



Membership Requirement – Other Association Membership

Purpose:

- To establish policy and procedure surrounding the Membership Requirement to belong to only one Association associated with each professional designation per CMMOTA Bylaw's 3.5.1.1.9., 3.5.1.2.8., 3.5.1.3.7., 3.5.1.6.7., 3.5.1.7.8., 3.5.1.8.3., 3.5.1.9.2., 3.5.1.10.4., 3.5.1.11.3., and 3.5.1.12.2..

Definitions:

1. "College" – meaning either the *College of Massage Therapists of British Columbia*, or the *College of Massage Therapists of Ontario*, or the *College of Massage Therapists of Newfoundland and Labrador*, or the *College of Massage Therapists of New Brunswick*, or the *College of Massage Therapists of Prince Edward Island*.
2. "Manual Osteopathic Therapist Association" – means an association whose purpose it is to grant professional designation(s) for Manual Osteopathic Therapy, Osteopathic Manual Therapy, or Osteopathy, and who either provide insurance as part of their membership fees, or who assist in providing professional liability insurance coverage to their members.
3. "Massage Therapist Association" – means an association whose purpose it is to grant professional designation(s) for Massage Therapy, and who either provide insurance as part of their membership fees, or who assist in providing professional liability insurance coverage to their members.

Policy:

1. In addition to membership in the Canadian Massage and Manual Osteopathic Therapists Association (CMMOTA), a member may belong to a College, as defined above.
2. Student Massage Therapist members may belong to another Massage Therapist Association until such time as they obtain insurance through the CMMOTA insurance broker.
3. Student Manual Osteopathic Therapist members may belong to another Manual Osteopathic Therapist Association until such time as they obtain insurance through the CMMOTA insurance broker.
4. In order to obtain membership in the Canadian Massage and Manual Osteopathic Therapists Association, a potential Massage Therapist member shall not have membership with another Massage Therapist association.
 - a. If a potential Massage Therapist member has membership with another Massage Therapist association at the time of their application, they must cease to be a member of that association the day before membership with the Canadian Massage and Manual Osteopathic Therapists Association would come into affect.
5. In order to obtain membership in the Canadian Massage and Manual Osteopathic Therapists Association, a potential Manual Osteopathic Therapist member shall not have membership with another Manual Osteopathic Therapist association.



- a. If a potential Manual Osteopathic Therapist member, belongs to another Manual Osteopathic Therapist association at the time of their application, they must cease to be a member of that association the day before membership with the Canadian Massage and Manual Osteopathic Therapists Association would come into affect.
6. In order to maintain membership in the Canadian Massage and Manual Osteopathic Therapists Association, a Massage Therapist member shall not hold membership with another Massage Therapist Association.
 - a. Membership with another Massage Therapist Association, which either provides insurance coverage as part of their membership fees, or who requires that insurance coverage be maintained through their insurance broker, shall be grounds for disciplinary action to be taken in accordance with CMMOTA's *Disciplinary Policy for Non-Compliance Regarding Other Association Membership*.
7. In order to maintain membership in the Canadian Massage and Manual Osteopathic Therapists Association, a Manual Osteopathic Therapist member shall not hold membership with another Manual Osteopathic Therapist Association.
 - a. Membership with another Manual Osteopathic Therapist Association, which either provides insurance coverage as part of their membership fees, or who requires that insurance coverage be maintained through their insurance broker, shall be grounds for disciplinary action to be taken in accordance with CMMOTA's *Disciplinary Policy for Non-Compliance Regarding Other Association Membership*.
8. Membership in other professional associations, which do not represent Massage Therapists or Manual Osteopathic Therapists is allowed.
9. All membership with any professional association other than the Canadian Massage and Manual Osteopathic Therapists Association must be declared on the CMMOTA Annual Declaration Form.

Administration Procedure:

1. When reviewing applications for membership, Administration shall ensure that the potential Member has answered the question surrounding membership with other professional associations and shall inform the potential member of this requirement.
2. If Administration becomes aware of a Member who is in violation of this policy, then they shall follow CMMOTA's *Disciplinary Policy for Non-Compliance Regarding Other Association Membership*.
3. Administration shall review, on an Annual basis the Annual Declaration Form of each Member for any violations of this policy. If a violation of this policy is discovered through the Annual Declaration Form, then Administration shall follow CMMOTA's *Disciplinary Policy for Non-Compliance Regarding other Association Membership*.

Member Procedure:

1. A Member shall be responsible to follow this policy and shall inform CMMOTA voluntarily prior to becoming a member of another Association.



2. A Member shall be responsible to disclose on an annual basis, all membership involvement with any professional association as part of the Annual Declaration form.
3. If a Member violates this policy, they shall be subject to Disciplinary Action as outlined in CMMOTA's *Disciplinary Policy for Non-Compliance Regarding Other Association Membership*.

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