



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4731.19 License to practice a limited branch of medicine.

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Legislation: Senate Bill 131 (GA 134), House Bill 509 (GA 134)

(A) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, a person seeking a license to practice the limited branch of medicine of massage therapy shall file with the state medical board an application in a manner prescribed by the board. The application shall include or be accompanied by all of the following:

- (1) Evidence that the applicant is at least eighteen years of age;
- (2) Evidence that the applicant has attained high school graduation or its equivalent;
- (3) Evidence that the applicant holds one of the following:
 - (a) A diploma or certificate from a school, college, or institution in good standing as determined by the board in accordance with rules adopted under section 4731.05 of the Revised Code, showing the completion of a course of instruction in massage therapy of at least six hundred clock hours.
 - (b) A diploma or certificate from a school, college, or institution in another state or jurisdiction meeting standards determined by the board through rules adopted under section 4731.05 of the Revised Code, that require the completion of a course of instruction in massage therapy of at least six hundred clock hours.
- (4) Evidence that the applicant has successfully passed an examination, prescribed in rules described in section 4731.16 of the Revised Code, to determine competency to practice massage therapy;
- (5) An attestation that the information submitted under this section is accurate and truthful and that the applicant consents to release of information;
- (6) Any other information the board requires.



(B) An applicant for a license to practice massage therapy shall comply with the requirements of section 4731.171 of the Revised Code.

(C) At the time of making application for a license to practice massage therapy, the applicant shall pay to the board a fee of one hundred fifty dollars, no part of which shall be returned. No application shall be considered filed until the board receives the appropriate fee.

(D) The board may investigate the application materials received under this section and contact any agency or organization for recommendations or other information about the applicant.

(E) The board shall issue a certificate to practice a limited branch of medicine in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license or certificate in another state.

(2) As described in that chapter, the applicant has satisfactory work experience in practicing, or a government certification or private certification to practice, a limited branch of medicine in a state that does not issue that license or certificate.

The Legislative Service Commission presents the text of this section as a composite of the section as amended by multiple acts of the General Assembly. This presentation recognizes the principle stated in R.C. 1.52(B) that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation.