

Osteopathy regulators and stakeholders

Overview of the role and responsibilities of each entity

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Osteopathy Board of Australia (National Board)

www.osteopathyboard.gov.au

Regulates the osteopathy profession in order to protect the public:

- Registers osteopaths and students.
- Develops registration standards, codes and guidelines for osteopaths.
- Considers and makes decisions on notifications (complaints)¹ about osteopaths.
- Approves accreditation standards for osteopathy courses.
- Approves osteopathy programs of study for registration purposes.

Australian Osteopathic Accreditation Council

osteopathiccouncil.org.au

Is assigned the accreditation functions for the osteopathy profession by the National Board:

- Develops accreditation standards for osteopathy courses.
- Accredits and monitors osteopathy programs of study and education providers (universities).
- Provides the National Board with accreditation reports on programs of study and education providers.
- Assesses internationally-qualified osteopaths who want to practise in Australia.

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra)

www.ahpra.gov.au

Supports the National Board and 14 other National Boards in administering the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme:

- Is the first point of contact for all enquiries including those about registration and notifications (complaints)¹.
- Manages the registration and renewal processes for health practitioners.
- Publishes and maintains the national register of health practitioners.
- On behalf of National Boards, manages investigations into the professional conduct, performance or health of registered health practitioners¹.

Osteopathy Australia

www.osteopathy.org.au

Is the peak body representing osteopathy:

- Supports and represents the interests of osteopathy members.
- Advocates for osteopaths.
- Provides Continuing Professional Development courses/programs for osteopaths, webinars and conferences.
- Provides consumer information about osteopathy
- Career, practice and employment information for osteopaths

¹ Nationally, except in New South Wales and Queensland where this is managed by the Health Care Complaints Commission, the Health Professional Councils Authority (HPCA) and the 15 health professional councils (see [Osteopathy Council of NSW](#)), and the Queensland [Office of the Health Ombudsman](#) (OHO), respectively.