

CNHC's position on registration for students who have successfully completed VTCT

Aromatherapy, Massage Therapy or Reflexology courses

1. From 2012/13 academic year

Students who successfully complete a Level 3 Diploma in Aromatherapy, Reflexology or Complementary Therapies will be eligible to apply to register with CNHC on the basis of this qualification alone, because they meet the National Occupational Standards plus core curriculum for their discipline. Relevant course titles are outlined below. From January 2023 those who complete the Level 3 Diploma in Massage 600/4841/4 will need to provide evidence of an additional 14 case studies to a CNHC Verifying Organisation for Massage Therapy: Click here to apply if they wish to register with CNHC.

Qualifications which meet CNHC's entry criteria:

VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Aromatherapy (QCF) 600/4843/8

VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Massage (QCF) 600/4841/4

VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Reflexology (QCF) 600/4840/2

VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Complementary Therapies (QCF) 600/4846/3

2. 2011/12 and 2010/11 academic years

• Level 3 Diploma (7 unit courses)

Students who have successfully completed a Level 3 Diploma in Aromatherapy, Massage Therapy or Reflexology (7 unit course) in the 2011/12 or 2010/11 academic years are eligible to apply for CNHC registration without any additional training, because they meet the National Occupational Standards and core curriculum for their discipline.

Qualifications which meet CNHC's entry criteria:

VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Body Massage (QCF) 500/7347/3

VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Aromatherapy (QCF) 500/7348/5

VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Reflexology (QCF) 500/7340/0

VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Complementary Therapies (QCF) 500/4770/X

• Level 3 Diploma in Techniques (4 unit courses)

Students who have completed a Level 3 Diploma in Aromatherapy, Massage Therapy or Reflexology Techniques (4 unit course) in the 2011/12 or 2010/11 academic years will have completed training which meets the National Occupational Standards but not the core curriculum. These graduates are eligible to apply to register with CNHC but will need to demonstrate to the relevant CNHC verifying organisation, how their additional knowledge, skills and experience enable them to meet the core curriculum for the relevant discipline. This may involve supplying details of CPD and other activities, in addition to the relevant qualification.

Qualifications requiring additional training and / or evidence for CNHC registration:



VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Aromatherapy Techniques (QCF) 600/0693/6

VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Reflexology Techniques (QCF) 600/0694/8

VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Body Massage Techniques (QCF) 600/0690/0

VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Complementary Therapies Techniques (QCF) 501/1285/5

3. Qualifications obtained prior to 2010/11 academic year

Students who have completed other qualifications in Aromatherapy, Massage and Reflexology prior to 2010/11 are of course, eligible to apply to register with CNHC and should be encouraged to apply. Depending on the qualifications undertaken they may need to provide additional evidence to the relevant CNHC verifying organisation about how their knowledge, skills and experience meet both the National Occupational Standards and core curriculum for the relevant discipline. This may involve supplying details of number of case studies completed, CPD and other relevant experience, in addition to any relevant qualifications obtained.

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