

Application for Approval to Develop a Qualification at Levels 1-6

1. Qualification Developer Details

Qualification developer name	Massage Therapy Mandatory Review Governance Group		
Provider No.			
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Will the qualification be jointly developed?	Yes	If Yes, include other TEO name(s) and Provider No(s)	There is no Industry Training Organisation. The current Governance Group has agreed to remain convened to ensure ongoing development of the qualifications. Options to secure a Qualification Owner are progressing.

2. Proposed Qualification Details

Title	New Zealand Diploma in Remedial Massage (Advanced) (Level 6) with optional endorsement in Soft Tissue Therapy		
Level	6	Credits	120
Type	Diploma	NZSCED	061711 Health > Rehabilitation Therapies > Massage Therapy
Strategic purpose statement	<p>The purpose of this qualification is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide professional remedial massage therapists able to practice in a broad range of remedial massage settings in an unsupervised and autonomous self-managing capacity. To ensure graduates able to work within a scope of practice defined by remedial massage, wellness and relaxation massage and coordinate with wellness and relaxation massage therapists, allied health, wellness and medical professionals and specialists where required. To provide for those individuals who are employed in the remedial massage therapy sector, a credential that meets membership eligibility to Massage New Zealand. <p>This qualification provides an optional Endorsement thereby recognising the different approaches within the industry and specialist knowledge and practical skills required.</p>		

3. Proposed Outcome Statement

<p>Graduate profile</p>	<p>Graduates of this qualification will be able to:</p> <p>Graduates of this qualification will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apply the biomedical, behavioural, educational and social science bases to massage therapy practice. 30 credits 2. Assess, plan, implement, and evaluate remedial massage therapy interventions to address musculoskeletal dysfunction. 15-45 credits 3. Apply evidence-informed learning to massage therapy practice. 15 credits 4. Practice remedial massage autonomously in a range of remedial massage settings. 30 credits <p>Soft tissue therapy endorsement (optional)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Assess, plan, implement, and evaluate remedial massage therapy interventions to address musculoskeletal dysfunction using a soft tissue therapy focus. 30 credits <p>Must include the following modalities: Deep tissue / therapeutic/remedial massage; Advanced techniques (Neuromuscular therapy); Myofascial release; Trigger point therapy; Sports massage; Musculoskeletal injury management.</p>
<p>Education pathway</p>	<p>This qualification builds on the New Zealand Diploma in Wellness and Relaxation Massage (Level 5).</p> <p>This qualification can lead to Bachelor’s degrees in massage therapy (Level 7) (credit recognition for equivalency to the first two years of a degree may be possible).</p>
<p>Employment pathway</p>	<p>Graduates of this qualification will be able to work as remedial massage therapists in a broad range of remedial massage settings including multi-disciplinary clinics and practices for the treatment of sports, medical, and age-related conditions and injury treatment and rehabilitation, and for injury prevention; with high performance athletes in the prevention of injury and performance enhancement; or in more generalist remedial massage practices/roles associated with health and relaxation massage eg rest homes, birth centres.</p>

4. Strategic Need for New Qualification

<p>Confirmation of NZQF search and identification of substantially similar qualifications</p>	<p>The qualification need arises from the Mandatory Review process and associated Needs Analysis which has been completed. This qualification is proposed as one of two to replace all current level 1 to 6 massage qualifications currently clustered into the Massage Therapy Review list. NZQA has already established that many of the currently registered massage qualifications are substantially similar to each other. This qualification (and its partner) will replace those qualifications, and not be additional to them.</p>
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<p>Where duplication <u>does not</u> exist – Explanation of strategic need or gap the qualification will fill on the NZQF</p>	<p>Where duplication <u>does</u> exist – Explanation of strategic need <u>and</u> justification for proposed new qualification</p>
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5. Stakeholder Profile for Qualification

Stakeholder name (Individual, group or organisation)	Reason for Inclusion (why they are appropriate, credible, representative)

6. Stakeholder Involvement in Pre Development Stage

Stakeholder name and contact details	Nature of involvement	Reason for involvement
<p>Massage New Zealand</p>		
<p>Explanation and justification for proceeding where one or more mandatory stakeholders have <u>not</u> supported the new qualification</p>		

7. Timeframe for development and submission of qualification for approval

Timeframe for development and submission of qualification for approval <u>subsequent</u> to Approval to Develop being granted	
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8. Attachment Checklist

Evidence required	Attached	No. of attachments
A report confirming the need for the qualification	Select	
Attestations completed and signed by key stakeholders identified in Section 6 (using NZQA template: Involvement in Pre-Development Stage Stakeholder Attestation (NZQF2))	Select	