

This is a reminder that you are required to obtain an establishment license if you meet the establishment definitions below as outlined in the SC Code of Laws. **The deadline to apply for a license is September 30, 2023.** Establishments failing to apply by the deadline may be subject to Board action for unlicensed practice.

Massage Therapy Establishment means an entity with a physical site or premise, licensed as required by Chapter 30, in which licensed massage therapists are employees or contractors practicing massage therapy on clients.

Sole Practitioner Establishment means the fixed place of business, including but not limited to, a rental space or residence, that is controlled by a licensed massage therapist, who is not an employee or contractor of the sole practitioner establishment, for providing massage therapy services to clients who come to that specific location to receive those services.

The following facilities and/or practices that employ licensed massage therapists, or that engage licensed massage therapists on an independent contractor basis, are not required to obtain a massage therapy establishment license, or a sole practitioner establishment license:

1. Hospitals;
2. Long-term Health Care Facilities; a
3. Chiropractor licensed by the SC Board of Chiropractic Examiners; a
4. Medical Doctor or an Osteopath licensed by the SC Board of Medical Examiners; and a
5. Physical Therapist licensed by the SC Board of Physical Therapy

Business corporations, not-for-profit corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships and limited liability partnerships must register with the [SC Secretary of State](#) (SC SOS) and you are required to submit a copy of your certificate of existence in addition to a copy of your Federal Tax ID. Sole proprietorships and general partnerships are not required to register with the SC SOS.

You may also find it beneficial to review the [FAQs](#) on the Board's webpage regarding establishment licensing.