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# **MASSAGE THERAPISTS REGULATIONS**

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**REGULATED HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT**  
**CHAPTER R-10.1**  
**MASSAGE THERAPISTS REGULATIONS**

Pursuant to sections 2 and 96 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. R-10.1, Council made the following regulations:

**PART 1 - INTERPRETATION**

**1. Definitions**

In these regulations

- (a) “**Act**” means the *Regulated Health Professions Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. R-10.1;
- (b) “**Council**” means the Council of the College of Massage Therapists established under section 3;
- (c) “**massage therapist**” means a member registered in the register for massage therapy, except where otherwise provided;
- (d) “**massage therapy**” means the assessment of the soft tissue and joints of the body and the treatment and prevention of physical dysfunction and pain of the soft tissues and joints by manipulation to develop, maintain, rehabilitate or augment physical function, relieve pain or promote health;
- (e) “**refresher program**” means a refresher program in massage therapy consisting of a formal curriculum, a set of individualized assignments of studies and experiences, a set of continuing education credits, a practicum or a combination of these elements.  
(EC83/19)

**PART 2 - DESIGNATION**

**2. Regulated health profession**

- (1) Massage therapy is designated as a regulated health profession.

**Title protection only**

- (2) Massage therapy is prescribed for the purpose of subsection 2(4) of the Act.

**Designations of a member**

- (3) For the purpose of subsection 89(1) of the Act, the designations of a massage therapist include the following titles, abbreviations and initials:
- (a) massage therapist;
  - (b) MT;
  - (c) registered massage therapist;
  - (d) RMT. *(EC83/19)*

**3. Continuation of Board as College**

The College of Massage Therapists of Prince Edward Island is hereby established as the college for massage therapy. *(EC83/19)*

**PART 3 - REGISTRATION**

**Register**

**4. Parts of register**

The register for massage therapy is divided into the following parts:

- (a) general registration;
- (b) special registration. *(EC83/19)*

**5. General registration**

The registrar shall register an applicant in the general registration part where

- (a) the registrar is satisfied that the applicant meets all the requirements for registration set out in subsection 12(2) of the Act and these regulations and registers the applicant pursuant to subsection 12(3) of the Act; or
- (b) the Council directs the registrar to register the applicant pursuant to subsection 12(6) of the Act or reinstate the registration of the applicant pursuant to subsection 24(4) of the Act. *(EC83/19)*

**6. Special registration**

- (1) Where the Council directs the registrar to register an applicant pursuant to subsection 13(3) of the Act, the registrar shall register the applicant in the special registration part.

**No renewal or reinstatement**

- (2) Special registration is for a limited time and purpose and is therefore not subject to renewal or reinstatement. *(EC83/19)*



## Prescribed Requirements for General Registration

### 7. Education

For the purpose of clause 12(2)(c) of the Act, an applicant shall have successfully completed a post-secondary diploma or degree program in massage therapy approved by the Council. *(EC83/19)*

### 8. Examinations

For the purpose of clause 12(2)(d) of the Act, an applicant shall have successfully completed

- (a) a provincial examination established or adopted by the Council to assess knowledge and understanding of the jurisprudence, ethical standards and standards of practice governing massage therapy in the province; and
- (b) a competency examination established, approved or adopted by the Council. *(EC83/19)*

### 9. Currency of professional knowledge and skills

(1) For the purpose of clauses 12(2)(f), subclause 22(2)(a)(ii) and clause 24(4)(c) of the Act, an applicant shall have done one of the following within the three years preceding the application to demonstrate currency of professional knowledge and skills:

- (a) successfully completed the educational requirements set out in section 7;
- (b) actively practised massage therapy, as a massage therapist authorized by the laws of the jurisdiction where he or she is practising to practise without any restrictions, for at least 500 hours;
- (c) successfully completed a refresher program satisfactory to the registrar.

#### Failure to demonstrate currency

(2) Where an applicant fails to demonstrate currency under subsection (1), the Council may require the applicant to successfully complete a refresher program approved by the Council within the time period specified by the Council. *(EC83/19)*

### 10. Insurance

(1) For the purpose of clause 12(2)(j), subclause 22(2)(a)(v) and clauses 24(4)(f) and 25(3)(c) of the Act, an applicant or massage therapist, as the case may be, is required to hold or be covered by professional liability insurance under a policy that provides coverage of not less than \$2,000,000 per claim or occurrence and an aggregate limit of not less than \$2,000,000, excluding legal or court costs.

#### Valid certificate required

(2) An applicant or massage therapist shall provide or ensure the registrar is provided with the most current certificate of professional liability insurance issued by the insurer that confirms the applicant or massage therapist is insured under a policy that meets the requirements of subsection (1). *(EC83/19)*

### 11. Continuing competency

(1) For the purpose of subclause 22(2)(a)(i) of the Act, an applicant shall have utilised methods or participated in programs established by the Council in accordance with section 60.1 of the

Act to assess the competency of its members in practising massage therapy, as required by the Council.

**Record**

- (2) A massage therapist shall
- (a) keep a record in a form satisfactory to the registrar of the activities that the massage therapist undertakes for the purpose of this section; and
  - (b) provide copies of the record referred to in clause (a) on the request of and in accordance with the directions of the registrar. *(EC83/19)*

**PART 4 - GENERAL**

**12. Reinstatement, time period**

For the purpose of subsection 24(1) of the Act, the maximum period of time is three years. *(EC83/19)*

**13. Name of corporation**

- (1) For the purpose of clause 15(1)(d) of the Act, the name of a corporation applying for a permit to carry on the business of providing the professional services of a massage therapist shall be, in the opinion of the registrar, in good taste, dignified and professional.

**Change of name**

- (2) Before changing its name, a health profession corporation shall obtain written confirmation from the registrar that the proposed name meets the requirements of subsection (1). *(EC83/19)*

**14. Transitional**

- (1) A person who, during the year preceding the date this section comes into force, practises massage therapy in the province is deemed, on and after the date this section comes into force, to be registered in the general registration part of the register.

**Expiry**

- (2) The registration of a person referred to in subsection (1) expires 90 days after the date this section comes into force, unless it is sooner revoked, and may be renewed in accordance with section 22 of the Act.

**Exception on renewal**

- (3) Subclauses 22(2)(a)(i) and (ii) of the Act do not apply to a person referred to in this section the first time the person applies to renew his or her registration. *(EC83/19)*

