



NEW ZEALAND

Osteopathy

The practise of osteopathy is regulated by law, under the terms of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance [HPCA] Act, which came into effect on 18 September 2003. Under the Act it is a legal requirement to be registered with the Osteopathic Council of New Zealand [OCNZ], and to hold an annual practising certificate issued by them, in order to practise as an osteopath. Each of the sixteen healthcare professions regulated by the HPCA Act work within a 'Scope of Practise' or scopes of practice determined and published by its regulatory body. Osteopaths in New Zealand do not work as fully licensed physicians. The scope of practise is very similar to that in Australia and the United Kingdom.

Graduates of the *Unitec New Zealand* programme are automatically eligible for registration with the OCNZ. Osteopaths registered and licensed to practise in any of the Australian states or territories are also eligible to register in New Zealand under the mutual recognition system operating between the two countries. Graduates from programmes in every other country are required to complete an assessment procedure.

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Statutes/Regulations:

Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003: <http://www.moh.govt.nz/hpca>

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