervision" means a faculty member is on the premises, is quickly and easily available and the client has been examined by the faculty member at such time as acceptable massage practice requires.
- (9) "Animal" means any species normally recognized as treatable by veterinary medicine.

(10) "Large animal" means any species commonly recognized as livestock and exotics. Livestock includes horses, cattle, swine and sheep.

(11) "Small animal" means any species commonly recognized as domesticated. Domesticated includes canine, feline and other small animals.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.230(5). WSR 03-11-033, § 246-830-005, filed 5/15/03, effective 6/15/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025(1) and 18.108.085 (1)(a). WSR 96-22-098, § 246-830-005, filed 11/6/96, effective 12/7/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025(1). WSR 95-11-108, § 246-830-005, filed 5/23/95, effective 6/23/95.]

WAC 246-830-010 Meetings of the board. The board shall meet as needed throughout the year to accomplish the business of the board. The meeting dates are listed in the Washington State Register. Information regarding meetings of the board may be obtained by contacting: Department of Health, Board of Massage, P.O. Box 47869, 1300 Quince St. SE, Olympia, WA 98504-7869.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025(1). WSR 94-13-181, § 246-830-010, filed 6/21/94, effective 7/22/94.]

WAC 246-830-020 Applications. Application forms for licensure shall be prepared by the secretary and shall provide for the statement of all information required for the license in question. An applicant shall be required to furnish to the secretary a current photograph of passport size, approximately two inches by two inches, with the original application and satisfactory evidence to establish that all requirements for the license have been fulfilled by the applicant, including the requirement that the applicant be of good moral character and is not in violation of chapter 18.130 RCW.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.085. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-830-020, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025. WSR 91-01-077 (Order 102B), recodified as § 246-830-020, filed 12/17/90, effective 1/31/91; WSR 88-11-011 (Order PM 725), § 308-51-010, filed 5/10/88. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.020 and 18.108.-070. WSR 85-01-043 (Order PL 501), § 308-51-010, filed 12/13/84. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.020. WSR 81-11-005 (Order PL 379), § 308-51-010, filed 5/11/81; Order PL 255, § 308-51-010, filed 8/20/76; Order PL 231, § 308-51-010, filed 10/30/75.]

WAC 246-830-035 Licensing without examination.

(1) A license to practice massage shall be issued without examination provided an individual holds a current license to practice massage in another jurisdiction that has examination and education requirements substantially equivalent to those in Washington.

(2) An individual applying for a license without examination shall submit to the department:

(a) A completed application on a form provided by the department;

(b) The required nonrefundable application fee;

(c) Documentation that the examination and education requirements of the other jurisdiction are substantially equivalent to those in Washington;

(d) Successful completion of an open book test provided by the department which demonstrates a working knowledge of Washington law as contained in chapters 18.108 and 18.130 RCW, and chapter 246-830 WAC;

(e) Applicants must complete four clock hours of AIDS education as required in chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 8;

(f) Written certification from all jurisdictions in which the applicant has practiced massage verifying that the applicant has a record of good standing and has not been the subject of any disciplinary action.

(3) Restrictions:

(a) All applicants shall be subject to the grounds for denial or issuance of a license conditioned on the applicant's compliance with an order entered pursuant to RCW 18.130.-160;

(b) An individual who has failed the Washington state licensing examination shall not be eligible for licensing without examination.

(4) If application for licensing without examination is denied, the applicant may apply for licensing as set forth in RCW 18.108.070.

(5) A license issued without examination is subject to an original license fee and all other renewal requirements set forth in this chapter.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280. WSR 98-05-060, § 246-830-035, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025(1). WSR 94-13-181, § 246-830-035, filed 6/21/94, effective 7/22/94.]

WAC 246-830-040 Equipment and sanitation. (1) All practitioners utilizing hydrotherapies including but not limited to cabinet, vapor or steam baths, whirlpool, hot tub or tub baths shall have available adequate shower facilities.

(2) All cabinets, showers, tubs, basins, massage or steam tables, hydrotherapy equipment, and all other fixed equipment used shall be thoroughly cleansed and shall be rendered free from harmful organisms by the application of an accepted bactericidal agent.

