

# educator news February 2023

## **New message therapy qualification and transition**

As we're all aware, the new Cert IV in Massage Therapy, Diploma of Remedial Massage, and two pain management skills sets were released and went live on TGA late December 2022....timing!

AMT have been working with stakeholders to support the case for an extension to the current 12 month teach out period and are aware that many RTOs will be applying for an extension to the transition period. If you would like to request a letter of support from AMT as part of your application, please email [AMT's Industry Engagement Manager](mailto:Scott.Lloyd-Owen@amt.org.au), Scott Lloyd-Owen, to submit your request.

Following recent dialogue with ASQA, RTOs are encouraged to lodge their applications to add the new qualifications onto scope ASAP, this process can take a few months for approval. Additionally, given there is no definitive date as to if or when a transition extension will be granted, ASQA advised that RTOs should be considering what their transition and teach out strategy looks like, particular for those cohorts enrolling later in the year.

## **Health fund provider criteria**

AMT is continuing its dialogue with the private health funds regarding provider recognition criteria for remedial massage therapists. The release of the new qualifications and skill sets provides a solid platform to continue the momentum gained on this front in 2022. We've had positive conversations with a number of major funds, and we feel optimistic about the potential to streamline the criteria, bringing it back into line with national competency standards. We also think that the new skill sets may provide a pathway for therapists with older and grandfathered qualifications to regain provider status. We will continue to keep you posted on our progress.

## **Volunteer message position statement**

In December 2022 AMT released a position statement on volunteer massage.

The statement can be found here: <https://www.amt.org.au/downloads/position-statements/AMT-Position-Statement-Volunteer-Massage.pdf>



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## **AMT mentoring program**

On the back of another successful program in 2022, AMT are pleased to be launching the 2023 Mentoring Program with a free information session on Monday 13 February 2023. You can register online [here](https://www.amt.org.au/mentoring).

### **Managing practice risks webinar**

In early 2022 AMTs preferred insurer, Fenton Green, delivered a presentation for our members on managing practice risk. AMT are happy to share this presentation with RTOs and their students, this may be particularly useful for new cohorts and still relevant for the more experienced practitioner [Webinar Recording: Managing your Practice Risks](#)

If you'd like to arrange a time, either in person or online, for an AMT representative to speak with students about the work AMT is doing and the benefits of AMT membership, please get in touch.