

## New RMTBC/CMTBC partnership eliminates fees for Boundaries and Consent online course

The Registered Massage Therapists' Association of BC (RMTBC) is pleased to announce a joint funding agreement with the College of Massage Therapists of BC (CMTBC) that will enable Registered Massage Therapists (RMTs) to complete the College's mandatory Boundaries and Consent course free of charge – a savings of \$100 for every RMT in BC.

The agreement for the two organizations to split the cost of delivering the online course reflects a ground-breaking collaboration between the College and the Association during extraordinary times. It recognizes the challenging financial situation for RMTs across BC who have temporarily ceased practice as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, in accordance with the Provincial Health Officer's expectations for regulated health professionals.

"RMTs are doing their part during a tough time for everyone," acknowledges Gordon MacDonald, Executive Director of RMTBC. "We're very happy to be supporting our profession as it supports the pandemic response." He notes that this funding partnership will assist all RMTs in BC, not just RMTBC members.

The Boundaries and Consent course is an online program that guides RMTs through the standards of practice for maintaining professional boundaries and obtaining informed consent from patients. Consisting of eight modules and more than 100 clinical scenarios, the course helps bridge the gap between theory and practice and addresses fundamental issues for RMT practice.

"Thanks to this partnership, all RMTs will now be able to fulfil the mandated education requirement around boundaries and consent regardless of their financial situation," explains Eric Wredenhagen, CMTBC Registrar & CEO.

All RMTs with practising and non-practising status are required to complete the Boundaries and Consent course. RMTs who have already completed the course will receive a \$100 credit towards their next CMTBC registration renewal fee.

RMTs are encouraged to enrol in the course in a timely manner to ensure adequate time is available to complete the course before the October 31, 2020 deadline. Once enrolled, RMTs have eight weeks to complete the course. Visit [CMTBC Online Courses](#) for details.

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### About the partners

The Registered Massage Therapists' Association of BC (RMTBC) serves its members and leads the profession by fostering excellence in practice, education and research. Approximately 3,100 RMTs are RMTBC members.

As mandated by BC's [Health Professions Act](#), the College of Massage Therapists of British Columbia (CMTBC) regulates the profession of massage therapy in the public interest to ensure that registered

massage therapists (RMTs) in BC deliver safe, ethical, and effective treatment. Approximately 5,300 RMTs are registered to practice in BC.