(3) Combs, brushes, shower caps, mechanical, massage and hydrotherapy instruments, or bathing devices that come in contact with the body shall be sterilized or disinfected by modern and approved methods and instruments. Devices, equipment or parts thereof having been used on one person shall be sterilized or disinfected before being used on another person.

(4) Impervious material shall cover, full length, all massage tables or pads, directly under fresh sheets and linens or disposable paper sheets.

(5) All single service materials and clean linen such as sheets, towels, gowns, pillow cases and all other linens used in the practice of massage, shall be furnished by the practitioner for the use of each client. Linens shall be stored in a sanitary manner.

(6) All towels and linens used for one person shall be laundered or cleaned before they are used by any other person.

(7) All soiled linens shall be immediately placed in a covered receptacle.

(8) Soap and clean towels shall be provided by the practitioner for use by clients and employees.

(9) All equipment shall be clean, well maintained and in good repair.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025. WSR 91-01-077 (Order 102B), recodified as § 246-830-040, filed 12/17/90, effective 1/31/91; WSR 88-11-011 (Order PM 725), § 308-51-050, filed 5/10/88; Order PL 231, § 308-51-050, filed 10/30/75.]

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EXAMINATION

WAC 246-830-201 Scope of examination. (1) The examination for a massage practitioner's license shall, except as noted in subsection (2) of this section, consist of written questions as well as a practical demonstration of massage therapy.

(2) An applicant handicapped by blindness will not be subject to a written examination. A blind applicant will be asked questions orally to appropriately test the range and depth of his/her knowledge of the subjects shown in subsection (3) of this section.

(3) Questions will be sufficient in number to satisfy the board of massage that the applicant has been given an adequate opportunity to express his or her knowledge relating to subjects as stated in RCW 18.108.073(2).

(4) The practical demonstration of massage will be conducted before the examiner(s) and the applicant will be required to perform massage therapy. The following will be evaluated:

- (a) Professional manner,
- (b) Lubrication,
- (c) Overall demonstration of work: Pressure, rhythm, smoothness, organization,
- (d) Interaction with client,
- (e) Effleurage,
- (f) Petrissage,
- (g) Friction,
- (h) Vibration,
- (i) Tapotement,
- (j) Joint demonstration and Swedish gymnastics,
- (k) Specific muscle demonstration,
- (l) Client endangerment,
- (m) Draping and turning,
- (n) Treatment of various conditions.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025. WSR 91-01-077 (Order 102B), recodified as § 246-830-201, filed 12/17/90, effective 1/31/91; WSR 88-11-011 (Order PM 725), § 308-51-100, filed 5/10/88. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.020 and 18.108.070. WSR 85-01-043 (Order PL 501), § 308-51-100, filed 12/13/84. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.020. WSR 80-01-018 (Order PL 329, Resolution No. 12/79), § 308-51-100, filed 12/13/79; Order PL 248, § 308-51-100, filed 5/25/76.]

WAC 246-830-290 Documents in a foreign language. All application documents submitted in a foreign language shall be accompanied by an accurate translation of those documents into English. Translated documents shall bear a notarized affidavit certifying that the translator is competent in both the language of the document and the English language and that the translation is a true and complete translation of the foreign language original. Costs of translation of all documents shall be at the expense of the applicant.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025(1). WSR 94-13-181, § 246-830-290, filed 6/21/94, effective 7/22/94.]

EDUCATION

WAC 246-830-401 Scope and purpose. (1) The minimum educational requirements for licensure to practice massage therapy in Washington is successful completion of a course of study from a massage school, program, or apprenticeship program approved by the board.

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(2) The purpose of this chapter is to provide a set of standards and procedures by which massage schools, programs, or apprenticeship programs may obtain approval by the board in order that graduates of those schools, programs, or apprenticeship programs may be permitted to take examinations for licensure.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025(1). WSR 95-11-108, § 246-830-401, filed 5/23/95, effective 6/23/95. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025. WSR 92-15-153 (Order 291B), § 246-830-401, filed 7/22/92, effective 8/22/92; WSR 91-01-077 (Order 102B), recodified as § 246-830-401, filed 12/17/90, effective 1/31/91; WSR 88-13-038 (Order PM 739), § 308-51A-030, filed 6/9/88.]

