

# **Occupational Licensing Study 50 State Comparison**

State Board of Massage Therapy

Massage Therapist



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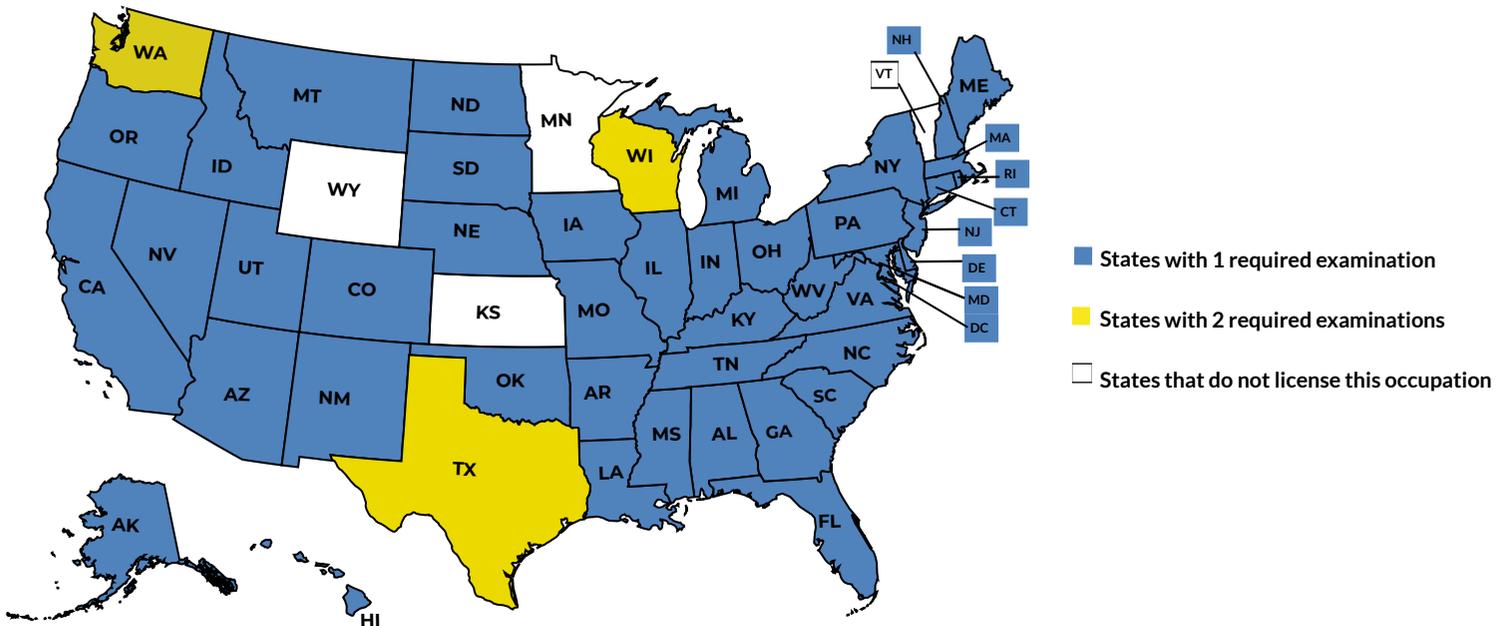
# Massage Therapist

Massage therapists apply a system of structured touch, pressure, movement, holding and treatment of the soft tissue manifestations of the human body in which the primary intent is to enhance the health and well-being of the client.

# Massage Therapist Degree Requirement

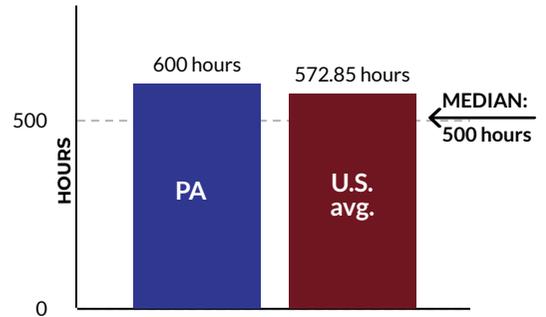
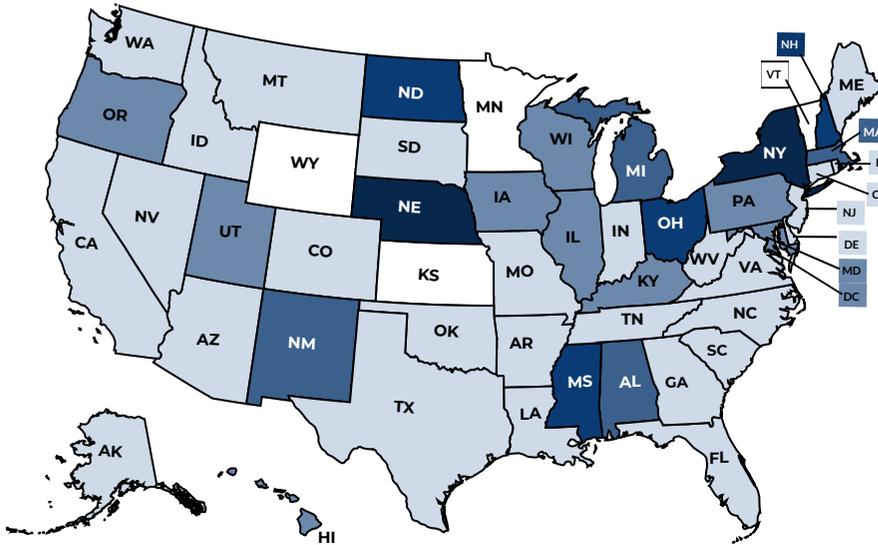


