

The California Massage Therapy Council (CAMTC) is a non-profit organization established in 2009 to protect the public by certifying qualified massage professionals in California.

Report Questionable and/or Unprofessional Conduct of Massage Providers:

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Is your massage provider certified?



## What is the law?

California law provides for the voluntary certification of massage professionals by CAMTC. It is against the law for a massage provider to hold themselves out as, or otherwise imply, that they are certified when they are not certified by CAMTC.

Certificate holders found to have engaged in unprofessional or illegal conduct may have their certificates suspended or revoked, or may be subject to other discipline by CAMTC.



## Local Regulations

A growing number of California cities and counties are requiring CAMTC certification for massage professionals. If CAMTC certification is not required in a specific city or county, and a massage provider practicing in that city or county is not CAMTC certified, then the city or county may require massage providers to obtain and maintain a local permit or license.

## What Is a CMT, CMP or CCMP?

In order to be certified as a massage professional by CAMTC, an applicant must pass a background check that includes review by the California Department of Justice and FBI, and meet the educational standards established by California State Law. Massage professionals may be certified as either:



### CMT - Certified Massage Therapist

- 500 hours of approved education or 250 hours of approved education and passage of a CAMTC approved exam; or



### CMP - Certified Massage Practitioner

- 250 hours of approved education; or



### CCMP - Conditional Certified Massage Practitioner

- Applied on or before January 1 of 2012, with 100 hours of approved education, and completed a minimum of 30 hours per year of approved continuing education until 250 hours are reached within 5 years.

## Beware of massage providers who...

- Do not display their CAMTC certificate number in their advertising
- Are not listed as holders of a valid CAMTC certificate at: [www.CAMTC.org/VerifyCertification.aspx](http://www.CAMTC.org/VerifyCertification.aspx)
- Fail to provide you with their true legal name
- Fail to display their CAMTC certificate at their place of work
- Refuse to provide you with their CAMTC identification card when requested to do so
- Use the phrases “certified massage therapist” or “certified massage practitioner” or hold themselves out as CAMTC certified when they are not CAMTC certified
- Do not provide you with a clean, safe, and comfortable environment before, during, and after the massage
- Fail to treat you with respect, courtesy, confidentiality, and dignity
- Do not provide you with privacy while changing and do not provide you with the right to remove your clothing only to your own level of comfort for the massage
- Do not drape you appropriately with a sheet, towel or blanket that leaves only the area being massaged exposed
- Do not provide an explanation of the nature of the massage and techniques to be used in advance of starting the massage
- Do not provide you with the opportunity to consent to the massage techniques and approaches, including pressure, used in the massage
- Behave unprofessionally and commit sexual misconduct