



UNITED KINGDOM

Osteopathy

The General Osteopathic Council (GOsC) regulates the practise of osteopathy under the terms of the Osteopaths Act 1993.

The General Osteopathic Council has a statutory duty to develop and regulate the profession of osteopathy in the UK. It fulfils its duty to protect the interests of the public by ensuring that all osteopaths maintain high standards of safety, competence and professional conduct throughout their professional lives.

The UK's Osteopaths Act 1993 protects the title of osteopath, stating that:

'a person who, whether expressly or implication describes himself as an osteopath, osteopathic practitioner, osteopathic physician, osteopathist, osteotherapist, or any kind of osteopath is guilty of an offence unless he is registered as an osteopath'.

The General Osteopathic Council holds the register of osteopaths and for an osteopath to obtain registration with the GOsC they must either:

- Hold a UK osteopathy qualification that is recognised by the GOsC

or

- Have their qualifications assessed to judge their equivalence to UK qualifications and also undergo a test of competence.

The assessment process depends on the nationality of the applicant (European and non-European graduates are considered in different ways) and the type of services to be provided.

Details of the different routes to registration can be found at: www.osteopathy.org.uk/practice/How-to-register-with-the-GOsC

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Statutes/Regulations:

The Osteopaths Act 1993: 'An Act to establish a body to be known as the General Osteopathic Council; to provide for the regulation of the profession of osteopathy, including making provision as to the registration of osteopaths and as to their professional education and conduct; to make provision in connection with the development and promotion of the profession; and for connected purposes.'

http://www.legislation.hms.gov.uk/acts/acts1993/UKpga_19930021_en_1.htm



Subsidiary regulations under the Act, put in place by the General Osteopathic Council, can be found at:

www.osteopathy.org.uk/about/legislation

Osteopathy Education Programmes:

Details of the osteopathic educational institutions providing GOsC recognised qualifications can be found at:

www.osteopathy.org.uk/practice/becoming-an-osteopath/training-courses

Organisations/Associations:

British Osteopathic Association (Professional Association)

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