



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

**CEMT RESOLUTION NO. 2011 – 003**

**SUSPENSION OF “HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA”  
AS REQUIREMENT FOR THE  
MESSAGE THERAPY LICENSURE EXAMINATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Committee of Examiners for Massage Therapy (CEMT) is mandated to regulate the practice of massage therapy in accordance to the provisions of the Code on Sanitation of the Philippines (PD 856) and Executive Order No. 102 s.1999; hence, ensure that only qualified individuals enter the regulated profession and that the care and services which the massage therapists provide are within the standard of practice;

**WHEREAS**, the approved Administrative Order No. 2010-0034 dated December 10, 2010 entitled “Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations Governing Massage Clinics and Sauna Establishments”, provides that no person is authorized to practice massage therapy as a profession in the Philippines without holding a valid certificate of registration issued by the Committee and approved by the Secretary of Health is in full implementation starting January 2011;

**WHEREAS**, majority of the practitioners who were non-high school graduates, appeal to be allowed to take the licensure examination;

**WHEREAS**, in view of the foregoing considerations, the CEMT deemed it necessary to suspend the “high school diploma” as basic requirement for licensure examination, hence, allow the non-high school interested individuals who have been in the industry for more than five (5) years, to take the licensure examination. **This Resolution shall take effect only from January to December 2012.**

**WHEREAS**, the CEMT established a criteria / requirements in determining as to whether the person is indeed qualified and be allowed to take the massage therapy licensure examination:

- (1) Notarized employer’s certificate that the person has been in active practice for five (5) years or more under his/her establishment and to be validated by the local chapters of the Philippine Association of Licensed Massage Therapists (PALMT);
- (2) If self-employed, certification from the local government unit / barangay that the person has been in active practice for five (5) years or more, and that he/she has been his/her client; to be validated by the local chapters of PALMT;

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**WHEREFORE**, the CEMT resolved as it hereby resolves to declare the lifting of the "high school diploma" as basic requirement in the licensure examination from the period **January to December 2012**.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2011.



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