



SCHOOLS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)

The CAMTC Schools Advisory Committee held its most recent meeting on September 26, 2018 in Redondo Beach. Here is a summary of the Committee's actions:

- Reviewed proposed amendments to the Policies and Procedures for Approval of Schools and recommended Board approve with the minor technical changes noted.
- Reviewed and discussed results from the CAMTC Approved School Programs Survey sent June 30, 2018. Thirteen schools responded: 62% of respondents rated CAMTC's school-related policies and program "excellent" or "good" with 38% rating "fair" or "poor." The common theme was "communication". To that end, the Committee supports CAMTC hosting a Monthly Schools Conference Call in addition to the quarterly CAMTC School Newsletter. The Committee is determined to see more schools respond and to receive even more favorable numbers when the survey is repeated next year.
- Passed a motion requesting schools to provide CAMTC with feedback regarding challenges students are facing when completing the CAMTC Application for Certification. These identified issues will be reviewed for possible inclusion in an updated version of the application. If your school has any comments or suggestions for the individual CAMTC Application for Certification, please email Beverly May at bmay@camtc.org.

NEW MONTHLY SCHOOLS CONFERENCE CALL 1ST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH



To provide faster and more direct communication between CAMTC and California massage schools, CAMTC will host a Monthly Schools Conference Call the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00 p.m. beginning November 7, 2018. To participate in the upcoming November 7, 2018 conference call at 2:00 p.m., simply call the phone number below and

when prompted, enter the passcode below followed by the # sign:

Phone number: 877-366-0711

Passcode: 82373574 #

CAMTC's Director of Educational Standards Division, Joe Bob Smith, will facilitate the calls. A special guest on the first conference call will be a Staff Member of FSMTB to address recent issues related to MBLEx as a result of the passage of Senate Bill 1480.

The easy accessibility and frequency of these monthly conference calls will allow schools to receive current CAMTC/ESD information, ask questions, and make recommendations in a timely and direct manner. These monthly conference calls work in conjunction with our quarterly CAMTC School Newsletter and Schools Advisory Committee to foster closer relationships with schools by enhancing communication and the accessibility of relevant information.

An email reminder will be sent to CAMTC Approved Schools, with the phone number and passcode approximately 3 weeks before the conference calls each month. We welcome everyone to participate in the new Monthly Schools Conference Calls.



REMINDER – NEW SCHOOLS FEE SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2018

As stated in the June newsletter, the Board updated the school fees at the May 31, 2018 meeting. Many of these fee changes took effect on October 1, 2018. When submitting applications, credit card

authorizations, or other forms for schools, please make sure to use only forms updated on or after October 1, 2018. Please see the Fee Schedule for Schools below:

California Massage Therapy Council (CAMTC) Fee Schedule for Schools

(Approved May 31, 2018)

The following fees will become effective October 1, 2018

Description	Fee
Hearing - Recording	\$50
School Background Check	\$82
School Application (Two Years)	\$3000
School Hearing - Telephonic/Oral	\$1800
School Hearing – Written Statement	\$1400

The following fees will be applicable to schools expiring on or after January 1, 2020

Description	Fee
School Reapplication (Four Years)	\$6000

Additionally, many fee changes affecting applicants for certification will go into effect on January 1, 2019.

Please see the Fee Schedule for Applicants & Certificate Holders below:

California Massage Therapy Council (CAMTC) Fee Schedule for Applicants & Certificate Holders

(Approved May 31, 2018)

The following fees will become effective January 1, 2019

Description	Fee
Additional CAMTC ID Card	\$30
Additional Certificate	\$30
Conversion/Upgrade from CMP to CMT	\$60
Hearing - Recording	\$50
Name Change	\$60
New Application Processing (Two Years)	\$200
Out-of-State Verification	\$30
PSD Hearing – Telephonic/Oral	\$270
PSD Hearing – Written Statement	\$180
Returned Check/Chargeback	\$50

The following fees will be applicable to certificates expiring on or after January 1, 2019

Description	Fee
Late Fee: 1 to 10 Days After Expiration	\$50
Late Fee: 11 to 29 Days After Expiration	\$80
Late Fee: 30 to 180 Days After Expiration	\$180
Recertification Processing (Two Years)	\$200



TEST REQUIREMENT FOR CERTIFICATION SUSPENDED

On September 19, 2018, the Governor signed SB 1480 into Law. Among other things, this bill changes the Massage Therapy Act so that starting on January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020, passage of a CAMTC approved exam will not be required for CAMTC Certification. Passage of a CAMTC approved exam will again be required for CAMTC Certification beginning January 1, 2021.

