

**HEALTH REGULATION AND LICENSING ADMINISTRATION
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BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
AUTHORITY FOR GUIDANCE

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POLICY STATEMENT

GUIDANCE ON CONTINUING EDUCATION

This policy statement is issued to provide guidance on the Board's approval of continuing education (CE) programs as approved by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB) until such time as the relevant regulation has been promulgated to address the matter.

NCBTMB is an independent, private, nonprofit organization offering a certification program for professionals as well as reviewing and approving CE programs and providers. The District of Columbia has long relied on the National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCETMB), administered by NCBTMB, as a qualifying national examination for licensure.

Accordingly, the Board has resolved to accept and grant credit for CE courses and programs offered by providers with current NCBTMB approval or certification, granted on or after October 1, 2013, provided further that both the provider and the course have received NCBTMB approval or certification after that date. Providers and courses with current NCBTMB approval granted on or after October 1, 2013, therefore, do not need to seek specific approval from the Board for CE accreditation.