



American  
Organization for  
Bodywork  
Therapies of  
Asia

## Application for an AOBTA® Recognized Form

Name of ABT Form: \_\_\_\_\_

AOBTA Member to be contacted in regards to this ABT Form:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check off as you attach the following required documents to your application packet:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. A one-paragraph definition of the Form, which will be posted on the AOBTA website upon the approval of the Form.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. A 1-2 page description of the Form, which includes the following:
- a. The theories and techniques that distinguish it from other ABT Forms.
  - b. The primary skills required to practice this Form.
  - c. Historical background of the development of this Form as it is currently practiced.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. To qualify as a recognized ABT Form, there must be at least 1 (one) AOBTA Certified Instructor in that Form and 20 AOBTA Certified Practitioners in that Form.

Please confirm the following:

1. Are there any trademarks or other legal restrictions on the practice of this Form? If yes, please include a written authorization and request for the AOBTA to include this work as an ABT Form.

2. The Form listed in this document meets all the criteria for an Asian Bodywork Therapy Form as described in the AOBTA Rules, Guidelines, and Procedures.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this application and all supporting documents to:

AOBTA National Office  
1010 Haddonfield-Berlin Road  
Suite 408  
Voorhees, NJ 08043

Upon receipt of a complete application packet, the documents will be forwarded to the AOBTA Forms Committee for review. You may be asked for additional documentation if it is needed during the review process. The AOBTA Forms Committee is the authority on whether or not a proposed new Form meets the AOBTA requirements and standards.



## **Criteria for Forms of Asian Bodywork Therapy**

**To qualify as an AOBTA<sup>®</sup> Recognized ABT Form, the following criteria must be met:**

### **Article 18 of the AOBTA Rules, Guidelines, and Procedures**

1. The Form must have its foundation in Chinese Medicine
2. The Form must have a program of instruction that meets professional level membership requirements of the AOBTA Curriculum.
3. The Form must have clearly defined theories and techniques of treatment that, although founded in Chinese Medicine Theory, are unique and which distinguish it from other Forms.
4. The Form must have origin of lineage or textual, canonical knowledge.
5. The Form must have at least 20 graduates, which include practitioners and instructors of said Form, who are professional level AOBTA members.
6. The Form must have a written definition.