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**Regarding the Board's Acceptance of Licensed Practice in Lieu of Clinical  
Supervised Practice Educational Requirement**

**Policy #15-001**

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**Purpose:**

To clarify the circumstances when the Board of Registration of Massage Therapy (hereinafter, the "Board") will accept licensed or state-certified practice in satisfaction of the educational requirement of unpaid and supervised clinical experience for licensure in accordance with 269 Code Mass. Regs. § 3.01(2)(e)(2).

**Policy:**

Applicants for licensure who can demonstrate three (3) years or more of licensed or state-certified practice of massage therapy without any record of discipline may use that practice experience to satisfy the one hundred (100) hour unpaid and supervised clinical or externship experience required for licensure in 269 Code Mass. Regs. § 3.01(2)(e)(2). In order to meet this requirement, applicants must document and demonstrate:

1. that they were licensed or state-certified for at least three (3) years and there is no record of any disciplinary action taken against their massage therapy license or state-certification; and
2. they received at least three (3) years' practical experience during licensure or state-certification, satisfactory to the Board, within seven (7) years of the Massachusetts license application, in which there was no adverse action taken against the applicant. Examples of practical experience may include: engaging in the private, solo practice of massage therapy or by being employed as such in clinic, facility, or other setting where it is usual and customary to employ massage therapists.

