



Australian and New Zealand Osteopathic Council (ANZOC)

The Australian and New Zealand Osteopathic Council (ANZOC), established in 2010, is the accreditation authority responsible for accrediting education providers and programs of study for the osteopathy profession in Australia.

ANZOC was initially assigned the role of accreditation authority for the osteopathy profession by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council prior to the commencement of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for a period of three years from 1 July 2010. In December 2012 the Osteopathy Board of Australia decided to continue this assignment to ANZOC for a period of five (5) years from 1 July 2013.

ANZOC's role is to assess and accredit osteopathic education programs that aim to graduate persons who are eligible for registration as an osteopath in Australia. A secondary purpose is to assess the qualifications and skills of overseas trained osteopaths for skilled migration to Australia or eligibility to practice in Australia.

In accordance with the *Migration Regulations 1994 (Clth)* – regulation 2.26B, the Minister for Education has approved ANZOC as the assessing authority to conduct skills assessments for prospective migrants in the occupation “Osteopath”.

ANZOC's aims & objectives are to:

- Develop accreditation standards for osteopathic programs of study for approval by the Osteopathy Board of Australia
- Assess programs of study and the education providers that provide the programs of study, to determine whether the programs meet approved accreditation standards
- Assess authorities in other countries who conduct examinations for osteopathy registration, or accredit programs of study relevant to registration as an osteopath, to decide whether persons who successfully complete the examinations or programs of study conducted or accredited by the authorities have the knowledge, clinical skills and attributes necessary to practise osteopathy in Australia
- Oversee the assessment of the knowledge, clinical skills and professional attributes of overseas qualified health practitioners who are seeking registration as an osteopath in Australia or New Zealand and whose qualifications are not approved osteopathy qualifications
- Advise and make recommendations in relation to:
 - Matters concerning accreditation or accreditation standards for osteopathic programs of study
 - Matters concerning the regulation, including general and specialist registration of osteopaths
 - Matters concerning the assessment of overseas qualified osteopaths and
 - Matters concerning the recognition and assessment of overseas qualifications of osteopaths

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