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ALERT: Criminal Background Check for Initial Massage Therapy License

Effective March 11, 2024, all applicants applying for a massage therapy license with the SC Board of Massage Therapy will be subject to a state and national fingerprint criminal background check. The fingerprint criminal background checks are required pursuant to § 40-30-110 of the SC Massage Therapy Practice Act.

In addition to other requirements established by law and to determine an applicant's eligibility for initial licensure as a massage therapist, state law requires a state criminal records check by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and a national criminal record check by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK (CBC) PROCESS

The fingerprint criminal background checks are required pursuant to § 40-30-110 of the SC Massage Therapy Practice Act. Instructions for the fingerprint process will be sent to applicants after their applications for licensure are received by the SC Board. **DO NOT** have your fingerprints or CBC report processed until you have submitted an application and received instructions from the board.