

# APPLICATION FOR PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

**Application Deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup> for every year!  
Fees are subject of change. Please check our website [www.albertaatm.com](http://www.albertaatm.com)!**

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**Renewal** Starting Date: 30/09/2011 AATM #: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Expiry Date: 30/09/2012\_\_\_\_\_ (for office use only)*  
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**New Application** Starting Date: 23/06/2011\_\_\_\_  
*Expiry Date: 30/09/2012\_\_\_\_\_ AATM #\_\_\_\_\_ (for office use only)*

In order to apply for a membership in the AATM, please **complete requested information on all four pages** and return it with payment by money order or certified cheque and payable to "AATM ". SORRY NO personal cheques or credit cards are accepted.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female

**For New Applicants:**

I have graduated from Alberta recognized school (please see in AATM web site) \_\_\_\_\_ with minimum 250 hours of training.  
I am enclosing photocopy of my diploma and transcript to this application plus \$50.00 money order.

**For Renewal Applicants:**

I am enclosing \$50.00 money order, photocopies of my diploma/transcript to prove that I completed 10 hours of Continuing Education Courses and CPR and/or First Aid.

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In order to assist the AATM in providing member services, please provide the following information. The information you provide is considered by the AATM to be confidential and will only be used for the provision of member services and statistical reporting.

1. Did you obtain or intend to obtain a signed consent or waiver from clients acknowledging disclosure of treatment limitations, contraindication and possible side effects of services to be provided?

Yes or  No

2. Have you ever pleaded guilty or been convicted of a criminal offense for which you have not been pardoned?

Yes or  No

If yes, please provide details and also include a copy of a current criminal records check with City and Province of conviction:

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3. I will require all my clients to complete a case history form and I will assess any of the contraindications that I have been taught in my training and I will refer them to appropriate physicians when it is indicated.

I, the undersigned, declare that to the best of my knowledge the information provided and the statements made in this application and in any attached documents are true. I have read and agree with the AATM Code of ethics and I agree to abide by the bylaws of the AATM. I realize that any violation or misconduct of the AATM code of ethics will result in my expulsion from the AATM and all of my privileges associated with this organization will be revoked.

I have been informed that Malpractice and Liability Insurance is available to AATM members on an optional basis. If I decide to choose that option to NOT have the insurance, then if any client is harmed in my premises for accidental or negligence or for any other reason, the board of directors of the association have no responsibility for my action. I will deal with it myself according to the Canadian Laws with my own expenses.

Practitioner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note:

1. Membership fee is \$50/year and it may change at any time without notice.
2. Insurance is OPTIONAL for our members.
3. Incomplete applications will NOT be processed.
4. Insurance companies have access to AATM members list and their expiry date.
5. We do NOT send out renewal notices. Deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup> for every year!

## **CODE OF ETHICS**

### **Mission Statement**

The Alberta Association of Therapeutic masseurs provides today's massage therapist with a cost effective alternative; focused on their needs for a successful practice through high educational standards to improve the overall health and wellness of society.

### **All Members of the Alberta Association of Therapeutic Masseurs shall:**

1. Inform the client of the type and scope of the service or treatment, what to expect, and the fees, prior to providing any service or treatment.
2. Represent qualifications honestly, including educational achievements and professional affiliations, and provide only those services that they are qualified to perform safely and competently.
3. Represent honestly, the benefits and limitations of the offered services and products.
4. Not provide services while the ability to practice is impaired.
5. Recommend a client to seek an appropriate qualified professional when the practitioner recognizes a condition that requires further assessment, or is beyond the practitioner's scope of practice or ability.
6. Respect the confidentiality of information obtained in the course of professional service, unless disclosure is required by law, court order, or is absolutely necessary for the protection of the public, and keep client records in a secure place.
7. Provide a clean and safe environment appropriate to the type of service and consistent with the local public health requirements and industry standards.
8. Take appropriate measures to ensure the safety, comfort and privacy of the client.
9. Recognize the dignity of the client and avoid discrimination on the basis of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, social class, age, disability, religion or political beliefs.
10. Not falsify any part of a client's records, sign or issue a certificate, report, or similar document that contains false information.
11. Respect the client's autonomy, the right to refuse, modify, or terminate treatment regardless of any prior consent.
12. Make an effort to determine if the individual seeking services have the capacity to comprehend the nature of the services provided and make an informed decision, as well as obtain written permission from a parent or guardian if required by provincial law.
13. Have the right to refuse or limit treatment or services to any person if there is just and reasonable cause.
14. Maintain appropriate boundaries with the client and refrain from initiating or engaging in ANY sexual conduct, sexual activities, or sexualizing behaviour involving a client, even if the client attempts to sexualize the relationship.
15. Refrain from making unfounded statements that may damage the reputation of their colleagues, or the reputation of other disciplines and their practitioners.
16. Be expected to relate to colleagues with integrity, respect, courtesy, fairness and good faith.

I have read and understand the Association's Code Of Ethics and agree to abide by them to the best of my abilities.

Practitioner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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The name of this organization shall be The Alberta Association of Therapeutic Masseurs  
(Hereinafter referred to as AATM)

## BY-LAWS

### THE OBJECTIVES FOR WHICH THIS SOCIETY IS FORMED ARE:

To foster the spirit of cooperation, the exchange of ideas and techniques among members, to advance the science and art of massage therapy to benefit mankind.

To keep our conduct and character unquestionable of integrity and above reproach, to work and cooperate with all other healing professionals.

To appoint a board of directors comprised of health care professionals and other experienced, qualified individuals who are active members of the association.

To determine competence of persons wishing to be certified as qualified Therapeutic Massage Practitioners with this association and will have authority to set competency exams for registration with AATM, guide the practice of the members and to integrate therapeutic massage into the health care profession.

To organize and encourage educational seminars on an ongoing basis and provide an opportunity for members to associate with each other as well as other health care professionals.

To recognize the limitations of massage therapy and not diagnose or prescribe for bodily infirmities.

To be fully aware and encouraging of education to the public of the usefulness of massage therapy as to advance the science and art of massage therapy to merit the respect and confidence of all people.

To promote the establishment and maintenance of standards for Professional excellence in the education and practice of therapeutic massage.

To recognize and respect all ethical practitioners and comply with prescriptions for referred cases. unless otherwise modified by mutual agreement.

To provide through purchase, rent or lease suitable property for the membership to carry out the objectives of the society.

- A. "Massage Therapist" is a person who practices the science and art of the manipulations of the soft tissues of the body.
- B. "Code of Ethics" refers to the AATM standards of practice for massage therapists.
- C. "Special Resolution" is as defined in the Societies Act which requires a quorum present and 21 days prior notice by phone, or in writing, to members; and 3/4 (75%) vote of the members present and voting.

I have read and understand the by-laws of the AATM and agree to abide by them to the best of my abilities.

Practitioner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_