



General Osteopathic Council (Recognition of Qualifications) Order 2005

Made

5th December 2005

Coming into force

6th December 2005

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 5th day of December 2005

By the Lords of Her Majesty's Honourable Privy Council

The Privy Council in exercise of its powers under section 14(2) of the Osteopaths Act 1993(a) and having regard to the information made available to it by the General Osteopathic Council in accordance with section 14(8) of that Act, makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the General Osteopathic Council (Recognition of Qualifications) Order 2005 and shall come into force on 6th December 2005.

Recognition of qualifications

2. The Privy Council approves the recognition of the BSc (Hons) Osteopathic Medicine course awarded by the Surrey Institute of Osteopathic Medicine in the period from 2nd January 2006 to 31st December 2011, subject to the conditions appended to the letter from the General Osteopathic Council to the Clerk of the Privy Council dated 27th July 2005(b).

Clerk of the Privy Council

(a) 1993 c.21

(b) The conditions are headed "Specific Requirements", "Reporting", "Changes or Proposed Changes to Provision", "Osteopathic Clinical Performance Assessment" and "Format for the Osteopathic Clinical Performance Assessment".

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Section 14 of the Osteopaths Act 1993, Recognised Qualifications

At its meeting on 19 July 2005, the General Osteopathic Council (GOsC) considered whether or not it should renew the recognised qualification to be awarded by the Surrey Institute of Osteopathic Medicine at North East College of Technology after 1 January 2006 but before 1 January 2011. I am pleased to inform you that after careful consideration, my Council resolved to accept the advice of its Education Committee, and now proposes to seek the approval of the Privy Council to continue to recognise the qualification.

TERMS OF RECOGNITION

That the Council continues to recognise the qualification known as Bachelor of Science (Hons) Osteopathic Medicine granted by the provider for the purpose of the Act in respect of awards of the qualification made after 1 January 2006 but before 1 January 2011. May I take this opportunity to remind you that, under section 15(4) of the Act, the Council may, on recognising a qualification, direct that it remains recognised only so long as certain conditions continue to be complied with. These are detailed below:

a. Specific Requirements

The Surrey Institute of Osteopathic Medicine at North East College of Technology should address the following:

- i) Action to make sure that there is continuing, effective marketing of the clinic to ensure sufficient patient numbers to support the future student learning experience.
- ii) Action to ensure that documentation is improved effectively in relation to written assessment guidance for staff and students, and in the recording of decisions made regarding the development and operation of the programme.
- iii) Action to ensure continued development in areas acknowledged to have improved but require further improvement:
 - a) Assessment briefs and examination questions in order to encourage integration and critical analysis of literature.
 - b) The quality and consistency of written feedback on student work.

b. Reporting

The institution must submit an Annual Report to the Education Committee and participate in an audit review mechanism, which will be determined by the GOsC from time to time, to allow the GOsC to review the provision on an annual basis. The reporting format will be determined by the Education Committee from time to time. The institution's Report must include action taken in relation to the areas outlined under Specific Requirements.

c. Changes or Proposed Changes to Provision

The institution must inform the Education Committee, 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:

- i) substantial changes in finance
- ii) substantial changes in management
- iii) changes to the title of the qualification
- iv) changes to the level of the qualification
- v) changes to franchise agreements
- vi) changes to validation agreements
- vii) changes to the length of the course and the mode of its delivery
- viii) substantial changes in clinical provision
- ix) changes in teaching personnel
- x) changes in assessment programmes
- xi) changes in student entry requirements

xii) changes in student numbers.

d. Osteopathic Clinical Performance Assessment

- i) The GOsC will set the requirements for the assessment of the osteopathic clinical performance of students from time to time and advise the institution accordingly.
- ii) The institution must comply with the GOsC's requirements for monitoring the quality and ensuring the standards of the osteopathic clinical performance assessment of students.

e. Format for the Osteopathic Clinical Performance Assessment

- i) The format of the assessment described in d) i) above must be in accordance with the requirements made by the GOsC from time to time.
- ii) The format specified in e) i) above must include the participation of real patients in a real clinical setting.

PERIOD OF RECOGNITION

It is recommended that the period of recognition should be for 5 years but I must stress that the final outcome now rests with the Privy Council.

Nigel Clarke
Chairman