

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 Wellness and Relaxation Massage with optional endorsements or optional electives in, Health and Wellness, Spa Therapies, Eastern Therapies, Body Therapies, Special Populations		
Level	5	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 wellness and relaxation massage therapists entry to employment in wellness and relaxation settings to practice relaxation massage unsupervised. To ensure graduates who can work within the scope of practice defined by wellness and relaxation massage and co-ordinate with remedial massage therapists, and allied health, wellness and medical professionals for those specialist services, where required. To provide for those individuals who are employed in the wellness and relaxation massage sector, a credential that meets membership eligibility to Massage New Zealand. <p>This qualification provides optional Electives and an Endorsement recognising the different approaches and beginning specialities within the wellness and relaxation massage industry and the initial knowledge and practical skills required for each.</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 knowledge of human functioning and behaviour to relaxation massage therapy practice 30-45 credits 2. Assess, plan, implement, and evaluate wellness and relaxation massage therapy interventions 30 credits 3. Assess, plan, implement, and evaluate own professional development 15 credits 4. Demonstrate autonomous practice as an entry level relaxation massage therapist in a wellness and relaxation massage setting 15 credits 5. Apply basic practical skills reflecting introductory knowledge of a specialist endorsement or elective 15-30 credits <p>The optional Endorsement consists of 30 credits from ONE of the following electives: The Elective consists of 30 credits from more than one of the following electives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Wellness Apply basic practical skills together with introductory nutrition, health and wellness knowledge to wellness and relaxation massage therapy interventions • Spa therapies Apply basic practical skills together with introductory spa therapies knowledge to wellness and relaxation massage therapy interventions • Eastern therapies Apply basic practical skills together with introductory eastern therapies knowledge to wellness and relaxation massage therapy interventions • Body therapies Apply basic practical skills together with introductory body therapies knowledge to wellness and relaxation massage therapy interventions • Special populations Apply basic practical skills together with introductory wellness and relaxation massage knowledge for special populations
<p>Education pathway</p>	<p>This qualification leads from NCEA Level 2 and NCEA Level 3; and from general health science 'bridging qualifications', or entry level qualifications in associated disciplines (eg fitness, sport, health and wellbeing, healthcare). An elementary knowledge of the structure and function of the human body is required.</p>

	<p>This qualification leads to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Zealand Diploma in Remedial Massage (Advanced) (Level 6) 120 credits • Bachelor’s degrees in massage therapy (Level 7)
<p>Employment pathway</p>	<p>Graduates of this qualification will be able to work as wellness and relaxation massage therapists in wellness and relaxation massage settings including health centres and clubs; resorts and exclusive tourist accommodation; beauty/personal service centres on cruise ships; boutique treatment spas; and relaxation massage clinics.</p> <p>Further study is required before being able to practise and be employed in remedial massage therapy.</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>

5. Stakeholder Profile for Qualification

<p>Stakeholder name (Individual, group or organisation)</p>	<p>Reason for Inclusion (why they are appropriate, credible, representative)</p>
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6. Stakeholder Involvement in Pre Development Stage

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

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	3 months
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8. Attachment Checklist

Evidence required	Attached	No. of attachments
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NZQF 1

A report confirming the need for the qualification	Yes	
Attestations completed and signed by key stakeholders identified in Section 6 (using NZQA template: Involvement in Pre-Development Stage Stakeholder Attestation (NZQF2))	Select	