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NCBTMB ANNOUNCES NEW DISTANCE EDUCATION/KINESTHETIC POLICY

*Instructor/Proctor Evaluation No Longer Required
for Home Study and DE Programs*

OAKBROOK TERRACE, Illinois (February 18, 2010) – In October 2009, NCBTMB suspended its policy regarding distance education (DE) for kinesthetic (hands-on) programs, which required that an instructor be “present” for the final assessment of acquired skills. This decision was based on feedback from the profession, and with the intent of providing the Board of Directors time to revisit the policy.

In reviewing the rapidly evolving delivery of continuing education (CE) and current best practices, the Board determined that the instructor/proctor requirement was no longer mandatory; and that method of evaluation should be determined by each individual Approved Provider. The new testing policy now reads:

When a participant is issued a certificate of achievement for a home study/kinesthetic or distance learning course, an evaluation is required. The evaluation may be practical or written, at the discretion of the Approved Provider.

The policy is effective immediately, and changes are being made to the appropriate handbooks, applications and website pages. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Wagley, Director of Communications, at jwagley@ncbtmb.org or 630-652-0483.

ABOUT NCBTMB

The National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork (NCBTMB) was established in 1992 as an independent, private, nonprofit organization fostering the highest standards of ethical and professional practice in the delivery of therapeutic massage and bodywork through a recognized credentialing program. NCBTMB examinations are currently accepted or recognized in statute or rule by 35 states plus the District of Columbia. There are currently more than 90,000 professionals with NCBTMB certification. NCBTMB’s certification programs have been accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

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