# Examination Requirement

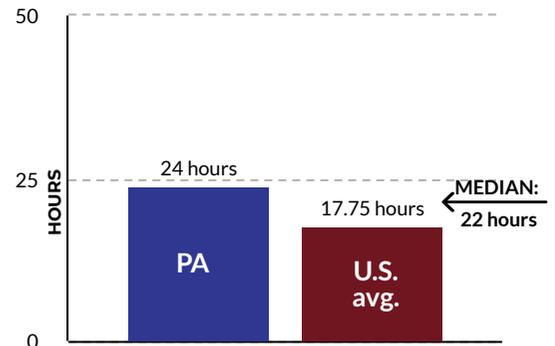
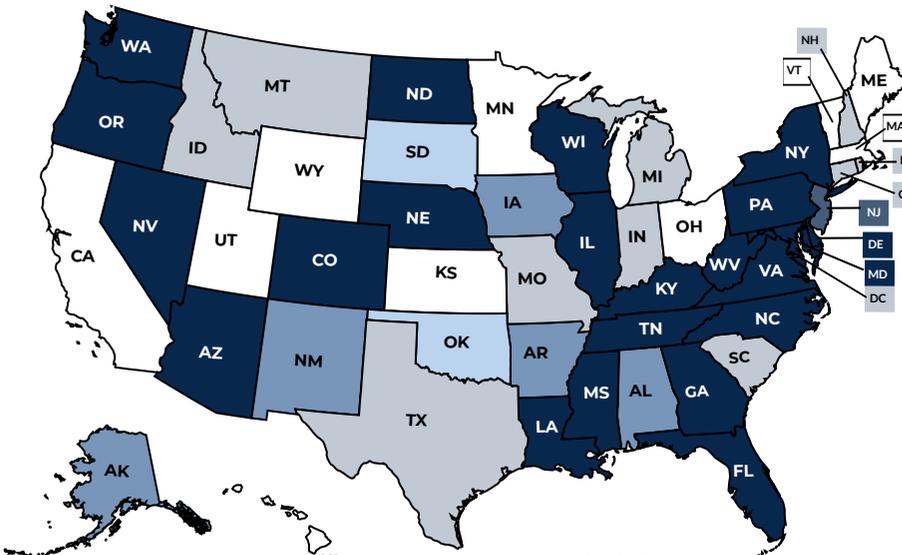


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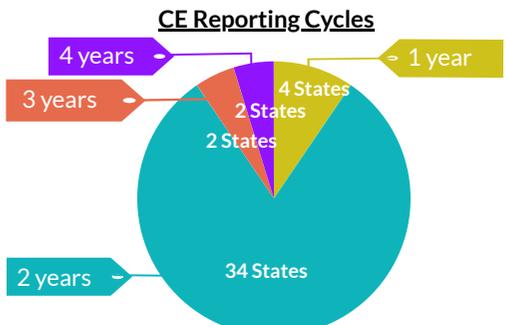
## Training / Experience Requirement



## Continuing Education Requirement



\* To allow for comparison, CE requirements have been adjusted to 2-year reporting cycles.

