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Ms Alison J White  
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Dear Alison,

**Sections 14 and 15 of the Osteopaths Act 1993, Recognition of Qualifications,  
British School of Osteopathy**

This is to confirm that the Privy Council has considered the request from the General Osteopathic Council ("the General Council") regarding the recognition of the qualification of the Master of Science (MSc) in Osteopathy (Pre-registration) during the period 1 May 2012 to 30 April 2017 and the renewal of the recognition of the qualifications Master of Osteopathy (MOst) and the Bachelor of Osteopathy (BOst) during the period 1 October 2013 to 30 April 2017 awarded by the British School of Osteopathy.


The Privy Council, in exercise of its powers under sections 14(2) and 15(6) of the Osteopaths Act 1993 (c. 21) and having regard to the information made available by the General Council in accordance with section 14(7) of that Act in its letter to the Clerk to the Privy Council dated 30 October 2012, together with the enclosures to that letter, by this letter approves those qualifications awarded during the periods stated above, and approves the imposition of conditions by the General Council as set out in the following tables:

CONDITIONS for the Master of Osteopathy (MOst) and the Bachelor of Osteopathy (BOst) awarded by the British School of Osteopathy (BSO)	
a.	The BSO must, for the academic year 2012-13, establish systems which ensure that students receive good quality feedback on assessed work within six weeks in line with the BSO 's stated policy.
b.	The BSO must devise and implement an action plan relating to the virtual learning environment by the end of the academic year 2012-13, to ensure that it meets the needs of all students.

c.	Following the initial pilot of the new processes for gaining student feedback on their clinical experience, the BSO must monitor the effectiveness of the process and produce a report, by the end of 2012, evaluating the process and indicating responses to any issues raised.
d.	The BSO must submit an Annual Report, within a three month period of the date the request was first made, to the Education Committee of the General Council.
e.	<p>The BSO must inform the Education Committee of the General Council as soon as practicable, of any change or proposed substantial change likely to influence the quality of the course leading to the qualification and its delivery, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. substantial changes in finance</li> <li>ii. substantial changes in management</li> <li>iii. changes to the title of the qualification</li> <li>iv. changes to the level of the qualification</li> <li>v. changes to franchise agreements</li> <li>vi. changes to validation agreements</li> <li>vii. changes to the length of the course and the mode of its delivery</li> <li>viii. substantial changes in clinical provision</li> <li>ix. changes in teaching personnel</li> <li>x. changes in assessment</li> <li>xi. changes in student entry requirements</li> <li>xii. changes in student numbers (an increase or decline of 20 per cent or more in the number of students admitted to the course relative to the previous academic year should be reported)</li> <li>xiii. changes in patient numbers passing through the student clinic (an increase or decline of 20 per cent in the number of patients passing through the clinic relative to the previous academic year should be reported)</li> <li>xiv. changes in teaching accommodation</li> <li>xv. changes in IT, library and other learning resource provision</li> </ul>
f.	The BSO must comply with the General Council's requirements for the assessment of the osteopathic clinical performance of students and its requirements for monitoring the quality and ensuring the standards of this assessment. These are outlined in the publication: ISBN 978 1 84482 734 3 <i>Subject benchmark statement for Osteopathy, 2007</i> , Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education. The participation of real patients in a real clinical setting must be included in this assessment. Any changes in these requirements will be communicated in writing to the BSO giving not less than 9 months notice.

CONDITIONS for the Master of Science (MSc) in Osteopathy (Pre-registration)  
awarded by the British School of Osteopathy (BSO)

- g. In addition to conditions (a) to (f) above, the BSO must ensure that, prior to the commencement of the programme, relevant staff have received training to adequately prepare them to address the differences in experience and practical abilities of MSc students.

yours sincerely  


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Deputy Clerk to the Privy Council