



Prior Learning Assessment and Credentials Policy Statement

Introduction

This MTANS policy outlines the process to be followed when a potential applicant is from outside of Canada or has not been practicing massage therapy for more than three years.

Process

- MTANS will direct potential applicants to the College of Massage Therapists of New Brunswick (CMTNB), where they can apply to write an exam confirming their qualifications to practice massage therapy. The referral is made recognizing geographic proximity, but potential applicants may wish to undergo a prior learning assessment in other regulated jurisdictions.
- If the applicant is successful in a prior learning assessment process, they can then provide MTANS with proof of having passed their exam which will then be considered in their application for membership along with other association requirements.
- Please note that in keeping with other health-related professions in Nova Scotia, MTANS requires proficiency in English as a requirement for registration, regardless of the primary language of practice.

Background information on CMTNB

- Because Nova Scotia does not regulate the massage therapy profession, there is no regulatory body within the province that could assess a potential applicant's qualifications.
- Although not necessary for MTANS's purposes, those passing the examination in New Brunswick (or any other regulated jurisdiction) may wish to apply for provisional

membership in that province. This would allow for labour mobility between regulated provinces. Unregulated provinces are not subject to labour mobility laws, and it is only the individual provincial association requirements that a person would have to submit for membership.

- As noted above, while MTANS will direct inquiries to CMTNB, potential applicants may choose to undergo a prior learning assessment in any regulated province.

For more information regarding the process and associated costs, visit <https://www.cmtnb.ca/en/exams>