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Training package endorsement

The Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council (CS&HISC) has provided the following update on the timetable for endorsement of the new training package:

CS&HISC does not have a definitive date as to when the endorsement of CHC and HLT Training Packages will be complete, but will notify all stakeholders when they are endorsed

On May 8th 2015, CS&HISC submitted to the Federal Department of Education and Training the Cases for Endorsement for qualifications and units for a large portion of the CHC Community Services Training Package and HLT Health Training Package.

As we have not been given a definitive date for when the Department will complete the endorsement process, we are unable to give an accurate indication as to when this will happen. However, once these documents are endorsed, they will be released on www.training.gov.au and RTOs can start the process of adding the new qualifications to their scopes.

Prior to the endorsement the draft documents can be viewed at <http://www.cshisc.com.au/develop/industry-qualifications-training-packages/training-packages-review/pre-release-chc-and-hlt-training-packages/> to assist RTOs with their planning.

As soon as the CHC and HLT Training Packages are endorsed, CS&HISC will notify all stakeholders via email, newsletter and through our social media channels.

AMT/ARCCIM research study

The workforce data is now in from our research study with the Australian Research Centre in Complementary and Integrative Medicine (ARCCIM). The data clearly shows that there has been some significant changes in patterns of employment since the phone survey of members that AMT conducted in 2010: it appears that more therapists are working in interdisciplinary clinics and group practices, and there are fewer sole practitioners.

Excitingly, the patient arm of the survey commenced this month. We are particularly looking forward to seeing this data because it will help to create a clearer picture of how clients are using massage therapy in the broader healthcare delivery landscape in Australia. We also look forward to sharing the results with you when they are in.

2010 AMT workforce survey published in the International Journal of Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (IJTMB)

In 2010, AMT conducted a workforce survey via telephone of 301 members. We are pretty chuffed to have this piece of research written up in the current (June) issue of the IJTMB. The International Journal of Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork is an open access, peer-reviewed publication that is published quarterly in March, June, September and December.

The 2010 survey provides some great baseline data for the current study with ARCCIM. You'll find the article, "Practice and research in Australian massage therapy: a national workforce survey" here:

<http://www.ijtmb.org/index.php/ijtmb/article/view/258/333>



Medibank audit

AMT recently underwent its first audit with Medibank. The process was relatively smooth and painless, with only a small amount of follow-up required after the on-site visit.

AMT Code of Practice update

It is more than two years since AMT launched the first edition of the Massage Therapy Code of Practice. Since that time, there has been a surprising amount of legislative change that was obviously not reflected in the original Code. Some of these changes include the introduction of a Code of Conduct for Unregistered Health Practitioners in South Australia and new Working with Children check procedures and requirements in several states.

The AMT Ethics Committee has just completed a comprehensive review of the AMT Code of Practice to reflect all the changes in legislation that have occurred since the release of the Code. The new electronic version also includes hyperlinks to relevant Acts, supporting documentation and policy to make it quicker and easier to access relevant information within each of the Standards.

We strongly recommend that you take some time to review the revised Code of Practice, to ensure ongoing compliance with legislative requirements and benchmark professional standards. You can download the new version here:

<http://www.amt.org.au/members/code-of-practice.html>

Join AMT on social media

AMT has ramped up its social media presence over the last few months. We are proud to announce that AMT has launched a brand new public Facebook page. Check it out (and don't forget to 'like' it) for all the latest in massage/AMT news:

<https://www.facebook.com/amtaustralia>

We have also been building our AMT Facebook group as an important resource for members. The group page is updated daily and packed full of news and tips including updates on the latest massage research, news coverage of massage, links to self-care tips, and resources for clients for you to share on your own small business pages. You can access the group here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/amtnetworking/>

And don't forget to join Team AMT in the Twitter-sphere:

<http://www.twitter.com/ramblingamt>