



## **AUSTRALIA**

### **Osteopathy**

In 2010 the Osteopathy Board of Australia was established under the Health Practitioner Regulation Law (as in force in each state and territory). Prior to 2010, the osteopathy profession was regulated by eight separate boards in each state and territory with associated legislation in each of those jurisdictions.

The Osteopathy Board of Australia regulates 1,769 registered osteopaths and 746 students in three osteopathy programs of study in Australia.

The functions of the Osteopathy Board of Australia include overseeing:

- the registration of osteopaths;
- the development of osteopathy profession standards;
- the handling of notifications and complaints in relation to the profession; and
- the assessment of overseas trained practitioners who wish to practise in Australia
- approval of accreditation standards and approval of accredited courses of study that meet the qualifications for registration

The functions of the Board are supported by the national Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.

The Australian and New Zealand Osteopathic Council (ANZOC) is an independent body initially appointed by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council for three years from 1 July 2010 as the accreditation authority assigned accreditation functions for the osteopathy profession. Following a review of accreditation arrangements, the Board decided that ANZOC would continue to exercise accreditation functions for the osteopathy profession for a further five years from mid-2013.

The primary objects of the ANZOC are:

- Development and review of accreditation standards
- Accreditation of programs of study and education providers
- Assessment of overseas assessing authorities
- Assessment of overseas qualified health practitioners
- Competency Assessments.

### **Statutes/Regulations:**

The Health Practitioner Regulation Law (as in force in each state and territory):

<http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/What-we-do/Legislation.aspx>

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