



WHAT IS IN CALIFORNIA STATE LAW IN REGARDS TO CAMTC CERTIFIED MASSAGE THERAPISTS AND ADVERTISING?

For students that choose to be CAMTC Certified, they should know that the California Business and Professions Code section 4608 states:

"In addition to the other requirements of this chapter, a certificate holder shall:

(a) Display his or her original certificate wherever he or she provides massage for compensation. A certificate holder shall have his or her identification card in his or her possession while providing massage services for compensation.

(b) Provide his or her full name and certificate number upon the request of a member of the public, the council, or a member of law enforcement, or a local government agency charged with regulating massage or massage establishments, at the location where he or she is providing massage services for compensation.

(c) Include the name under which he or she is certified and his or her certificate number in any and all advertising of massage for compensation."

Additionally, Business and Professions Code section 4609(a)(1)(A) states that it is a violation of the Massage Therapy Act, which can result in denial of an application or discipline of a certificate holder, to engage in sexually suggestive advertising related to massage services.

SCHOOLS ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUMMARY



The CAMTC Schools Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting occurred on September 11, 2019. For specific actions, please refer to the SAC Meeting Minutes, which will be posted on the CAMTC website once approved by the Committee at the next SAC Meeting. The Committee, consisting of seven school owners and administrators, made the following general recommendations to the Board, which the Board considered at its meeting:

While the Board values SAC's input, it is not obligated to act on any of the Committee's recommendations. The Board may however vote on any of the Committee's recommendations such as Sunset Review legislation. In that case it would only be to pass along such recommendations to the Legislature, which they have the final say in how the current State Law is amended.

- Permanently suspend the requirement to pass a CAMTC approved exam for individual Certification. Currently, the exam requirement is set to resume on January 1, 2021.
- Add a Continuing Education (CE) requirement for Recertification to complete 12 hours every two years. The CEs would include 3 hours in ethics/law, 3 hours in contraindications/pathology, and 6 hours of general practical bodywork.
- Amend the requirements for female breast massage to eliminate the requirement for referral from a licensed health care provider.



AB 775 SIGNED INTO LAW BY GOVERNOR



AB 775 is the only legislation signed into law in 2019 that amends the Massage Therapy Act. This bill primarily affects massage programs applying for initial CAMTC School Program Approval and massage programs in the State that are not approved by CAMTC.

In general, AB 775:

- Establishes specified timelines for the approval of schools;
- Requires CAMTC to post corrective action and proposed denial notifications on its website; and
- Requires massage schools not approved by CAMTC to notify students of such, and that students cannot use education completed at that school for CAMTC Certification.

CAMTC appreciates its inclusion in the legislative process, supported this bill, and looks forward to the positive changes intended by AB 775. For specific language, please refer to the Legislative Information website at:

leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB775

CAMTC BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The following is only a brief summary of the CAMTC Board Meeting, which occurred on September 11th and 12th, 2019. For a complete list of specific actions, please refer to the audio recording on the CAMTC website, available now. The Board Meeting Minutes will be posted on the website once approved by the Board at the next meeting. You can find additional information about this and all SAC and Board Meetings on the website at:

www.camtc.org/information-about-camtc/meetings/#2019

The Board reviewed a draft of the Sunset Report and listened to the Schools Advisory Committee Report presented by the SAC Chairman. The Board did not adopt any of SAC's recommendations. The Board did vote to change its current policies (which require those expired more than six months to reapply as a new applicant) to:

- 1) Allow expired certificate holders (CMPs and CMTs) who expired on or after January 1, 2018, to apply for recertification as long as their application is received on or before September 20, 2020; and
- 2) Extend the time period to apply for Recertification from six months to eighteen months from the date of certificate expiration.



QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Do you have a document you can point me in the direction of which stipulates what is acceptable according to the CAMTC with regards to student attendance and acquiring make-up hours for missed hours?

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Requirements can be found in CAMTC's Policies and Procedures for Approval of Schools ("Procedures") found here:

www.camtc.org/media/1658/schoolspolicies-and-procedures-for-approval-of-schools-final-52919.pdf

Procedures section 5.B.j. requires: "The school shall have clearly defined written policies that it follows for accurately and securely keeping and maintaining student files and transcript information, including but not limited to enrollment agreements, payment ledgers, attendance rosters, coursework, and grades."

CAMTC does not stipulate a specific method for doing this as programs vary in number of hours, structure, and content. Rather, schools tell us through the application process how their programs are structured, along with their attendance policies, and CAMTC determines whether or not the program meets the minimum requirements for training and curriculum.

Generally speaking, for a massage program to be approved, it must have a program approved by BPPE with a minimum 500 hours of actively supervised in-class instruction by a qualified instructor with a minimum of 100 of those hours in the core subjects defined in

Procedures section 5.E.a. Attendance policies must ensure that students actually attend those 500 and 100 hours respectively. Any missed hours should be made up appropriate to the hours missed and based on school policy. For example, if the school only offers 13 hours of contraindication (the minimum allowed in the Procedures) and a student misses 10 of those hours, then a student would need to make up those 10 hours specifically in contraindications as the student falls short of meeting the Core Curriculum requirement. If a student misses 10 hours of bodywork, a student could make up 10 hours of other or general bodywork as school policy dictates. The school should accurately record what hours are missed and made up for each student.

Programs that are only the minimum 500 hours required must have a 100% attendance policy, meaning students must make up every hour missed with appropriate subject matter.

CAMTC TO BE THE EDUCATION SPONSOR OF THE 2020 AMTA SCHOOLS SUMMIT IN LOS ANGELES

AMTA Schools Summit on February 13 & 14, 2020. **Got questions?** CAMTC has answers! **Joe Bob Smith** hopes to see many of our CAMTC Approved Schools there!

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MONTHLY SCHOOLS CONFERENCE CALL

The monthly Schools Call occurs the **1st Wednesday of every month at 2pm.** The next call is **November 6th.**

Calls are open to the public, but participation is prioritized for school owners and administrators. Please have your school related questions ready for the call or email questions in advance to jbsmith@camtc.org.

ATTEND A MEETING



The next CAMTC Board Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 6th, 2019.** All meetings are open to the public. Schedules are subject to change. You can find all current meeting information, as well as minutes

and audio for past meetings at www.camtc.org/information-about-camtc/meetings/#2019

HELP YOUR STUDENTS COMPLY WITH THE MESSAGE THERAPY ACT

Make sure that if your students plan to be CAMTC Certified, that they know to comply with the California State Law. All CAMTC Certificate Holders are required to update their contact info within 30 days of any changes, including their phone number, primary email address, home address and each workplace address. This will help to ensure that they receive a reminder from CAMTC about the need to recertify.



For students interested in applying for CAMTC Certification, ordering extra certificates would be a time saver if they plan to work at multiple locations. Original CAMTC Certificates (not photocopies) are required by California State Law to be displayed at each workplace location. If you order extra CAMTC Certificates, they might be mailed separately and arrive later than your initial CAMTC Certificate and CAMTC ID Card. For more info, contact CAMTC Customer Service at info@camtc.org or 916-669-5336 on Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm, except holidays.

Missed a CAMTC School Newsletter?

Digital versions of all previous CAMTC School Newsletters can always be found here: www.camtc.org/information-about-camtc/publications/ and scroll down.

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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