WAC 246-830-420 Approval of school, program, or apprenticeship program. The board may accept proof of a national professional association's approval of a school or program based on standards and requirements which are substantially equivalent to those identified in this chapter, in lieu of the requirements contained in this chapter. Approval in this manner may be requested on a form provided by the department. The board will consider for approval any school, program, or apprenticeship program which meets the requirements as outlined in this chapter.

(1) Approval of any other school or program may be requested on a form provided by the department.

(2) Application for approval of a school or program, shall be made by the authorized representative of the school or the administrator of the apprenticeship agreement.

(3) The authorized representative of the school or the administrator of the apprenticeship program may request approval of the school or program, as of the date of the application or retroactively to a specified date.

(4) The application for approval of a school, program, or apprenticeship program shall include, but not be limited to, documentation required by the board pertaining to: Syllabus, qualifications of instructors, training locations, and facilities, outline of curriculum plan specifying all subjects and length in hours such subjects are taught, class objectives, and a sample copy of one of each of the following exams: Anatomy, physiology, and massage therapy.

(5) Any school, program, or apprenticeship program that is required to be licensed by private vocational education (see chapter 28C.10 RCW or Title 28B RCW), or any other statute, must complete these requirements before being considered by the board for approval.

(6) The board will evaluate the application and, if necessary, conduct a site inspection of the school, program, or apprenticeship program, prior to granting approval by the board.

(7) Upon completion of the evaluation of the application, the board may grant or deny approval or grant approval conditioned upon appropriate modification to the application.

(8) In the event the department denies an application or grants conditional approval, the authorized representative of the applicant's school or program may request a review within thirty days of the board's adverse decision/action. Should a request for review of an adverse action be made after thirty days following the board's action, the contesting party may obtain review only by submitting a new application.

(9) The authorized representative of an approved school, program or the administrator of an apprenticeship agreement shall notify the board of significant changes with respect to information provided on the application within sixty days.

(10) The board may inspect or review an approved school, program, or apprenticeship program at reasonable intervals for compliance. Approval may be withdrawn if the board finds failure to comply with the requirements of law, administrative rules, or representations in the application.

(11) The authorized representative of a school, program or administrator of an apprenticeship agreement must immediately correct the deficiencies which resulted in withdrawal of the board's approval.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025(1). WSR 95-11-108, § 246-830-420, filed 5/23/95, effective 6/23/95. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025. WSR 92-15-153 (Order 291B), § 246-830-420, filed 7/22/92, effective 8/22/92; WSR 91-01-077 (Order 102B), recodified as § 246-830-420, filed 12/17/90, effective 1/31/91; WSR 88-13-038 (Order PM 739), § 308-51A-020, filed 6/9/88.]

WAC 246-830-430 Training. (1) A massage education program shall have a curriculum and system of training consistent with its particular area of practice. The training in massage therapy shall consist of a minimum of five hundred hours. An hour of training is defined as fifty minutes of actual instructional time. Certification in American Red Cross first aid and American Heart Association CPR or the equivalent shall be required. This requirement is in addition to the five hundred hours of training in massage therapy. These five hundred hours are not to be completed in less than six months and shall consist of the following:

(a) One hundred thirty hours of anatomy, physiology, and kinesiology including palpation, range of motion, and physics of joint function. There must be a minimum of forty hours of kinesiology.

(b) Fifty hours of pathology including indications and contraindications consistent with the particular area of practice.

(c) Two hundred sixty-five hours of theory and practice of massage to include techniques, remedial movements, body mechanics of the practitioner, and the impact of techniques on pathologies. A maximum of fifty of these hours may include time spent in a student clinic. Hydrotherapy shall be included when consistent with the particular area of practice.

(d) Fifty-five hours of clinical/business practices, at a minimum to include hygiene, recordkeeping, medical terminology, professional ethics, business management, human behavior, client interaction, and state and local laws.

(2) To receive credit in an apprenticeship program for previous education, this education must have been completed within the five-year period prior to enrollment in the apprenticeship program.

