

(VII) AN INDIVIDUAL WORKING IN A BEAUTY SALON FOR WHICH THE PERSON WHO OPERATES THE BEAUTY SALON HAS OBTAINED A PERMIT FROM THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY AS REQUIRED UNDER § 5-501 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE.

(B) TO QUALIFY FOR A LICENSE CERTIFICATE, AN APPLICANT SHALL BE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

(C) THE APPLICANT MUST BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.

(D) THE APPLICANT MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD.

(E) AFTER JANUARY 1, ~~2000~~ 2002, THE APPLICANT SHALL HAVE SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED AT LEAST 60 CREDIT HOURS OF EDUCATION AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AS DEFINED IN § 10-101 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE AND AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD ~~IN CONSULTATION WITH~~ AND THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION.

(F) ~~THE APPLICANT FOR LICENSURE AS A LICENSED MASSAGE THERAPIST SHALL:~~

(1) COMPLETE 500 HOURS OF EDUCATION IN A BOARD APPROVED PROGRAM FOR THE STUDY OF MASSAGE THERAPY THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF CONTENT:

- (I) ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY;
- (II) MASSAGE THEORY, TECHNIQUES, AND PRACTICE;
- (III) CONTRAINDICATIONS TO MASSAGE THERAPY; AND
- (IV) PROFESSIONAL ETHICS; AND

(2) PASS AN EXAMINATION APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

(G) (1) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE BOARD MAY WAIVE ANY OF THE QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR A LICENSE CERTIFICATE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR AN APPLICANT WHO:

(I) PAYS THE APPLICATION FEE SET BY THE BOARD;

(II) PROVIDES EVIDENCE ACCEPTABLE TO THE BOARD THAT THE APPLICANT HAS PRACTICED MASSAGE THERAPY FOR AT LEAST A TOTAL OF 2 YEARS AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1994 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1999 AND HAS PERFORMED AT LEAST 300 PAID MASSAGE THERAPY SESSIONS; AND

(III) 1. COMPLETES A BOARD APPROVED PROGRAM IN THE STUDY OF MASSAGE THERAPY; OR

2. PASSES AN EXAMINATION APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

(2) THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD TO GRANT A WAIVER UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL TERMINATE ON JANUARY 1, ~~2000~~ 2002.