

Clarification on the Indiana Application for Certification

ABMP has been contacted by several members who have experienced frustrating delays and who have received confusing notifications during the processing of applications for certification. We have contacted the board for clarification in the hopes of making the process go more smoothly. This is a new process in Indiana and we encourage everyone to be patient.

The majority of questions stem from the **Method of Obtaining Certification** section. The process for completing this is described below. It will help if you have the application in front of you as you read this explanation.

Read through the entire section **Method of Obtaining Certification** before filling it out. There are two major categories that may apply, though the options are somewhat confusing.

If you did not complete a 500-hour massage program but you have been practicing for at least two years, select the top box, then *one* of the top two boxes in that category to demonstrate that you have been practicing massage in Indiana.

Note that, as stated in the instructions, documentation of your work experience in Indiana is required and *must be notarized*.

METHOD OF OBTAINING CERTIFICATION	
Please check all that apply:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I was engaged in the practice of massage therapy in Indiana after June 30, 2001, and before July 1, 2009; and
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I can provide the board with Internal Revenue Service income tax return forms from two (2) consecutive years that reflect that I have been employed in the practice of massage therapy; or
<input type="checkbox"/>	I can provide the board with business records from two (2) consecutive years that reflect that I have been employed in the practice of massage therapy; or
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have completed at least five hundred (500) hours of supervised classroom and hands on instruction in massage therapy; or
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have completed a program in massage therapy that is accredited by the Indiana Commission on Proprietary Education or another state where the standards for massage therapy education are substantially equivalent to the standards in Indiana; or a program at an institution of higher learning that is approved by the board.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Before July 1, 2007, I enrolled in a massage therapy school or program that required at least five hundred (500) hours of supervised classroom and hands on instruction; and that program was in good standing with a state, regional, or national agency of government charged with regulating massage therapy or programs; and before January 1, 2008, I completed the requirements of the massage therapy school or program.

If you have completed a 500-hour massage therapy program before January 1, 2008, the easiest way to apply is by checking the bottom box, as shown below.

This applies regardless of residency or how long ago you graduated from your program. You must send a notarized copy of your diploma *or* your transcript; *whichever you send, it must show the length of your program in hours.*

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For additional clarification, contact the Indiana State Board of Massage Therapy at:

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