(3) Students attending schools and programs outside the state of Washington shall acquire a working knowledge of the laws of Washington state applying to massage therapy.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025(1). WSR 95-11-108, § 246-830-430, filed 5/23/95, effective 6/23/95; WSR 94-13-181, § 246-830-430, filed 6/21/94, effective 7/22/94. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025. WSR 92-15-153 (Order 291B), § 246-830-430, filed 7/22/92, effective 8/22/92; WSR 91-01-077 (Order 102B), recodified as § 246-830-430, filed 12/17/90, effective 1/31/91; WSR 88-13-038 (Order PM 739), § 308-51A-040, filed 6/9/88.]

WAC 246-830-435 Animal massage training. (1) For the purpose of animal massage practitioner endorsement as provided in chapter 18.108 RCW, board approval will be given to any training that consists of a minimum of one hundred hours. An hour of training is defined as fifty minutes out of a clock hour of actual instructional time. These one hundred hours must consist of the following:

- (a) Twenty-five hours of animal massage technique;
- (b) Twenty-five hours of animal kinesiology;
- (c) Twenty hours of animal anatomy and physiology;
- (d) Four hours of animal first aid which includes knowledge of normal vital signs, identification of emergency or life threatening situations, emergency first-aid application, and legal boundaries of emergency situations; and
- (e) Twenty-six hours of proper handling techniques which must include instruction on the ability to control the animal to minimize risk of harm to the animal and the animal massage practitioner.

(2) Any school or training program that is required to be licensed by private vocational education (see chapter 28C.10 RCW or Title 28B RCW), or any other statute, must complete those requirements before the board will consider the training for approval.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.230(5). WSR 03-11-033, § 246-830-435, filed 5/15/03, effective 6/15/03.]

WAC 246-830-440 Curriculum—Academic standards—Faculty—Student clinic. (1) The curriculum of the school, program, or apprenticeship program shall be designed and presented to meet or exceed the requirement of five hundred hours.

(2) Academic standards. The school, program or apprenticeship trainer shall regularly evaluate the quality of its instruction and have a clearly defined set of standards of competence required of its students. Promotion to each successive phase of the program and graduation shall be dependent on mastery of the knowledge and skills presented in the program.

(3) Faculty. Apprenticeship trainers and faculty members shall be qualified by training and experience to give effective instruction in the subject(s) taught. The apprenticeship trainer and faculty should develop and evaluate the curriculum instructional methods and facilities; student discipline, welfare, and counseling; assist in the establishment of administrative and educational policies, and scholarly and professional growth. Schools, programs, or apprenticeship programs shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, age, color, religion, physical handicap, or national or ethnic origin in the recruitment and hiring of faculty.

(4) Student clinic (optional program). The clinical facilities shall be adequate in size, number, and resources to provide for student practice of massage on the general public. There shall be properly equipped rooms for consultations, massage therapy or treatment, and equipment as required in the practice of massage. A faculty member who is a licensed massage practitioner and adequately experienced in massage therapy must be present in the clinic at all times the clinic is open and in direct supervision of, and have final decision in, the massage therapy which is rendered to clients by students.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025(1). WSR 95-11-108, § 246-830-440, filed 5/23/95, effective 6/23/95. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025.

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WAC 246-830-450 Health, sanitation, and facility standards. All schools, programs, and apprenticeship programs shall have adequate facilities and equipment available for students learning massage therapy. All facility equipment shall be maintained in accordance with local rules and ordinances in addition to those imposed by chapter 246-830 WAC. Instructional and practice equipment shall be similar to that found in common occupational practice. An adequate reference library, appropriate to the subjects being taught, shall be available.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025(1). WSR 95-11-108, § 246-830-450, filed 5/23/95, effective 6/23/95. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025. WSR 92-15-153 (Order 291B), § 246-830-450, filed 7/22/92, effective 8/22/92; WSR 91-01-077 (Order 102B), recodified as § 246-830-450, filed 12/17/90, effective 1/31/91; WSR 88-13-038 (Order PM 739), § 308-51A-060, filed 6/9/88.]

WAC 246-830-475 Continuing education requirements. (1) To renew a license, licensed massage practitioners must complete twenty-four hours of continuing education every two years.

