Starting and Maintaining an Aquatic Bodywork Practice

The Worldwide Aquatic Bodywork Registry holds the authorizations of providers, practitioners and instructors of Aquatic Bodywork. It makes available the courses required to obtain and maintain those authorizations and stores the transcripts of those authorized. It oversees and authorizes Aquatic Bodywork courses, programs, and maintains student's authorizations and transcripts on the Worldwide Registry.

Anyone wishing to enter this field must understand the difference between certification, registration and licensure. Certificates are issued by state approved schools. Some licensing agencies will only accept courses and certificates obtained at a state approved school. Since many of our students are already licensed to work with the body and can add WATSU® as a modality to their existing practice, WABR has authorized instructors to teach anybody in clinics and spas and wherever else WATSU® is needed. Wherever they are taught, instructors add all Aquatic Bodywork classes to the transcript on the Registry that is maintained for every student. Whether the classes were taught at a school or not, when all the requirements are met and the student requests it, a Training Institute will add their authorization as a WATSU® practitioner to the Registry.

If you do not already have a license to touch. If you wish to work with the public in an area where licensure is required, check what the local requirements are. If there is a required certification from a state approved school, determine if there is a school where WATSU® is taught that will meet those requirements, or plan to obtain that licensure through another modality at a local school before, during or after your WATSU® studies. (Be aware that courses taken outside a state/country approved training may fulfill a requirement for a pre-requisite).

If you already have a license to touch. If you are already employed in a spa, clinic or other facility, you may become authorized to practice as a Provider under a contract to complete the full requirements to be a practitioner by the end of two years (24 months). Otherwise, you can complete your requirements to be listed as a practitioner under the program below that takes into account the applicability of your previous education.

The Registry Fee

Around the world instructors pay a $100 annual fee to maintain their authorizations on the Registry and WABA. They may add additional WABA modalities and authorizations at no additional charge. Instructors add their classes to the Registry, paying a posting fee for each student attending them. Students pay a fee of $50 for the first practitioner authorization. This certification is valid until the end of the same year if the request is done before September 1. Requests done after August 31, are valid until the end of the subsequent year. Subsequent years practitioners pay $25 an annual fee to maintain Practitioner authorization. There is an additional onetime fee of $50 for adding additional WABA modalities and/or an official authorization as a WABA Assistant.

To continue to be able to offer to the public globally whatever they are authorized in, all must have had their attendance in CE (continuous education) minimum 50 hours of classes in the previous 36 months added to the Worldwide Registry. Providers must fulfill their agreement to become a practitioner within 2 (eventually 3) years. WABA Practitioners registered as Presenters of the WATSU® Round pay an additional $25 a year. All the above fees, besides authorizing practice, maintains their membership in WABA. Those whose authorizations are current on the Registry have access to offers of employment and other messages directed toward instructors or practitioners. Anyone who has had their attendance in a class recorded on the Registry in the previous three years has access to others who indicate they want to be accessed, and to the listed pools, memos and messages on the Registry. After three years they only have access to their own data and transcripts.

Worldwide Requirements to be placed on the Registry as a WATSU® Practitioner

Note: the rate of progress through any of our programs is based on the successful completion of each step. Many students benefit by auditing a course (repeating it at a usually reduced cast), or by attending a supervision, or logging additional practice sessions, before continuing to the next step. Instructors will note when these are required. Since audits and supervisions can help fulfill any requirement for electives, they do net usually lengthen a student's overall program.

