

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO MASSAGE THERAPY STATUTES RE:  
BIENNIAL RENEWAL SCHEDULE**

36-35-12.3. Expiration of license and licensure cycle. The board's licensure cycle runs from October first through September thirtieth. Beginning in 2020, the board may implement a biennial licensure and renewal schedule, pursuant to which applicants or licensees with even-numbered birth years may be granted licensure with renewal required on even-numbered years, and applicants or licensees with odd-numbered birth years may be granted licensure with renewal required on odd-numbered years. The board may utilize an annual licensure and renewal schedule for applicants or licensees as necessary while transitioning to the biennial schedule based on birth year. A license issued under this chapter is valid until September thirtieth following the date it is issued in accordance with the annual or biennial licensure and renewal schedule applicable to the applicant or licensee, and it automatically expires unless it is renewed.

**Source:** SL 2013, ch 184, § 8; SL 2016, ch 197, § 9.

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO MASSAGE THERAPY ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
RE: BIENNIAL RENEWAL SCHEDULE**

**20:76:02:02. License fee schedule.** The license fee schedule is as follows:

Fees for Annual Licensure and Renewal Schedule:

- (1) Initial annual license fee, \$65;
- (2) Annual license renewal fee, \$65;
- (3) Annual license renewal late fee, \$65.

Fees for Biennial Licensure and Renewal Schedule:

- (1) Initial biennial license fee, \$130;
- (2) Biennial license renewal fee, \$130;
- (3) Biennial license renewal late fee, \$130.

Other Fees:

(1) Temporary permit fee, \$50;

(2) Annual license renewal fee, \$65;

(2~~3~~) Inactive status license fee, \$~~50~~25;

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~~\_\_\_\_\_~~(34) Application fee, \$100.

**Source:** 33 SDR 50, effective September 21, 2006; 34 SDR 101, effective October 22, 2007; 38 SDR 105, effective December 8, 2011; SL 2013, ch 184, § 17, effective July 1, 2013; 45 SDR 83, effective December 18, 2018.

**General Authority:** SDCL [36-35-17](#), [36-35-18.1](#), [36-35-24\(3\)](#).

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**20:76:03:01. Definitions.** Terms used in this chapter mean:

(1) "Contact hour," a minimum of 50 minutes of presentation or participation;

(2) "Continuing education cycle," a two year period that begins on October 1 of an even-numbered year and ends on September 30 of the next even-numbered year, provided that, upon the board's implementation of a biennial licensure and renewal schedule, a "continuing education cycle" will correspond with the biennial licensure and renewal schedule applicable to the specific applicant or licensee—i.e., for applicants or licensees with even-numbered birth years, "continuing education cycle" will mean the two year period beginning on October 1 of an even numbered year and ending on September 30 of the next even-numbered year, and for applicants or licensees with odd-numbered birth years, "continuing education cycle" will mean the two year period beginning on October 1 of an odd numbered year and ending on September 30 of the next odd-numbered year;

(3) "Electronic means," educational activities obtained via the internet, such as self-study courses and audio/video tapes, with formal testing and passing scores recorded.

**Source:** 33 SDR 50, effective September 21, 2006; 37 SDR 29, effective August 30, 2010; 43 SDR 181, effective July 10, 2017.

**General Authority:** SDCL [36-35-24\(2\)](#).

**Law Implemented:** SDCL [36-35-19](#).