(a) A minimum of eight hours must be direct supervised massage skills training; and

(b) A minimum of four hours must be in professional ethics, communication, and/or Washington state massage laws and regulations. Two of these hours must include professional roles and boundaries; and

(c) The remaining twelve hours may be met by meeting the requirements in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) For the purposes of this chapter, continuing education is defined as any of the following activities that involve direct application of massage therapy knowledge, skills, and business practices:

(a) Attendance at a local, state, national, or international continuing education program.

(b) First aid, CPR, or emergency related classes.

(c) Self study through the use of multimedia devices or the study of books, research materials, and/or other publications.

(i) Multimedia devices. The required documentation for this activity is a letter or other documentation from the organization. A maximum of twelve hours is allowed per reporting period.

(ii) Books, research materials, and/or other publications. The required documentation for this activity is a two-page synopsis of what was learned written by the licensee. A maximum of two hours is allowed per reporting period.

(d) Teaching a course for the first time, not to exceed eight hours.

(e) Business and management courses not to exceed eight hours.

(f) Specialized training. Training must be provided for a fee by an individual who has no less than three years of expertise in that area.

(g) Distance learning. Distance learning includes, but is not limited to, correspondence course, webinar, print, audio/video broadcasting, audio/video teleconferencing,

computer aided instruction, e-learning/on-line-learning, or computer broadcasting/webcasting. A maximum of twelve hours is allowed per reporting period.

(h) Active service on massage related boards or committees. A maximum of twelve hours is allowed per reporting period.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025, 18.108.125, and 43.70.250. WSR 09-11-016, § 246-830-475, filed 5/7/09, effective 6/7/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025(1). WSR 95-11-108, § 246-830-475, filed 5/23/95, effective 6/23/95; WSR 94-13-181, § 246-830-475, filed 6/21/94, effective 7/22/94.]

WAC 246-830-477 Inactive credential. (1) A licensed massage practitioner may obtain an inactive credential.

(2) Licensed massage practitioners with an inactive credential for four years or less who wish to return to active status must meet the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 4.

(3) Licensed massage practitioners with an inactive credential for more than four years but less than ten years who wish to return to active status must:

(a) Successfully pass a Washington state approved licensure exam;

(b) Complete continuing education for the two most recent years as specified in WAC 246-830-475; and

(c) Complete the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 4.

(4) Licensed massage practitioners with an inactive credential for more than ten years must:

(a) Successfully pass a Washington state approved licensure exam;

(b) Complete continuing education for the two most recent years as specified in WAC 246-830-475;

(c) Successfully complete a refresher course of at least fifty hours by a Washington state board approved massage school or massage apprenticeship program; and

(d) Complete the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 4.

(5) Licensed massage practitioners with a Washington state inactive credential who have been in active practice in another United States jurisdiction, and who wish to return to active status must:

(a) Submit verification of active credential from any other United States jurisdiction;

(b) Complete continuing education for the two most recent years as specified in WAC 246-830-475; and

(c) Complete the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 4.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025, 18.108.125, and 43.70.250. WSR 09-11-016, § 246-830-477, filed 5/7/09, effective 6/7/09.]

WAC 246-830-485 Somatic education training program exemption. (1) The secretary will consider approval for exemption from this chapter any individual who has completed a somatic education program that has a professional organization with a permanent administrative location that oversees the practice of somatic education training and that has the following:

(a) Standards of practice;

(b) A training accreditation process;

(c) An instructor certification process;

(d) A practitioner certification process;

(e) A code of ethics or code of professional conduct.

(2) An authorized representative shall submit a request for approval of a program on forms provided by the secretary.

(3) The secretary or designee will evaluate the training program and grant approval or denial. If denied, applicants will be given the opportunity to appeal through the brief adjudicative hearing process as authorized in chapter 246-10 WAC.

(4) The secretary may request from an approved training program, and the program shall provide, updated information every three years to ensure the program's compliance with this rule. Approval may be withdrawn if the program fails to maintain the requirements of this rule. Where a determination has been made that the program no longer meets the requirements of this rule and a decision is made to withdraw approval, an approved program may appeal through the brief adjudicative proceeding as authorized in chapter 246-10 WAC.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 18.108 RCW. WSR 00-07-086, § 246-830-485, filed 3/15/00, effective 4/15/00.]

