

MEMBERSHIP EDUCATION CRITERIA: TRANSITIONING OF MEMBERS

Policy

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Background

By 1994, every recognized massage therapy school in Manitoba was offering 2200-hour massage therapy diplomas. In the spring of 1996, the MTAM Board of Directors made a formal decision requiring a 2200-hour diploma for membership with the Association. Members of MTAM who did not meet the 2200-hour requirement were transitioned into the MTAM without requiring any additional education or upgrading at that time.

A policy statement was adopted in 2012 to provide transitioned (grandfathered) members with specific information about their unique membership status.

Definitions

A transition (grandfather) clause is a provision in which an old rule continues to apply to some existing situations while a new rule will apply to all future cases. Those exempt from the new rule are said to have grandfather rights or acquired rights.

2012 Original Policy Statement

All current members in good standing of the MTAM who do not meet the new membership education criteria standard of having graduated with 2200 hours of massage therapy education, have been grandfathered as members in good standing with no additional education required.

2017 Update

A transitioned member must maintain practicing or non-practicing membership with the MTAM each year consistently and consecutively. If this is not realized, reinstatement may be denied, unless; the individual completed in whole, additional education that would meet the current membership education criteria.