



## MASSAGE THERAPY

### Staggered Renewal Schedule Information

**Define “staggered renewal”:**

“Staggered renewal” is a method of shifting Ohio Massage Therapist license expiration dates from a single date of expiration for all licensees to variable expiration dates based upon the first letter of the licensee’s last name. The staggered renewal method provides funding for the Medical Board on a continual basis as contrasted to biennial funding.

**Initial Licensure and Expiration Date:**

The initial application fee a Massage Therapist pays to cover the cost of processing the application and issuing a certificate. Once a certificate is issued, a Massage Therapist may practice without paying a further fee until their renewal group is required to renew. The period before a Massage Therapist is required to renew will vary, sometimes significantly, depending on when the license is issued and when your renewal group is required to renew. The chart below indicates when the renewal application is generated for each renewal group.

**Name Changes:**

The licensee’s renewal group will be based upon the first letter of their last name at the time of their initial license. Should there be a name change; the licensee will remain in their originally assigned group for all subsequent license renewals.

**Continuing Massage Therapy Education requirements:**

***Continuing Education - Coming Soon***

House Bill 483 of the 130th General Assembly authorizes the State Medical Board to establish continuing education for massage therapists. The Board is currently in the process of finalizing rules that have been sent out and presented for public comment.

First initial of licensee's last name	Renewal Reminder Notice Generated	License Expiration date
A-B	4/2/21	7/1/21
C-D	1/2/21	4/1/21
E-G	10/2/20	1/1/21
H-K	7/2/20	10/1/20
L-M	4/2/20	7/1/20
N-R	1/2/20	4/1/20
S	10/2/19	1/1/20
T-Z	7/3/19	10/1/19

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