



Policy

Education Requirement for Exam Eligibility and Initial Registration

Summary:

Up-to-date education is an important requirement, both at the time the Certification Examinations are completed and at the time of Initial Registration.

An applicant whose education is more than three years old as of the date of their Certification Examination, or as of the date of their application for Initial Registration, must successfully complete a Refresher Course no more than 15 months prior to the date of the exam or the date of the application for Initial Registration.

Background

Two of the requirements for registration as a Registered Massage Therapist in Ontario are:

1. Successful completion of the required Massage Therapy education as identified in subparagraph i of paragraph 1 of subsection 5 (1) of the Registration Regulation under the *Massage Therapy Act*
2. Successful completion of the certification examinations set or approved by the College, including compliance with all requirements associated with those examinations

In describing the education requirement for Initial Registration, subparagraph i of paragraph 1 of subsection 5 (1) of the Registration Regulation states that the applicant must have:

- A. obtained a diploma in massage therapy from a private vocational school in Ontario, or a College of Applied Arts and Technology in Ontario,
- B. successfully completed a course in massage therapy at an educational institution outside of Ontario that the Registration Committee considers to be equivalent to the educational program currently being taught in schools and colleges referred to in sub-subparagraph A, or

- C. qualifications equivalent to those provided by the educational program currently being taught in schools and colleges referred to in sub-subparagraph A

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1. In order to be eligible to participate in the Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) certification examination or the Objectively Structured Clinical Evaluation (OSCE) certification examination, an applicant must have:
 - a. Successfully completed, no more than three years prior to the date of the certification examination administration, an educational program described in subparagraph i of paragraph 1 of subsection 5 (1) of the Registration Regulation, or
 - b. Successfully completed, no more than 15 months prior to the date of the exam administration, a Refresher Course approved by the Council
2. In order to be eligible for registration, the applicant must have:
 - a. Successfully completed, no more than three years prior to the date of the application for Initial Registration, of an educational program described in subparagraph i of paragraph 1 of subsection 5 (1) of the Registration Regulation, or
 - b. Successfully completed, no more than 15 months prior to the date of the application for initial registration, a Refresher Course approved by the Council

Please note:

- Individuals applying for reinstatement of their RMT designation should contact the College for more information about reinstatement requirements.
- Individual applying for Initial Registration under the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT) should contact the College directly regarding the recognition of their RMT designation from another jurisdiction.

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