

# STATEMENT OF SCOPE

## Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board

Rule No.: Chapter MTBT 7

Relating to: Continuing Education

Rule Type: Permanent

**1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only):**

N/A

**2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:**

The Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board will update s. MTBT 7.02 (3) to clarify when continuing education is required to be completed.

**3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:**

Chapter MTBT 7 contains the continuing education requirements for renewal of a license in massage therapy or bodywork therapy. Section MTBT 7.02 (3) provides continuing education must be completed “within 2 calendar years immediately preceding the calendar year for which application for renewal is made.” This language is unclear, which has led to difficulty in complying with and administering the continuing education requirement. The proposed rules will clarify the requirement by providing continuing education must be completed during the 2-year period immediately preceding the renewal date. The alternative of not updating these rules would be less beneficial to affected entities.

**4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):**

Section 15.085 (5) (b), Stats., provides that affiliated credentialing boards, such as the Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board, “shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains . . .”

Section 460.10 (1) (a), Stats., provides the Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board may promulgate rules establishing “[r]equirements and procedures for a license holder to complete continuing education programs or courses of study to qualify for renewal of his or her license.”

**5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule :**

50 hours

**6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule :**

Wisconsin licensed massage therapists and bodywork therapists.

**7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule :**

None.

**8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):**

The proposed rule will have minimal to no economic impact on small businesses and the state's economy as a whole.

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