Those seeking CAMTC Certification now or in the near future have three options:

1. Apply now or any time before January 1, 2019, take and pass a CAMTC approved exam, and meet all of the other requirements for certification. This option allows you to be certified the fastest, but also requires that you take and pass a CAMTC approved exam.
2. Apply now or any time before January 1, 2019, DON'T take or pass a CAMTC approved exam, but meet all of the other requirements for certification. If you choose this option, CAMTC will hold your application until the

Law becomes effective on January 1, 2019, and it will then be processed after that time.

3. WAIT to apply until on or after January 1, 2019. If you choose this option, no exam requirement will apply.

Schools and students should take note that, if an individual obtains CAMTC Certification between January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2020

when passage of a CAMTC approved exam is not required, and then allows his or her certification to lapse and must re-apply for certification on or after January 1, 2021 once the requirement is reinstated, that individual will need to meet all current requirements. This could include passing a CAMTC approved exam at the time of the re-application.

Additionally, most other

states require the passage of an exam. Schools should consider these scenarios when counseling students and modifying curriculum related to passing a standardized exam.



APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE

All approved schools and those applying for re-approval should submit an application for change preferably before the change goes into effect or, at maximum, within 30 days after the change has gone into effect. To submit these changes, schools should use the forms in the new CAMTC Application for Massage Program Re-Approval. That re-approval application will be available soon at www.camtc.org/schools/ on CAMTC's webpage for Schools.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

For School Questions or Comments, Joe Bob Smith, CAMTC Director of Educational Standards Division, can be reached at:

jbsmith@camtc.org



UPDATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR APPROVAL OF SCHOOLS

The CAMTC Board of Directors held its most recent quarterly meeting on September 26 & 27, 2018 in Redondo Beach. The Board took several actions affecting schools. Here is a summary of the most pertinent amendments to the 'Policies and Procedures for Approval of Schools': (please refer to <http://www.camtc.org/media/1559/schoolspolicies-and-procedures-for-approval-of-schools-92618-final.pdf> for the exact language):

1. Section 2.B. Updates fee to correspond with the Fee Schedule adopted by the Board on May 31, 2018.
2. Section 3.A. Clarifies that CAMTC will consider accepting hours for individual certification from partially completed programs so long as those hours are a part of a CAMTC Approved School Program.
3. Section 3.A.d. Reiterates that any applicant for CAMTC Certification may be required to pass an education hearing to provide additional proof of adequate education.
4. Section 3.D. Clarifies that CAMTC may accept hours completed at a school that submitted an application for school approval and was ultimately approved, if those hours were completed on or after the date of submission of the application and if the date of submission of the application is on or after July 1, 2016.
5. Section 7. Clarifies actions to be taken in relation to students when CAMTC decides to impose discipline, deny approval, revoke approval, suspend approval, place a school under investigation, or otherwise act against a school that has applied for CAMTC Approval or is a CAMTC Approved School.

NOTE FROM JOE BOB SMITH, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS DIVISION (ESD)

The past few months saw a big shift as ESD transitioned out of its start-up phase in which all schools were newly approved, to its current phase in which the majority of schools are subject to re-approval or have been re-approved. Here is an update of all initial applications for approval received since May 1, 2015:

171 Total Applications Received

94 Total Approved

- 21 Still Under Initial Approval
- 2 Still Under Initial Approval (disciplinary action)
- 51 Re-Approved
- 2 Re-Approved (disciplinary action)
- 18 Closed/Expired While Approved
- 7 Denied

- 4 Ineligible (Un-approved)
- 31 Pending
- 35 Purged*

**Purged schools are those schools whose applications were not completed within one year after being received and were subject to the purge policy passed by the Board on May 31, 2018.*

I am looking forward to our Monthly Schools Conference Calls. Please come with questions as these calls are for YOU, to get the information that you want to know. Of course, you can always reach me in the interim at jbsmith@camtc.org.

Missed a CAMTC School Newsletter?

Digital versions of all previous CAMTC School Newsletters can always be found here: <https://www.camtc.org/information-about-camtc/> and then click on "Publications".

California Massage Therapy Council's mission is to protect the public by certifying massage professionals in California that meet the requirements in the law and approving massage programs that meet the minimum standards for training and curriculum.

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