



**BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY**

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

MAR NOTICE NO. 2025-265.2

Summary

Implementation of House Bill 246 pertaining to substantial equivalency

Reason for Supplemental Notice

On October 10, 2025, the Board of Massage Therapy (agency) published MAR Notice No. 2025-265.1 regarding the public hearing on the proposed changes to the agency's rules, in the 2025 Montana Administrative Register, Issue No. 19.

On November 4, 2025, a public hearing was held on the proposed changes to the rules via the videoconference and telephonic platform. Comments were received by the comment deadline.

The board received public comment regarding the 2025 Substantial Equivalency List for the Board of Massage Therapy and moved to amend the list based on that public comment. The board changed Minnesota's and Utah's status to indicate their requirements are not substantially equivalent to Montana's requirements. The board will hold a second hearing for comment on this rulemaking proposal.

Hearing Date and Time

Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Virtual Hearing Information

A public hearing will be held via remote conferencing to consider the proposed changes to the agency's rules. There will be no in-person hearing. Interested parties may access the remote conferencing platform in the following ways:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/84972132454>

Meeting ID: 849 7213 2454; Password: 0379628307

Dial by Telephone: +1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 849 7213 2454; Password: 0379628307

Comments

Concerned persons may present their data, views, or arguments at the hearing. Written data, views, or arguments may also be submitted at dli.mt.gov/rules or P.O. Box 1728; Helena, Montana 59624. Comments must be received by Friday, February 20, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Accommodations

The agency will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in this rulemaking process or need an alternative accessible format of this notice. Requests must be made by Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Contact

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Rulemaking Actions

ADOPT

The agency is not amending the following rule language from the original rulemaking proposal but is amending the 2025 substantial equivalency list for the Board of Massage Therapy publication as previously noticed:

NEW RULE 1 SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCY

- (1) The board adopts and incorporates by reference the 2025 substantial equivalency list for the Board of Massage Therapy publication. The publication is available on the board's website.

- (2) The board intends to review the publication annually. However, failure to review or adopt a new list does not change the effectiveness of the adoption in this rule.
- (3) License applications from individuals licensed in substantially equivalent states are routine applications as to the education, examination, and experience requirements for licensure. Applications may be nonroutine on other bases.

Authorizing statute(s): 37-1-131, MCA

Implementing statute(s): 37-1-304, MCA

Rule Reviewer

Jennifer Stallkamp

Approval

Sarah Swanson, Commissioner

Approval

Jennifer Roth, Presiding Officer, Board of Massage Therapy