

Watsu® Provider Training Program

The Provider training program is available for Licensed Professionals currently employed at a venue where Watsu® can be offered to the public.

The Provider certification grants successful participants and their employers a provider certificate valid for two that permits them to offer professional paid Watsu® sessions and use the Watsu® trademark in their marketing at their current employment.

The provider certificate can be extended on a case-by-case evaluation (of a period TBA), subject to completing further training towards becoming certified as a Watsu® practitioner.

The Australian Training Institutes oversee the Provider program, and may request additional requirements on an individual basis.

Licensed Professionals eligible for this program may include:

- Certified Massage Therapists
- Spa Therapists
- Professionals with license to touch
- Licensed Physical Therapists or Physical Therapy Assistants
- Licensed Occupational Therapists or Occupational Therapist Assistants
- Registered Nurses
- Other professionals with a strong therapeutic background with over 500 accredited hours of professional training
- Those with qualifications of equal value or with an extensive experience in the aquatic industry will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Program Requirements

The Provider training program is based on participants' willingness to undertake contentious education, and complete their training towards obtaining the practitioner professional certification once Watsu 3 is available in Australia.

Both the Training Provider as well as the Candidate adhere the standards that are outlined in the *WABA Members Code of Conduct Document*:

www.waba.pro/codeofconduct/

The Curriculum Component

Outline of the training program:

- WATSU®1 and WATSU® 2 (100 hours)
- Log a minimum of 10 practice sessions
- Receive a minimum of 2 sessions from a qualified Watsu® practitioner
- Final Assessment (2-3 hours)

Stage 1 Watsu® I (50 hours)

Prerequisite – Non

Stage 2 Watsu® II (50 hours)

Prerequisite:

1. Successfully completing stage 1

2. A minimum of 5 practice sessions logged
3. Received a minimum of 1 session from a certified provider/practitioner (logged)

Stage 3 Final Assessment (2-3 hours)

Prerequisite:

1. Successfully completing stage 2
2. Demonstrate competency of Watsu 2
3. A minimum of 10 practice sessions logged
4. Received a minimum of 2 sessions from a certified provider/practitioner (logged)

Stage 4 Completion & Certification as Watsu Provider

Prerequisite:

1. Successfully completing stage 3
2. Sign the WABA Members Code of Conduct Document:
www.waba.pro/codeofconduct/
3. The Australian Institute of Aquatic Bodywork registers the candidate as a *Watsu® Provider* on the association registry www.watsu.com, valid for 2 years.
4. The Provider is offered a free personal listing on the AIAB website

Please note:

The progress through any of our programs is based on the successful completion of each stage which is subject to the trainer's assessment.

Additional tasks **may be** required to be completed before continuing on to the next step.

These tasks may consist of any of the following:

- Logging additional practice sessions
- Attending a supervision
- Watching prescribed videos
- Attending consultations
- Attending additional courses

The trainer will advise if and when these are required.

FAQs

Q: What are my employer's duties?

A: To sign the Provider Agreement and to allow opportunities for you to complete the training with all its components (e.g. - giving free practice sessions).

Q: Can my employee or myself offer paid Watsu sessions during my training?

A: Definitely not. Only certified practitioners or approved providers may charge for sessions.

Q: Who grants me the certificate as a Watsu Provider?

A: Successful completion of the Provider training program grants participants with a Certificate of Watsu® Provider from the Australian Institute of Aquatic Bodywork (www.aiab.net.au) and from WABA (www.watsu.com), valid for 2 years.

Q: How can I extend the accreditation?

A: You can extend your Watsu® provider accreditation for another 1 or 2 years by attending a 50 Hour Aquatic Bodywork course offered by the Australian Institute of Aquatic Bodywork.

Q: Do I get credits towards the Practitioner certification?

A: Students' hours are credited towards their practitioner certification as long as they meet all the requirements. Records are permanently registered and secured for in the World-Wide Aquatic Bodywork Association Registry: www.watsu.com immediately after the completion of each course.

Q: What happens if my accreditation laps?

A: You are no longer eligible to advertise or give paid Watsu® sessions.

Q: What happens if I'm no longer employed by the original employer?

A: It's always possible to change employers. The new employer has to agree with the terms and conditions of the agreement.

Q: What should I do after the provider certification?

A: Offer paid sessions and grow your skills and clientele, and continue your education and professional development by attending more courses towards completing the practitioner requirement so that you'll be able to join the exclusive international water community as a fully certified practitioner.