The next Monthly Schools Conference Call will be on Wednesday, December 5th at 2:00pm. To participate, simply call the phone number below and, when prompted, enter the passcode below followed by the # sign:

**Phone number:** 877-366-0711  
**Passcode:** 82373574 #

The November call had approximately 30 schools in attendance, along with Kevin Snedden and Mary O'Reilly from FSMTB to discuss the MBLEx and the impact of recent legislation suspending the test requirement for CAMTC Certificate Holders for two years. Other topics included CAMTC’s acceptance of partial hours from an approved program and current fee schedules.

We invite you to come to these calls with questions and topics important to you and your school. CAMTC’s Director of Educational Standards Division, Joe Bob Smith, facilitates these conference calls the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00 p.m.

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**‘Tis The Season**

We at CAMTC wish all of you a joyful Season’s Greetings, plus a successful and Happy New Year throughout 2019!
The CAMTC Board of Directors held its most recent quarterly meeting on November 15, 2018, in Los Angeles. The Board took several actions affecting schools, including amending the Policies and Procedures for Approval of Schools. Please refer to: http://www.camtc.org/media/1570/schools_policies-and-procedutes-for-approval-of-schools-amendments-111518.pdf for the exact language.

**Here is a summary of the most pertinent amendments:**

1. **Section 4** amendments eliminate the need to submit a written binder of information when submitting an application for approval or re-approval. The requirement to submit documents electronically remains.

2. **Section 5.H.** has been amended to reflect changes to CAMTC approved exam requirements. Since passage of a CAMTC approved exam will not be required in 2019 and 2020, school exam passage rates will not be tracked during this time.

3. **Sections 7.c.1 and 7.c.3** amendments end the acceptance of education from schools that are denied CAMTC School Approval for those schools whose applications for school approval are received on or after January 1, 2019.

4. **Section 7.c.1.(b)(1)** adds an additional grace period from January 1, 2019, through March 31, 2019, for students from schools currently denied CAMTC School Approval. This provision is to address the hardship faced by students who were given the opportunity to participate in education hearings, but who could not complete their applications because they were unable to sit for the MBLEx during that time.

5. **Section 7.c.1.(c)** adds a provision allowing students who attended a school with a pending application for CAMTC school approval that has been pending for 1.5 years or more and is listed on CAMTC’s website to request an education hearing upon their written request. This provision is intended to alleviate the hardship experienced by students when school applications for school approval are pending for long periods of time.

**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
SB 1480 was signed into law by the Governor on September 19, 2018. Among other amendments, it suspends the test requirement for CAMTC Certification for 2 years, from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020.

On May 31, 2018, the Board updated many of CAMTC’s fees. Most new school fees took effect on October 1, 2018. Most fees for certificate holders and individual applicants change effective January 1, 2019.

For additional information on these two subjects, please see the previous newsletter or CAMTC’s website at: http://www.camtc.org/schools/ and at http://www.camtc.org/massage-professionals/ for additional information about these two subjects.

The Board has extended the Schools Advisory Committee into 2019.

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 found in the new CAMTC Application for Massage Program Re-Approval.

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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