

SOMATIC PRACTITIONER PERMIT APPLICATION  
INFORMATION SHEET

To qualify for a Somatic Practitioner Permit the applicant must meet the following qualifications and requirements for a Somatic Practitioner:

1. Possess a diploma or certificate from one or more recognized schools of massage that results in a completed combined curriculum of no fewer than 250 hours of classroom instruction.
2. Be a member in good standing of a state or national professional association devoted to the profession of massage and bodywork.
3. Have completed no fewer than twelve (12) hours of continuing education in the practice of massage or bodywork or related subjects during the previous calendar year.
4. Provide the address of a properly zoned location where practice will be conducted and provide written consent of the owner of the real property location.
5. Provide proof of liability insurance of \$1.0 million.
6. For new applications: provide four (4) color passport size photos; for renewal applications: provide two (2) passport size photos.
7. Pay the required fees: \$88.00 for fingerprinting and; a non-refundable application fee of \$320.00 for a new permit; \$254.00 to renew a current valid permit.
8. For new applicants be fingerprinted at the Police Department after payment of the required fees. Fingerprints are required for a background check to ensure that applicant has not been convicted of certain criminal offenses.
9. Remit payment for and obtain a valid City of Sacramento Business Operations Tax (BOT) Certificate upon approval of a Somatic Practitioner Permit. Applicant must have a valid BOT Certificate before permit will be issued.

All Somatic Practitioner Permits must be renewed annually and certain permit requirements and/or qualifications must be updated and maintained.

No more than ten (10) Somatic Practitioner Permits will be allowed to practice at any one business location or any one building.

Home visits or client site services are allowed by a Somatic Practitioner permitted by the City of Sacramento.

A Somatic Practitioner permitted by the City of Sacramento will be allowed to operate as a “home business”, but can only provide “at client site” services. Customers/clients are not allowed at a home business. To operate as a home business within the City of Sacramento, a Home Occupation Permit (HOP) must be obtained (HOP fee: \$154.00).

Additional information can be obtained by telephone, mail or in person 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at:

City of Sacramento  
Revenue Division/Permit  
Section 915 I Street, Room 1201  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 808-5852

*The Somatic Practitioner Permit is governed by SCC Ch. 5.124. The information above is a summary of the requirements and process for a Somatic Practitioner Permit and is provided to assist you in the application process. The Sacramento City Code, City administrative policies and all local and state laws shall be the authority for the administration and requirements of this permit.*