

Consider Applying to the International Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) for Athletic Training and Therapy

Athletic Training and Therapy colleagues,

A Mutual Recognition Agreement or MRA is an international agreement by which two or more non-governmental organizations recognize one another's professional qualifications and standards. In the case of athletic training and therapy, it is for the purpose of determining the rights, roles and responsibilities of the organizations in the mutual recognition of certificants for the purpose of satisfying the eligibility requirement to write the examination(s) of another. Eligibility to write each organization's certifying examination does not in any way ensure employment or licensure of an individual who is successful on said exam. It is not reciprocity.

In 2005 the Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) and the Canadian Athletic Therapists Association (CATA) became signatories to the first Mutual Recognition Agreement for the athletic training and athletic therapy professions. The result was an agreement whereby an individual who holds either the BOC or CATA credential could make application for the others' national examination.

In 2012 Athletic Rehabilitation Therapy Ireland (ARTI) petitioned for recognition of their certification and inclusion in the MRA. In September of 2015 the BOC and CATA signed a new MRA with ARTI.

With the signing of the new agreement the International Mutual Recognition Committee for Athletic Training and Therapy (MRA Committee) was established. We, the representatives of the MRA Committee, invite any and all interested organizations who have a certification program for athletic trainers and therapists to view the application and the links to the public documents of the three organizations on the WFATT website. We encourage you to consider applying for consideration as a member of the MRA.

Benefits of partnership in the MRA:

- International recognition of the highest level of professional education and certification of Athletic Training and Therapy.
- Partnership in an international network to promote the profession of Athletic Training and Therapy including exchange programs, research collaborations, knowledge transfer, etc.
- Partnership in international Global Practise Analysis surveys.
- Collaboration in curriculum development, certification examination processes and continuing education initiatives.

As applications are received, the MRA Committee will provide assistance to organizations as they work through the petitioning process. Questions can be directed to the MRA Committee at MRA.application@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

International MRA Committee