



College of Massage Therapists of British Columbia

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

In British Columbia the practice of Massage Therapy is governed by the Health Professions Act and this College is charged with its administration. Under the provisions of Section 13 of the Act no person may practice or offer to practice massage therapy unless he or she is registered as a member of the College.

An applicant for registration as a Massage Therapist must show proof of graduation from a course in massage in an approved school and if declared eligible is permitted to write the specified examinations set by the Registration Committee. The current standard at approved schools is 3000 hours of training. On passing the examinations and meeting all other criteria, the applicant is admitted to membership, on payment of the registration fee and current annual dues.

Applicants from non-accredited education programs in other jurisdictions are required to have their credentials evaluated by the International Credential Evaluation Service. You can obtain an application from the office of The College of Massage Therapists of BC or International Credential Evaluation Service. [[see: Applicants from Non-accredited Programs](#)]

When an applicant has been accepted by the Registration Committee the applicant is required to take the Registration Examination which is held in Vancouver twice each year, in February and in September. Exact dates are set two to three months in advance.

Once you have successfully completed the board exams you are then entitled to become registered in the province of British Columbia.

ACTIVE STATUS

In order to maintain active status with the College of Massage Therapists of British Columbia you must:

- Pay \$330.00 yearly dues
- Purchase professional liability insurance yearly (min. \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence)
- Maintain continuing competency per cycle (Cycles run every two years)
- Remains in compliance with the Health Professions Act, Massage Therapists Regulation and the Interim Bylaws.

INACTIVE STATUS

The College Bylaws provide that a member in good standing may retire from active membership by giving notice to the Registrar in writing. Annual dues for inactive registration are \$75.00.

The member may be returned to active membership within three years, without taking examinations or fulfilling other requirements, by notifying the Council in writing and paying the current annual dues for active members.

To return to active membership, the inactive member must contact the College office to obtain the appropriate forms and instructions. You must notify the College of your intent to return to active membership prior to beginning employment. Please allow for a processing time of four weeks to return memberships to active status.

Members who have been inactive registrants for longer than three years may apply for active registration under the provisions of section 56(3) of the Bylaws. If they are able to satisfy the Registration Committee that they have maintained their knowledge, skills and good standing in another jurisdiction they will not be required to take the Registration Examination again.

In accordance with section 48 of the Bylaws, inactive registrants are not permitted to practice massage therapy in British Columbia and are not permitted to use the titles (or abbreviations) reserved for active registrants of the College, including Massage Therapist, Registered Massage Therapist, Massage Practitioner and Registered Massage Practitioner.