

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I advertise a job posting on your website?

A: Please see the form listed under “Career Opportunities” on how to post a job ad.

Q: I’m an overseas Physical Therapist and would like to join your association. Am I able to do this?

A: Yes, you are able to join the association. There are two categories of membership you would be eligible for. Please review the requirements for “Full Membership” as described in the Membership link. If you do not meet those requirements, then please apply for the “Associate Member” category.

Q: I’m an overseas Physical Therapist and would like to work as a Therapist Assistant in Alberta, am I able to do this?

A: Many employers require that a successful applicant for a therapy assistant position have a therapy assistant diploma. Assistants are uniquely trained to provide a supportive role to therapists, which differs from PT training. However, at this time we are not a regulated profession, so employers are able to hire anyone they deem a suitable candidate.

Q: Are there any other associations dedicated solely to Therapist Assistants in Canada? And if so, would my Alberta membership be transferable to another association?

A: The only other association dedicated to assistants is the Saskatchewan Association of Therapist Assistants. They can be reached at avrilmccreadyworth@hotmail.com OR jeanine_russell@yahoo.ca.

No, your Alberta membership is not transferrable.

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Q: I see the association lists becoming a regulatory body as a long term goal. What is the latest news on this development?

A: At this time the association is investigating the processes involved in achieving regulatory status. Also, we are surveying our members to get their feedback on whether or not this is something they would like to see happen. There are many steps to have completed before going ahead with this application. If this is something the membership wants, the association would need the full support of the OT, PT and SLP professional colleges.

Q: Is it mandatory that I belong to the association?

A: No, membership is completely voluntary.

Q: What are the benefits of becoming a member?

A: There are many benefits. Please see the document under the “Membership”, “Why Join” link for all the reasons you need for joining the association!

Q: I would like to advertise with a banner on your website. What would the price be?

A: The price to display a banner on our site is \$450 per year. The website has a high volume of activity from assistants, therapists and rehab managers from all across the country.

Q: I am a Recreation Assistant/Attendant with no therapy assistant diploma. Am I able to become a member of your association?

A: You are eligible for Associate Membership, not Full Membership. Our focus is on assistants who work in PT, OT and SLP and we feel we could not dedicate our resources to another discipline, like recreation.