

## **Process for internationally trained massage therapists to join the Massage Therapist Association of Saskatchewan**

This document is for massage therapists who trained outside of Canada and who wish to practice massage therapy in Saskatchewan.

The evaluation process will determine if your combined education, training, and experience are equivalent to the massage therapy education offered by recognized diploma programs in Canada (minimum 2,200 hours), and therefore whether you are eligible to apply for membership.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have graduated from a dedicated massage therapy program (or equivalent other healthcare profession, e.g. physiotherapy) that meets the following criteria:

- Is offered as a post-secondary program by a school recognized by the appropriate governing body.
- Is at least 2,200 hours long.
- Includes a supervised practical/clinical massage therapy component.

**The application fee is \$50 + GST (\$52.50) and is non-refundable.** The process may take up to 4 weeks to complete.

Since massage therapy is not yet a regulated profession in Saskatchewan, MTAS membership does not meet the entry-to-practice standards in the regulated provinces. If you plan to work in a regulated province (British Columbia, Ontario, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, or Prince Edward Island), please contact the regulatory College in that jurisdiction about the entry-to-practice requirements.

### **Application Steps**

#### **1. Self-assess your massage therapy (or equivalent) education.**

Applicants educated in international jurisdictions where English is not the primary language must achieve the minimum score in each language skill area (writing, speaking, listening, and reading) on one of the approved language tests listed below).

- Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program General (CELP G)
- International English Language Testing System General Training (IELTS GT)
- International English Language Testing System Academic (IELTS AC)
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

#### **Required Minimum Scores**

	<b>CELP G</b>	<b>IELTS GT</b>	<b>IELTS AC</b>	<b>TOEFL (iBT)</b>
Reading	9	7.0	7.0	21
Writing	8	6.5	6.5	21
Listening	8	7.0	7.0	21
Speaking	8	6.5	6.5	21
Overall	–	–	–	92

## **2. Submit the documentation below, in English, to the MTAS office, along with the application form and fee.**

If the required documents are not in English, the applicant must have them translated by a certified translator.

- A copy of your massage therapy qualification and any additional health-care related qualifications.
- An official transcript that outlines the subjects studied in each program, and their length in hours.
- A description of each course completed in your program.
- Certificates for all continuing education you have completed since graduating from your foundational massage therapy program.
- Curriculum vitae/résumé showing the details of your clinical experience.
- Two letters of reference from professional sources – e.g., past or present employers, health care peers, instructors, etc.
- Proof of legal entitlement to work in Canada if you are not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
- Proof of language proficiency.

## **3. Results of the Assessment**

- A. If your education and experience in massage therapy are determined to be equivalent, we will notify you by e-mail and you will be eligible to become a member with the Association.

Membership ensures that third-party insurance and benefits companies will recognize you as an eligible service provider, so that your clients may be reimbursed for their treatments. For more information on the benefits of membership, please visit our [website](#).

- B. If your education and experience are not determined to be equivalent, we will notify you by e-mail. In this case, we advise you to contact one of the recognized 2,200-hour massage therapy diploma programs directly to ask about their options for program entry. There is a list of [recognized schools on our website](#).

**If you have any questions, please contact the MTAS office:**

Member Services

Tel: 306-384-7077

E-mail: [mtas@saskmassagetherapy.com](mailto:mtas@saskmassagetherapy.com)

Website: [www.saskmassagetherapy.com](http://www.saskmassagetherapy.com)



## Internationally Trained Massage Therapists – Application for Review of Credentials

### Personal Contact Information (required)

Name		Last Name		<input type="checkbox"/> Mr	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms	<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs
				<input type="checkbox"/> Dr	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Street				City/Town		
Province	Postal Code	Country	Area Code and Daytime Telephone			
E-mail Address (to be used for all future correspondence)				Birth Date (DD/MM/YYYY)		

### Education Information (required)

School Name		
School Address		
Program Name	Date Completed	Program Hours

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- If you attended more than two schools, please include the information on an additional page.
- The application fee is \$50 + GST and is non-refundable.

*Please turn over to complete the form -->*

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Applicant’s name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Required documentation (certified translated copies if not in English)

- ] Massage therapy credentials.
- ] Other health-care related credentials, if applicable.
- ] Official transcript that outlines the subjects studied in each program, and their length in hours.
- ] Description of each course completed in your program.
- ] Certificates for all continuing education you have completed since graduating from your foundational massage therapy program.
- ] Curriculum vitae/résumé showing the details of your clinical experience.
- ] Two letters of reference from professional sources – e.g., past or present employers, health care peers, instructors, etc.
- ] Proof of legal entitlement to work in Canada if you are not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
- ] Proof of having a good working knowledge of the English language. <https://ielts.org/organisations/ielts-for-organisations/test-types/ielts-general-training-test>

#### Attestation

I declare that this application has been completed accurately and truthfully and that if any submitted documents are fraudulent, forged, altered, or irregular, I acknowledge that the application will be terminated immediately. I understand that if approved, I will be eligible to become a member of the Association.

**Fee: \$50 + GST (\$52.50).** Payable by:

- ] Visa or MasterCard: card #, expiry date and CVC: \_\_\_\_\_
- or
- ] Direct/auto deposit e-transfer to payment to [payment@saskmassagetherapy.com](mailto:payment@saskmassagetherapy.com) (no security question)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date received	Reviewed by	Review date
Not approved: reason _____		Approved: _____

**Submit completed application and supporting documents to:**

[mtas@saskmassagetherapy.com](mailto:mtas@saskmassagetherapy.com)