

Facts sheet (Japan)

National Association:

Japanese Music Therapy Association (JMTA)

Founding year of professional organization:

April, 2001

Professional publications:

JMTA Journal

Supporting regions or provinces:

All regions of Japan, divided in 9 regional chapters

Hokkaido, Tohoku, Kanto, Shinetsu-Hokuriku, Tokai, Kinki, Chugoku, Shikoku and Kyushu-Okinawa

Mission statement:

The original stated aim of the JMTA is to “conduct interdisciplinary research into the role and function of music in relation to disease and health, so that music therapy may make a broad-based contribution to society by fostering and maintaining the health of people proactively in the fields of medicine, welfare, health and education.”

Current president:

Ms. Hiroko Fujimoto

Vice president:

Mr. Kenji Tsuchino

Mr. Izumi Futamata

Honorary president:

Mr. Yasuji Murai

Professional credentials:

Registered Music Therapist (RMT-Japan)

Re-accreditation process:

Certification must be renewed every five years by earning 50 credits from three of the following four categories.

1. Participation in music therapy conferences, seminars, or lectures
2. Presentation at music therapy conferences, seminars, or lectures
3. Publication in music therapy journals or submission of a thesis relating to music therapy
4. Clinical work, supervision, or music therapy training

Number of professionals:

3259 RMT (Japan) (as of 2019)

Number of schools:

18 (as of 2019)

Number of schools offering graduate degree:

1 (as of 2019)