WAC 246-830-490 Intraoral massage training.

Licensed massage practitioners may perform intraoral massage after completing specific intraoral massage training and after receiving an intraoral massage endorsement to their massage practitioner license.

To qualify for an intraoral massage endorsement you must complete the following training:

(1) Sixteen hours of direct supervised training must include:

(a) Hands-on intraoral massage techniques, cranial anatomy, physiology, and kinesiology; and

(b) Hygienic practices, safety and sanitation; and

(c) Pathology and contraindications.

Hygienic practices, safety and sanitation includes, but is not limited to: Gloves shall be worn during treatment and training which involves intraoral procedures. Fresh gloves shall be used for every intraoral patient contact. Gloves shall not be washed or reused for any purpose. The same pair of gloves shall not be used, removed, and reused for the same patient at the same visit or for any other purpose. Gloves that have been used for intraoral treatment shall not be reused for any other purpose; and

(2) Supervised training must be obtained from a licensed massage practitioner endorsed in intraoral massage or from an individual who is licensed, certified, or registered and who has performed intraoral massage services within their authorized scope of practice.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 18.108 RCW, 2007 c 272. WSR 08-17-001, § 246-830-490, filed 8/6/08, effective 9/6/08.]

DISCIPLINARY

WAC 246-830-610 Definitions. For the purposes of WAC 246-830-610 through 246-830-690, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

(1) "Department" means the department of health, whose address is:

Department of Health
 Health Professions Quality Assurance Division
 P.O. Box 1099
 Olympia, Washington 98507-1099

(2) "Hospital" means any health care institution licensed pursuant to chapter 70.41 RCW.

(3) "Massage practitioner" means an individual licensed under chapter 18.108 RCW.

(4) "Mentally or physically disabled massage practitioner" means a massage practitioner who is currently mentally incompetent or mentally ill as determined by a court, or who is unable to practice massage therapy with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of any mental or physical condition and who continues to practice while so impaired.

(5) "Nursing home" means any health care institution which comes under chapter 18.51 RCW.

(6) "Unprofessional conduct" means the conduct described in RCW 18.130.180.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025(1). WSR 95-11-108, § 246-830-610, filed 5/23/95, effective 6/23/95. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.085 and 18.130.050. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-830-610, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-830-610, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM 842), § 308-51-230, filed 6/30/89.]

WAC 246-830-620 Mandatory reporting. (1) All reports required by this chapter shall be submitted to the department as soon as possible, but no later than twenty days after a determination is made.

(2) A report should contain the following information if known:

(a) The name, address, and telephone number of the person making the report.

(b) The name and address and telephone numbers of the massage practitioner being reported.

(c) The case number of any client whose treatment is a subject of the report.

(d) A brief description or summary of the facts which gave rise to the issuance of the report, including dates of occurrences.

(e) If court action is involved, the name of the court in which the action is filed along with the date of filing and docket number.

(f) Any further information which would aid in the evaluation of the report.

(3) Mandatory reports shall be exempt from public inspection and copying to the extent permitted under RCW 42.17.310 or to the extent that public inspection or copying of the report or any portion of the report would invade or violate a person's right to privacy as set forth in RCW 42.17.255.

(4) A person is immune from civil liability, whether direct or derivative, for providing information to the department pursuant to RCW 18.130.070.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-830-620, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM 842), § 308-51-240, filed 6/30/89.]

(9/18/12)

WAC 246-830-630 Health care institutions. The chief administrator or executive officer of any hospital or nursing home or their designee shall report to the department when any massage practitioner's services are terminated or are restricted based on a determination that the massage practitioner has either committed an act or acts which may constitute unprofessional conduct or that the massage practitioner may be unable to practice with reasonable skill or safety to clients by reason of any mental or physical condition.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-830-630, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM 842), § 308-51-250, filed 6/30/89.]

