

**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF COSMETOLOGY
POLICY BULLETIN:
DUAL USE OF ROOM FOR COSMETOLOGY AND MASSAGE THERAPY**

Adopted March 10, 2015

The Board of Registration of Cosmetology (“Board”) voted at its meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 to issue a policy permitting the dual use of a room in a licensed cosmetology salon (“Salon”) for cosmetology and massage therapy, provided the Salon is also licensed as a massage therapy establishment, and subject to the specific conditions stated below.

Introduction. The Board’s “Policy Bulletin: Prohibited Practices,” Policy No. 2006-03, previously stated that massage services could be performed in a cosmetology salon so long as they were performed in a separate room from the cosmetology services and all practitioners were licensed. However the Acts of 2014, Chapter 236, Section 36 requires the Board to promulgate regulations permitting the dual use of one room for massage therapy and cosmetology “within the establishment provided the establishment is also licensed as a massage therapy establishment.” Therefore, until the Board has formally promulgated such regulations, the Board is repealing those parts of Policy No. 2006-03 that formerly regulated the practice of Massage Therapy in cosmetology salons and is replacing them with this Policy No. 2015-02 to permit dual use of a room in a licensed cosmetology salon for cosmetology and massage therapy, provided the holder of the salon license also holds a massage therapy establishment license issued by the Board of Registration of Massage Therapy.

Pending the next proposed revisions to the Board’s regulations, which will formally codify this permission as required by the Acts of 2014, Chapter 236, Section 36, the Board has deemed this permission to be in the best interests of the public. The following policy is in effect as of March 10, 2015, and will remain in effect only until the date on which the next amendments to the Board’s regulations take effect.

Policy No. 2015-02

Purpose: To grant permission for the dual use of a room in a licensed Cosmetology Salon for cosmetology and massage therapy services, pending the formal amendment of the Board’s regulations to codify this permission.

Policy: Licensed Massage Therapy Services.

1. Individuals licensed by the Board of Registration of Massage Therapy pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws c. 13, §98 may provide services within the scope of their massage license in the same space as cosmetology services so long as they meet the requirements of this Policy No. 2015-02.
2. The area in which the massage service is to be performed must be issued an establishment license from the Board of Registration of Massage Therapy. This license must be issued to the same person or entity that was issued the license to operate a Cosmetology Salon.

3. All massage services must be identified on a Board-approved floor plan that is posted in a conspicuous place in the Salon. Any changes to this floor plan must be approved by the Board.
4. When providing massage services within a Cosmetology Salon, all massage practitioners must hold the appropriate level individual license from the Board of Registration of Massage Therapy, and said practitioners may not delegate massage services to unlicensed individuals.
5. Notwithstanding the scope of practice of the massage license, all services performed in a Cosmetology Salon shall remain subject to the safety and sanitary provisions of 240 CMR 3.00.
6. The holder of the Cosmetology Salon license shall remain responsible for all services provided in the Salon, whether those services are cosmetology or not, and must cooperate fully with Board inspectors who may inspect any service being provided in the Salon.
7. This Policy shall remain in effect until the Board promulgates regulations in accordance with the Acts of 2014, Chapter 236, Section 36, and such regulations go into effect.