

Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I write on behalf of VTCT (ITEC) in relation to our UK government regulated qualifications being recognised internationally for employment. To provide you with evidence of validity and therefore portability I would like to provide you with this information.

VTCT is the leading specialist awarding organisation in the UK for qualifications in Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy with over 55 years' experience of awarding qualifications both within the UK and Internationally. In 2016 VTCT acquired ITEC Awarding Organisation and ITEC branded qualifications are now awarded by VTCT. VTCT is officially recognised by Ofqual – Recognition Number: RN5198. Ofqual is a UK Government department reporting directly to the UK Parliament for qualifications and examinations regulation.

Each VTCT (ITEC) qualification bears a Qualification Accreditation Number (QAN), which provides assurance of validity and authenticity and that it is on the RQF (Regulated Qualifications Framework). The UK regulatory framework articulates with the EQF (European Qualifications Framework) for recognition of qualifications by international employers, governments and professional associations.

VTCT (ITEC) Qualifications are currently offered in 50 countries around the world including Europe, Africa, Asia, Canada and The Caribbean. VTCT (ITEC) conducted 24 000 examinations for the period 2022-2023. VTCT (ITEC) have 639 centres around the world.

Students are required to meet the strict criteria set out by VTCT(ITEC) to achieve the mandatory theory and practical assessment/s and complete and pass any assignments and treatment evidence to achieve the qualifications. All VTCT (ITEC) qualifications are examined by an external examiner to ensure robust quality assurance and integrity without bias.

VTCT (ITEC) have certified 1518 students in Nevada with the Diploma in Holistic Massage from 2019 to date. The qualification consists of:

- Holistic Massage
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Professional Conduct and Business Awareness

VTCT (ITEC) propose the following to accommodate the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapies intent to revise their regulations. We aim to propose changes to our offering for the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapies to consider inclusion of VTCT (ITEC) Qualifications as a national licensing examination or substantial equivalent.

In response to the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapies' intention to revise their regulations, we propose a series of adjustments to our offerings. Our goal is to ensure seamless alignment with the board's evolving requirements, thus contributing to the ongoing enhancement of massage therapy standards within the state.

As the landscape of massage therapy evolves and standards are continuously refined, it is imperative for examination protocols to align with these advancements. In light of the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapies' intent to revise their regulations, we propose comprehensive changes to our offerings that would effectively meet the board's requirements and ensure the highest standards of competence and proficiency among massage therapists practicing in Nevada.

Objective:

Our primary aim is to propose adjustments to our examination offerings, specifically tailored to meet the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapies' criteria. Central to this objective is the inclusion of an VTCT (ITEC) Qualification as a national licensing examination or its substantial equivalent, designed to comprehensively evaluate the knowledge, skills, and competencies essential for massage therapy practice within the state.

Proposed Changes:

Our proposed changes will ensure strict adherence to the regulations set forth by the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapies. This includes aligning examination content with the board's specific requirements, such as proficiency in anatomy, physiology, pathology, business, ethics, kinesiology and massage techniques as outlined in the state's regulations.

Proposal option 1:

Our proposal to accommodate changes made by the Board of Massage will be the following:

VTCT (ITEC) Level 3 Diploma in Massage QAN 603/4092/7 (Total Qualification Time 630 Hours)

Qualification Structure:

- Provide body massage for complementary therapies
- Knowledge of anatomy, physiology and pathology for complementary therapies
- Principles and practice of complementary therapies
- Business practice for complementary therapies
- Healthy eating and well-being for the complementary therapy client

Qualification Assessment:

Unit Name	Assessment
Provide body massage for complementary therapies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical Exam • Portfolio of evidence 20 treatments • Portfolio of evidence 16 Case studies
Knowledge of anatomy, physiology and pathology for complementary therapies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple Choice Questions (50 Questions)
Principles and practice of complementary therapies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio of evidence assignment
Business practice for complementary therapies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio of evidence assignment
Healthy eating and well-being for the complementary therapy client	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio of evidence assignment

To uphold the requirements of the Nevada state VTCT (ITEC) will propose to have the practical and theory examinations at an independent testing facility. The examinations will be conducted

in person by a Principal examiner, and the Multiple-Choice Question paper will only be conducted on paper in the presence of the examiner.

Proposal Option 2:

VTCT(ITEC) Level 3 Diploma in Massage QAN 603/4092/7 and VTCT(ITEC) Level 3 Certificate in Diet and Nutrition for the Complementary Therapist (Total Qualification Time 800 Hours)

Qualification Structure:

- Provide body massage for complementary therapies
- Knowledge of anatomy, physiology and pathology for complementary therapies
- Principles and practice of complementary therapies
- Business practice for complementary therapies
- Diet and Nutrition

Unit Name	Assessment
Provide body massage for complementary therapies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical Exam • Portfolio of evidence 20 treatments • Portfolio of evidence 16 Case studies
Knowledge of anatomy, physiology and pathology for complementary therapies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple Choice Questions (50 Questions)
Principles and practice of complementary therapies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio of evidence assignment
Business practice for complementary therapies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio of evidence assignment
Diet and Nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple Choice Questions (25 Questions) • Portfolio of evidence – 5 clients

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Proposal Option 3:

VTCT (ITEC) Level 3 Diploma in Holistic Massage QAN 603/4097/6 and VTCT(ITEC) Level 3 Diploma in Sports Massage 603/4501/9 (Total Qualification Time 780 Hours)

Qualification Structure:

- Holistic Massage
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Professional Conduct and Business awareness
- Sports massage treatments
- Understand the principles of soft tissue dysfunction

Unit Name	Assessment
Holistic Massage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical examination • Portfolio of evidence 20 treatments • Multiple Choice Questions (50 Questions)
Anatomy and Physiology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple Choice Questions (50 Questions)
Professional Conduct and Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple Choice Questions (50 Questions)
Sports massage treatments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical examination • Portfolio of evidence – 25 treatments
Understand the principles of soft tissue dysfunction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio of evidence - assignment

To uphold the requirements of the Nevada state VTCT (ITEC) will propose to have the practical and theory examinations at an independent testing facility. The examinations will be conducted in person by a Principal examiner, and the Multiple-Choice Question paper will only be conducted on paper in the presence of the examiner.

In conclusion, our proposed changes aim to accommodate the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapies' intent to revise their regulations by offering a comprehensive examination solution tailored to meet the evolving needs of the profession. By integrating an VTCT (ITEC) Qualification as a national licensing examination or its substantial equivalent, VTCT (ITEC) will ensure that massage therapists practicing in Nevada possess the requisite knowledge, skills, and competencies to deliver safe, effective, and ethical care to their clients. We are committed to collaborating with the board to implement these changes effectively and contribute to the advancement of massage therapy standards within the state.

Should you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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