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Professor Adrian Eddleston  
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Dear Professor Eddleston

**Section 14 of the Osteopaths Act 1993, Recognised Qualifications,  
Oxford Brookes University (OBU).**

This is to confirm that the Privy Council has considered the request from the General Osteopathic Council ("the General Council") regarding the renewal of the qualifications Master of Osteopathy, Bachelor of Osteopathy and Bachelor of Science (Hons) Osteopathy during the period 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2016 awarded by the Oxford Brookes University (OBU).

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 11 October 2011, 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 table:

CONDITIONS – Master of Osteopathy, Bachelor of Osteopathy and Bachelor of Science Osteopathy	
a.	<p>For the duration of the recognition, the University improves its quality assurance processes by ensuring in particular that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All decisions leading to the awarding of marks are transparent, clear and fully documented; and</li><li>• In all future final level assessments, external examiners are involved at all stages of the assessment process by seeing, commenting on and agreeing assignments and examination papers.</li></ul>

b.	<p>The University continues to take steps to improve students' clinical experience including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measuring, monitoring and taking steps to increase the number of patients in its clinics and</li> <li>• Measuring, monitoring and taking steps to increase the diversity of patients seen by students in its clinics.</li> </ul>
c.	<p>The OBU 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.</p>
d.	<p>The OBU 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) introduction or 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 programmes</li> <li>xi) changes in student entry requirements</li> <li>xii) changes in student numbers.</li> <li>xiv) changes in patient numbers passing through the student clinic</li> <li>xv) changes in teaching accommodation</li> <li>xvi) changes in IT, library and other learning resource provision</li> </ul>
e.	<p>The OBU 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</p>

	assessment. Any changes in these requirements will be communicated in writing to the OBU giving not less than 9 months notice
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Yours sincerely



*Judith Simpson*  
Clerk to the Privy Council