

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 our Member Qualifying Examination (MQE).

Applicants must demonstrate that they have graduated from a dedicated massage therapy program 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, the MTAS MQE 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 education.

1. The MTAS MQE evaluates your skills and knowledge against the national massage therapy competency standards outlined in the [Practice Competencies and Performance Indicators for Massage Therapists at Entry-to-Practice \(FOMTRAC - 2016\)](#). This document forms the foundation for massage therapy education in Canada. If you are confident that your education meets these standards, continue with the application.

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

	CELP G	IELTS GT	IELTS AC	TOEFL (iBT)
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 participate in the MQE, which includes written and practical components. More information on the exam process, format, and content may be found in the [MQE Handbook](#), and on our [website](#).

Upon mastery of the MQE, you may apply for MTAS membership. 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:

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