



WELCOME TO MASSAGE NEW ZEALAND

Thank you for your interest in Massage New Zealand. We welcome all Massage Therapists and all individuals or groups with an interest in Massage Therapy

MASSAGE NEW ZEALAND (MNZ) is a self-regulated association established as a result of a merger between the Massage Institute of New Zealand Inc (MINZI) and the Therapeutic Massage Association (New Zealand) (TMANZ). Massage New Zealand Incorporated was registered as an incorporated society in 2006.

Since the massage industry in New Zealand is not Government regulated, anyone can set up in business without any training or experience. Although massage therapists are not legally required to become members of MNZ, therapists who are not members are therefore aligning themselves with these untrained people. MNZ is the only professional body in New Zealand expressly for massage therapists. Status and credibility can be gained by belonging to our organisation.

THE OBJECTIVES OF MNZ ARE TO...

- organise and promote the profession of massage therapy.
- encourage high standards of knowledge and competency amongst members.
- provide a Code of Ethics and standards of practice and seek to ensure that this is followed by all members.

- maintain a disciplinary mechanism.
- seek to ensure the quality and delivery of massage training in New Zealand.
- provide opportunities for ongoing training.
- publish magazines and other publications.
- cooperate and become members of, or affiliate with any other incorporated or unincorporated organisation, company, educational institution, regulatory board, or any organisation, which in any way promotes the objectives of MNZ.
- foster, support and protect the interests of the members of MNZ.
- make arrangements with any trade, business or profession for the provision to the members of any special benefits, privileges and advantages and in particular to goods and services.
- lobby Governments and regulators in pursuit of the objectives.
- encourage the dissemination of research in massage therapy
- improve the social and economic position of members.

SOME BENEFITS OF BECOMING A MEMBER

- Credibility to the public;
- Quarterly magazines and regular email updates;
- Discounted rates for the Australian Association of Massage Therapists (AAMT) quarterly magazine;
- Eligibility to apply to become a massage provider to the NZ Academy of Sport (RMTs only);
- MNZ Website database Find-a-Massage-Therapist listing (RMT/CMT only);
- Members' only on-line resources;
- Public and members' only Facebook pages to promote your business and network;
- Access to MNZ mentors;
- Discounted rates at MNZ Annual Conference, and for overseas workshops and speakers;
- Discounted professional indemnity and public liability insurance;

- RMTs may be reimbursed by Southern Cross for up to \$400 worth of for persons who have the "Body Care" optional module included in their policy;
- Free listing and webpage on the Wellness Directory;
- Discounted packages with Tymwise online booking and business management;
- Discounted advertising in magazine, website and by email;
- Use of MNZ logo (RMT & CMT only);
- Voting rights at AGM (RMT & CMT only)
- Access to business and marketing.

TO JOIN MNZ

CONTACT:

Membership Secretary
Massage New Zealand
PO Box 4131

HAMILTON EAST 3247

Ph: 0800 367 669

Email: membership@massagenewzealand.org.nz

Web: www.massagenewzealand.org.nz

OR:

Download a Membership Application Form from the MNZ website and complete and return it to the address above. Please note:

- A non-refundable administration fee of \$40 is charged for RMTs, CMTs and Associates. Students and Affiliates are exempt.
- RMTs, CMTs and Associates will be invoiced for annual membership fees after applications have been approved.
- Students and Affiliates should include annual membership fees with their applications.

Any application received without the \$40 administration fee or the required documentation attached will be returned.

If you have any questions regarding membership of Massage New Zealand or the associated benefits, please call or email the membership secretary: details as above.

CODE OF ETHICS

We ask all members to abide by our Code of Ethics, available on our website:

www.massagenewzealand.org.nz

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Life Member

- In the opinion of the association you have made an exceptional contribution to MNZ.
- Awarded.

REGISTERED MEMBERS:

Remedial Massage Therapist (RMT) :

- Must have an approved Degree or an NZQA Diploma in Therapeutic Massage or equivalent.
- Must enclose copies of Massage Diploma and current First Aid Certificate with application.

Certified Massage Therapist (CMT) :

- Must have an NZQA Certificate in Therapeutic or Relaxation Massage or equivalent.
- Must enclose copies of Massage Certificate and current First Aid Certificate with application.

OTHER MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Associate :

- For massage therapists who have training and experience in massage, but have not reached the criteria necessary to be a Registered Member.
- Must enclose letter of recommendation from other massage therapist or health professional and a copy of current First Aid Certificate including CPR.

Affiliate :

- Anyone who would like to receive the MNZ magazine (eg universities; polytechnics; colleges; other associations; other health practitioners).
- This level is not applicable to individual massage therapists or massage businesses.
- No administration fee required to be paid.
- College affiliate members are eligible for a free student membership annually for their top student.

Student :

- For current massage students.
- Proof of student status required eg college stamp and signature.
- No administration fee required to be paid.
- Receive free upgrade for the remainder of the membership year to Registered Membership level when you qualify.

Overseas trained massage therapists :

- If trained overseas or holding a qualification that does not meet NZ industry standards, you must also provide a transcript of course content and hours from the Institute where training took place.

MEMBERSHIP FEES (valid from 1/10/11)

Membership is renewed annually from 1 April. Renewal forms are sent out during March. If joining during the year, you will pay a pro-rata discounted rate. Annual membership fees (incl GST) and pro-rata rates for those joining during the year are charged per quarter as follows:

1st quarter to 30 June : Full Fee

- RMT/CMT \$245; Assoc \$145; Stud \$50; Affil: \$100

2nd quarter to 30 September : Pro-rata

- RMT/CMT \$185; Assoc \$110; Stud \$37.50 Affil: \$75

3rd quarter to 31 December : Pro-rata

- RMT/CMT \$125; Assoc \$75; Stud \$25; Affil: \$50

4th quarter to 31 March : Pro-rata

- RMT/CMT \$65; Assoc \$40; Stud \$12.50; Affil \$25

ONGOING PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

After joining, ongoing professional development is required by Registered members to maintain membership:

- RMT: 80 points annually
- CMT 40 points annually

Full details of the many ways to earn these points are available when you join or by contacting the Membership Secretary.



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Professional
Massage Therapists**

About us ...