



Membership Requirement – Other Association Membership Policy

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., 3.5.1.8.2., 3.5.1.9.2., and 3.5.1.10.2..

Definitions:

1. "College" – meaning either the *College of Complementary Health Professionals of BC*, 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 *Discipline for Non-Compliance Regarding Other Association Membership Policy*.
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 *Discipline for Non-Compliance Regarding Other Association Membership Policy*.
8. Membership in other professional associations, which do not represent Massage Therapists or Manual Osteopathic Therapists is allowed.
9. Membership with another Manual Osteopathic Therapist Association or Massage Therapist Association in a membership category which does not require professional liability insurance coverage and does not provide a membership number for the purposes of recognition with health insurance companies is allowed.
10. 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.

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