

This is an amendment to 16.7.11 NMAC, Section 8 effective 3/10/2026.

16.7.11.8 ~~[GENERAL PROVISIONS]~~ **CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**: The board does not maintain a list of continuing education providers. The licensee must determine where to obtain the required continuing education.

A. As a condition for license renewal, each massage therapist licensed pursuant to the Massage Therapy Practice Act must complete 16 hours of continuing education of which up to eight hours can be taken on-line.

(1) continuing education must be completed within the 24 months immediately preceding the renewal date of October 31;

(2) excess hours cannot be carried over to future renewals;

(3) continuing education taken prior to the 24 month period will not be accepted;

(4) each licensee will maintain documentation of all completed continuing education, including contact information for the provider of each course.

B. Audit process: The board will audit continuing education to verify compliance.

(1) a minimum of ten percent of renewing licensees will be randomly selected for audit;

(2) audit requests may be included in the renewal notice;

(3) licensees not selected for audit shall attest to the completion of continuing education for the current renewal cycle;

(4) the board may audit any licensee's continuing education records at any time before the next scheduled license renewal;

(5) ~~[audited licensees who fail to provide the requested continuing education records at any time before the next scheduled license renewal.]~~ An individual who submits records or a sworn affidavit on their renewal application to demonstrate compliance with continuing education requirements but is found to be noncompliant during a random audit will be subject to fines and other penalties determined appropriate by the board.
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