A	• WATSU®1 and 2 (100 hours) • Log 20 practice sessions • in either a Supervision, integration or audit of WATSU®2, demonstrate competency/mastery[1] (DOM) before B
B	WATSU®3 (50 hours) • Have attended, including the above courses and additional audits or electives, at least 200 hours of WABR Aquatic Bodywork courses. • Current CPR certification • Log 6 sessions received from a professional (Before, during or after the above). • Demonstration of proficiency (DOP) of at least 20 minutes (better 60 minutes if possible) after the WATSU®3 class or during the last days of a WATSU®3 class
C	• 100 hours of Shiatsu and/or Tantsu[3] • 100 hours of Anatomy/Physiology [3] • Enough additional hours of WABA Aquatic Bodywork courses to bring the total hours of classes and supervisions to 500 • At least 6H of ethics course (allowed is also on-line learning)
Licensed Professional[2] Practitioner	Those with a current license to touch[2] who have attended at least 50 hours of shiatsu or its equivalent, may add WATSU® as an additional modality to their current practice on completion of A + B above. For all professional licensed to touch, we only require 6 received session instead of 10. Those who have never had a shiatsu course but demonstrate sufficient knowledge of bodywork may take the shiatsu course as their first continuing education.
Licensed Professional[2] Provider	Licensed Professionals[2] currently employed at a spa, clinic or sports club, etc. may, under the contract described below, provide WATSU® sessions to the clients at that location upon completion of A above and after receiving 2 professional sessions and have given 10 practice sessions.
Provider Contract	The provider agrees to complete the program to become an authorized Practitioner within 2 years, with a possible 1-year extension on a case-by-case evaluation. In regions where Training Institutes oversee the Provider programs, additional requirements appropriate to the region may be in place.
Public Listing	Currently registered practitioners may choose to list themselves to the public on the WABR site. Normally a provider cannot list themselves to the public as giving WATSU® sessions until they

	are a WATSU® Practitioner. In countries where WATSU®3 is not yet available providers may request to be listed and that listing will be determined on an individual basis.

[1]**Demonstrate Competency.** After WATSU®2 and 20 logged sessions, before attending WATSU®3, give a session to an authorized assistant or instructor during a Supervision, Integration or audit of WATSU®2. Mastery of the form and principles of WATSU® is required for placement as provider or practitioner.

[2]**Licensed Professionals** eligible for this program includes: Nationally Certified Massage Therapist, Licensed Physical Therapist or Physical Therapy Assistant, Licensed Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapist Assistant, License to practice Medicine only for the one whose Medical Profession includes Bodywork practice. Others will be considered case by case, State Licensed/Certified Massage Therapist (300+ Hours), Certified Aquatic/Hydro *therapist* with over 300 hours of certified training. Those with an extensive bodywork practice in an area where the minimum requirements were less than 300 hours may reduce the 300 hundred hours minimum by 50 hours for each year of full-time bodywork practice. Those with similar qualifications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Certified Aquatic Exercise Professionals with over 500 hours of certified training.

Local TI may require a higher standard of these above worldwide minimal requirements.

[3]**Transfer Credits** Requirements may be fulfilled by transferring credits from an equivalent course taken elsewhere. Any number of courses up to the required total hours may be transferred into your transcript on the Registry with a fee equivalent to the posting fee charged for a class with an equivalent number of hours. Training Institutes may oversee these transfers or add verification.

Presenters Practitioners who have the sponsorship of a WABA instructor to whom they have demonstrated their readiness in according to WABA guidelines, may present the four-hour WATSU® Round to the public.

Training Institutes

Around the world Training Institutes are authorized to add Providers and Practitioners to the Registry that have completed the above requirements plus any courses they deem appropriate in their region and/or may be required for the particular modalities they focus on. The hours of classes that have been approved by ESAC as fulfilling requirements for electives in Aquatic Bodywork programs appear in blue on the lists of classes. Only the Training Institutes that have upcoming classes are listed on the Registry.

Note: Those who began their studies under an earlier program may, if they complete its requirements within 24 months of their first class, be registered under that program, or, if they prefer (or it has been more than 24 months), they may apply previous classes to the above program.

WATSU® Trade and Service Mark

There are three main points to maintain validity of registered Trade and Service Mark - Intellectual Property Rights

1. **Always use as an adjective, never a Noun**
2. WATSU®**,** with the **®, must** always be *highlighted* in some way to distinguish as an adjective from surrounding text -- All caps (Preferred), calligraphy, italics, bold print, quotation marks, initial caps with quotes, or lowercase with quotes. Be consistent whenever using the Trademark (Service Mark) WATSU®. Example: WATSU® Aquatic Bodywork
3. Notice of ownership or registrant must be at least once -- You only need to give credit one time in the writing (document/website), and preferably the first time used.
   PLEASE NOTE: Common Practice is to list credit (notice of ownership) on the first page of a document, and it can be listed on every page, but is not necessary and technically not a requirement. PLEASE LIST CREDIT ON YOUR WEBSITE, CLASS DESCRIPTION, ETC. - **Example of notice**:

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