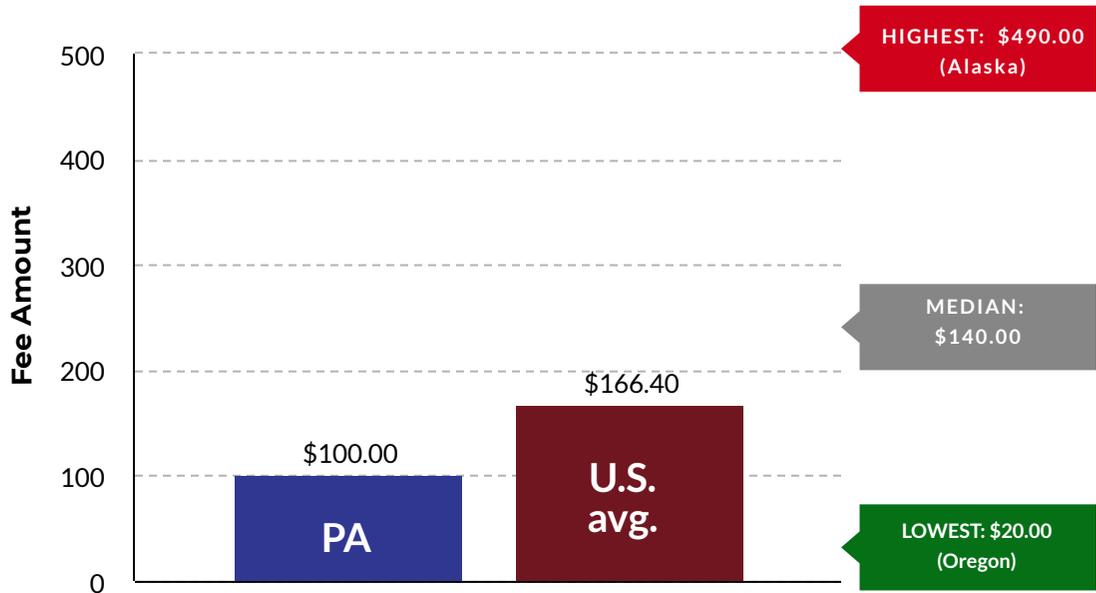


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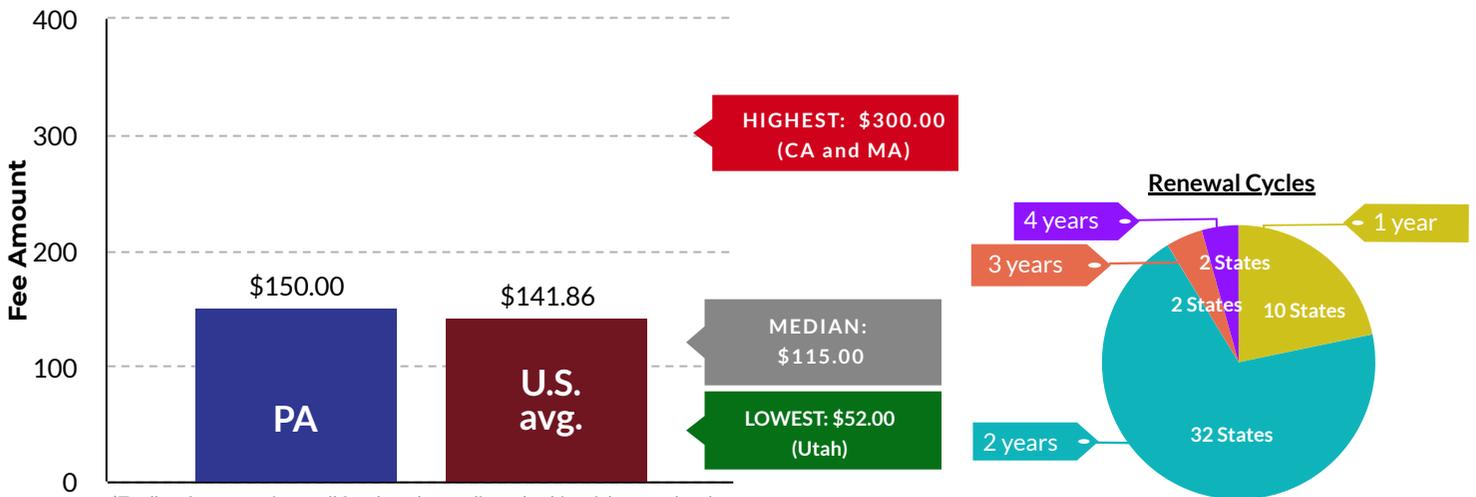
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## Initial Licensing Fee



\* Initial licensing fee comparison excludes examination fees, background check fees, and finger printing fees.

## Renewal Fees



\*To allow for comparisons, all fees have been adjusted to biennial renewal cycles

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## States with Reciprocity or Endorsement

<u>Endorsement</u>	<u>Reciprocity</u>	<u>By Credentials</u>	<u>Not Specified in Legislation</u>
Colorado	Arizona	Alaska	
Connecticut	Arkansas	New Mexico	Alabama
District of Columbia	Delaware	Washington	California
Florida	Kentucky		Louisiana
Georgia	Maryland		Maine
Hawaii	Massachusetts		
Idaho	Mississippi		
Illinois	Missouri		
Indiana	Nebraska		
Iowa	New Hampshire		
Michigan	North Dakota		
Montana	Ohio		
Nevada	Oklahoma		
New Jersey	Oregon		
New York	South Carolina		
North Carolina	South Dakota		
Pennsylvania**	Tennessee		
Rhode Island	Texas		
Utah	West Virginia		
Virginia	Wisconsin		

\*\*Act 41, signed by Governor Wolf on July 2, 2019, allows for portability of out-of-state professional licensees coming to work in Pennsylvania. Act 41 does this by granting all boards and commissions within the Commonwealth the authority to immediately endorse licensee from other states, territories or jurisdictions (with substantially equivalent licensing requirements) who are active, in good standing and without discipline against their license or criminal conviction. If a licensee comes from a jurisdiction that does not have substantially equal requirements for licensure, then the boards/commissions may grant a provisional license for a period of such time to allow the new resident to meet the necessary requirements, allowing them access to gainful employment in the interim.



# Sources: State Licensing Boards

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