



NEW WESTMINSTER Guide: Massage Services

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The provision of massage services in New Westminster is regulated under the City's [Zoning Bylaw](#) and [Business License Bylaw](#).

Under the Zoning Bylaw, massage practitioners are classified under one of the three following definitions:

1. **Massage Provider** means a person who is a member in good standing in the Association of Massage Therapists and Wholistic Practitioners and who practices, instructs or demonstrates therapeutic or relaxation massage and operates in a business and professional service establishment only.
2. **Massage Therapist** means a registrant of the College of Massage Therapists of British

Columbia established in accordance with the Health Professions Act R.S.B.C. 1996, as amended or replaced from time to time, c.183.

3. **Masseur or Masseuse** means a person who is not a cosmetologist, massage therapist, or massage provider and who kneads, rubs, or massages the human body for remuneration.

In order to operate a business in which any type of massage is provided, the following conditions must be met:

- provision of proof of membership in the applicable professional organization (see contacts below) note: each person providing massage

services must show proof of professional membership

- compliance with regulations under the Business License Bylaw regulating business operation (e.g. hours of operation, cleanliness, attire)

For more information on the professional associations, please contact:

College of Massage Therapists of British Columbia
Tel: 604-736-3404
www.cmtbc.ca

National Health Practitioners of Canada (formerly the Association of Massage Therapists and Wholistic Practitioners)
Tel: 1-888-711-7701
www.nhpcanada.org

Planning Division
604-527-4532

