

AMT Education and Research Committee Terms of Reference

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Purpose

The purpose of the Education and Research Committee is to:

- Establish and monitor ongoing learning programmes/pathways that support the development and promotion of the professional vocation of the Massage Therapist.
- Promote the conduct, distribution, assimilation and clinical application of quality research in all areas of Massage Therapy.

Composition

The AMT Education Committee shall consist of:

- A Chairperson from the Board, to be elected by the Committee
- Up to 3 additional AMT Board members
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At least fifty percent plus one of members of the Education and Research Committee shall constitute a quorum. Business may be conducted electronically or via teleconference or at face-to-face meetings.

Eligibility Criteria

To be appointed to the Education and Research Committee, members must fulfil **at least one** of the following criteria:

- Hold a current Cert IV in Training and Assessment Systems or a Diploma in Training and Assessment Systems.
- Have completed the minimum of a Diploma of Remedial Massage, Associate Diploma / Diploma in Health Science (Massage Therapy) or equivalent.
- Have sustained an exemplary PD record for the past 7 years
- Have a tertiary degree
- Have experience in research or completed substantive study in research methodology.

Frequency of Meetings

The Education and Research Committee shall meet via teleconference or electronically as required. The Committee shall also meet at the call of the AMT Board.

Responsibilities

Specific responsibilities of the Education and Research Committee include:

1. Providing advice on matters relating to training and research to the AMT Board and other groups.
2. Monitoring industry trends and validating training against government, industry and individual requirements.

3. Supplying delegate(s) to serve on review panels and steering committees for training package qualifications.
4. Reviewing and restructuring AMT's professional development scheme to ensure that it meets the needs of the profession, 3rd party payers and other stakeholders such as the general public and relevant government bodies.
5. Developing distinct post-graduate learning pathways that reflect the areas of specialisation within the Massage Therapy industry.
6. Monitoring research projects and trends both locally and overseas.
7. Facilitating access to relevant research and fostering research literacy to members.
8. Developing partnerships with appropriate organisations and institutions who are involved in research that advances the application and acceptance of Massage Therapy.
9. Tasks as allocated by the AMT Board.

Others

1. Monitoring changes/developments to the national training package qualifications.
2. Maintaining an open dialogue with industry stakeholders.