

Update # 4 on the *Approval of the Inter-jurisdictional Competency Profile*

A Look Back:

Following the April/May meeting of the Consortium of Massage Therapy Regulators for Inter-jurisdictional Competency development, a final document consisting of an Entry-to-Practice Competency Profile for Massage Therapists and a Project Report with Recommendations was presented to each regulatory college.

The Boards in British Columbia and Newfoundland and Labrador along with the Council in Ontario gave due consideration to the document. In all of the jurisdictions, *approval of the Entry-to-Practice Competency Profile* occurred as well as a commitment to move forward to the next phase in the development of Performance Indicators for all of the Practice Competencies pending Human Resource and Skills Development Canada funding.

Performance Indicators are descriptors of tasks completed by massage therapists in meeting Practice Competencies. These Performance Indicators will provide direction for educational programs preparing students for entry-to-practice examinations as well as the examinations themselves.

A Look Forward:

This approval has moved the profession of massage therapy from three jurisdictions with different but duplicate processes describing entry-to-practice competency standards to a national standard unifying the profession in its expectations of the individual entering the profession.

This next phase will require broad collaboration and consultation with educators, associations in non regulated jurisdictions and regulatory colleges. This process moves the profession closer to national entry-to-practice examinations and a national presence in health care delivery.