WAC 246-830-640 Massage practitioner associations or societies. The president or chief executive officer of any massage practitioner association or society within this state shall report to the department when the association or society determines that a massage practitioner has committed unprofessional conduct or that a massage practitioner may not be able to practice massage therapy with reasonable skill and safety to clients as the result of any mental or physical condition. The report required by this section shall be made without regard to whether the license holder appeals, accepts, or acts upon the determination made by the association or society. Notification of appeal shall be included.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-830-640, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM 842), § 308-51-260, filed 6/30/89.]

WAC 246-830-650 Health care service contractors and disability insurance carriers. The executive officer of every health care service contractor and disability insurer, licensed under chapters 48.20, 48.21, 48.21A, and 48.44 RCW, operating in the state of Washington shall report to the department all final determinations that a massage practitioner has engaged in fraud in billing for services.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-830-650, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM 842), § 308-51-270, filed 6/30/89.]

WAC 246-830-660 Professional liability carriers. Every institution or organization providing professional liability insurance directly or indirectly to massage practitioners shall send a complete report to the department of any malpractice settlement, award, or payment in excess of twenty thousand dollars as a result of a claim or action for damages alleged to have been caused by an insured massage practitioner's incompetency or negligence in the practice of massage. Such institution or organization shall also report the award, settlement, or payment of three or more claims during a twelve-month period as a result of the massage practitioner's alleged incompetence or negligence in the practice of massage therapy.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-830-660, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM 842), § 308-51-280, filed 6/30/89.]

WAC 246-830-670 Courts. The department requests the assistance of the clerk of trial courts within the state to report all professional malpractice judgments and all convictions of licensed massage practitioners, other than minor traffic violations.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-830-670, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM 842), § 308-51-290, filed 6/30/89.]

and 43.70.250. WSR 92-02-018 (Order 224), § 246-830-990, filed 12/23/91, effective 1/23/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-830-990, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.24.086. WSR 88-24-042 (Order PM 788), § 308-51-210, filed 12/6/88; WSR 87-18-031 (Order PM 667), § 308-51-210, filed 8/27/87.]

WAC 246-830-680 State and federal agencies. The department requests the assistance of executive officers of any state or federal program operating in the state of Washington, under which a massage practitioner is employed to provide client care services, to report to the department whenever such a massage practitioner has been judged to have demonstrated his/her incompetency or negligence in the practice of massage therapy, or has otherwise committed unprofessional conduct, or is a mentally or physically disabled massage practitioner. These requirements do not supersede any state or federal law.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-830-680, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.070. WSR 89-14-092 (Order PM 842), § 308-51-300, filed 6/30/89.]

FEES

WAC 246-830-990 Massage fees and renewal cycle.

(1) Licenses must be renewed every year on the practitioner's birthday as provided in chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 2.

(2) The following nonrefundable fees will be charged:

Title of Fee	Fee
Written examination and reexamination	\$65.00
Practical examination and reexamination	50.00
Initial license	90.00
Renewal	65.00
Late renewal penalty	50.00
Expired license reissuance	50.00
Inactive license renewal	50.00
Expired inactive license reissuance	50.00
Certification of license	10.00
Duplicate license	10.00
Intraoral massage endorsement	25.00
UW online access fee (HEAL-WA)	16.00

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.110 (3)(c) and 43.70.250. WSR 12-19-088, § 246-830-990, filed 9/18/12, effective 11/1/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025, 18.108.125, and 43.70.250. WSR 09-11-016, § 246-830-990, filed 5/7/09, effective 6/7/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.110, 43.70.250, 2008 c 329. WSR 08-15-014, § 246-830-990, filed 7/7/08, effective 7/7/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.250, [43.70.]280 and 43.70-110. WSR 05-12-012, § 246-830-990, filed 5/20/05, effective 7/1/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.250. WSR 03-07-095, § 246-830-990, filed 3/19/03, effective 7/1/03; WSR 99-08-101, § 246-830-990, filed 4/6/99, effective 7/1/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280. WSR 98-05-060, § 246-830-990, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025(1). WSR 95-11-108, § 246-830-990, filed 5/23/95, effective 6/23/95. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.250. WSR 93-14-011, § 246-830-990, filed 6/24/93, effective 7/25/93. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.085