

*Readopt with amendment Plc 303, eff. 9-21-18 (doc. #12621), to read as follows:*

PART Plc 303 LICENSE BY RECIPROCITY

Plc 303.01 Purpose. The purpose of this part is to implement RSA 328-B:6, III, which provides as follows:

“Except for the requirements of subparagraphs I(b) and (c) of this section, the executive director may waive any requirements for licensure for any applicant for a massage therapist's license who, on the date of application hereunder, holds a valid license issued by any other state or country, but only if the other licensing body's requirements are substantially equivalent to or not less than the requirements under this chapter.”

Plc 303.02 Non-Waivable Requirements. As required by RSA 328-B:6, I(b) and (c), the applicant:

- (a) Shall be at least 18 years of age on the date of the application; and
- (b) Shall not have been convicted in New Hampshire or in any other state of any crime involving violence inflicted on a person or threatened against a person, or any sexually-related crime.

Plc 303.03 Definition. For purposes of this part, “substantially equivalent to or not less than” means the licensing requirements include:

- (a) Not less than 500 hours of education, including practical experience, at a school that meets the criteria for a qualifying massage therapy school specified in Plc 302.04; and
- (b) Passage of a nationally-recognized certifying examination.

Plc 303.04 Initial License by Reciprocity.

- (a) An applicant who holds a license, certificate, or registration from another jurisdiction whose licensing requirements are substantially equivalent to or not less than those specified in RSA 328-B and Plc 300 may apply for licensure by reciprocity.
- (b) To qualify for a license by reciprocity when the applicant's hours of education are 500 hours or more but less than 750 hours, the applicant shall have worked as a massage therapist for one year for each 50 hours of education less than 750 hours.
- (c) An applicant for licensure by reciprocity shall complete and submit a “Massage Therapist Licensure Application” form for licensure by reciprocity, available by creating an account at <https://forms.nh.gov/license/Login.aspx> and accessing the appropriate form, by providing the following:
  - (1) The information required by Plc 302.06; and
  - (2) A written statement from the jurisdiction in which the applicant holds a license, certificate, or registration to practice massage therapy, verifying that the applicant is licensed, certified, or registered in that state and that the license, registration, or certificate is in good standing.
- (d) The completed application shall be submitted to the executive director with the initial license application fee specified in Plc 308.

(e) Applications submitted under this section shall be processed as described in Plc 302.07, provided that the executive director shall also deny applications submitted under this section if he or she receives written verification from the jurisdiction(s) in which the applicant holds a license, certificate, or

registration to practice massage therapy that the applicant's license, certificate, or registration is not in good standing.

(f) Application fees shall not be refunded in the event an application is abandoned, withdrawn, or denied.

**APPENDIX**

<b>Rule(s)</b>	<b>State Statute(s) Implemented</b>
Plc 303.01-303.04	RSA 328-B:6, III