

## Massage Permit Exemption List

**The following classes of entities and individuals are not required to obtain a massage establishment public health permit while engaged in the performance of the duties of their respective professions:**

1. Physicians, surgeons, chiropractors, osteopaths, or physical therapists who are duly licensed to practice their respective professions in the State of California, and persons working at the place of business and under the supervision of a licensed physician, surgeon, chiropractor, osteopath, or physical therapist.
2. Nurses who are registered as such under the laws of the State of California.
3. Hospitals and medical centers.
4. Barbers and beauticians, estheticians, and cosmetologists who are duly licensed under the laws of the State of California while engaging in practices within the scope of their licenses, except that this provision shall apply solely to the massaging of the neck, face and/or scalp, hands or feet of the clients.
5. Accredited high schools, junior colleges, and colleges or universities whose coaches and trainers are acting within the scope of their employment.
6. Trainers of amateur, semi-professional or professional athletes or athletic teams while engaging in their training responsibilities for and with athletes; and trainers working in conjunction with a specific athletic event.
7. Acupuncturists who are duly certified to practice their profession in the State of California.
8. Staff of any location licensed as a health club/gym, provided only one massage table is used at such location and provided such use is incidental to the operation of the health club/gym.
9. Individuals administering massages or health treatment involving massage to persons participating in single-occurrence athletic, recreational or festival events, such as health fairs, road races, track meets, triathlons and other similar events; provided, that all of the following conditions are satisfied:
  - The massage services are made equally available to all participants in the event;
  - The event is open to participation by the general public or a significant segment of the public such as employees of sponsoring or participating corporations;
  - The massage services are provided at the site of the event and either during, immediately preceding or immediately following the event;
  - The sponsors of the event have been advised of and have approved the provision of massage services; and
  - The persons providing the massage services are not the primary sponsors of the event.