



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Board of Nursing, Department of Health Professions
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	18VAC90-50-10 et seq.
Regulation title	Regulations Governing the Certification of Massage Therapists
Action title	Examinations accepted for massage therapy certification
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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The Board has amended section 40 on requirements for initial certification to conform regulations to changes in the Code of Virginia in Chapter 764 of the 2012 Acts of the Assembly (H543). In the amended regulation on examinations acceptable for initial certification, the Licensing Examination of the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards has been added and the requirement for examination to lead to national certification has been deleted.

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

On July 17, 2012, the Board of Nursing amended 18VAC90-50-40 in Regulations Governing the Certification of Massage Therapists.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

There is no impact on the family.