

Making a declaration to the General Osteopathic Council (GOsC) concerning the temporary provision of services.

Guidance Notes

Please note that this guidance is for reference only and you are not required to submit it with your declaration. Please make sure that you read this guidance before completing the declaration form.

Who can use this form?

This application form is to be used by visiting professionals from a relevant European State. If your main osteopathic practice is in one of the European Economic Areas (EEA) or Switzerland and you would like to practise on a temporary and occasional basis in the UK, you may apply for temporary registration with us.

Currently the relevant European States are:

AT - Austria	FI - Finland	MT - Malta
BE - Belgium	FR - France	NL - Netherlands
BG - Bulgaria	HR - Croatia	NO - Norway
CH - Switzerland	HU - Hungary	PL - Poland
CY - Cyprus	IE - Ireland	PT - Portugal
CZ - Czech Republic	IS - Iceland	RO - Romania
DE - Germany	IT - Italy	SE - Sweden
DK - Denmark	LI - Liechtenstein	SI - Slovenia
EE - Estonia	LT - Lithuania	SK - Slovakia
EL - Greece	LU - Luxembourg	
ES - Spain	LV - Latvia	

What is temporary registration?

Temporary registration is governed by the Directive 2005/36/EC, which makes it easier for qualified professional to exercise free movement rights. The Directive is given effect in the UK by the European Communities (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2007 (the Regulations).

Temporary registration applies only to those visiting professional who wish to provide services in the UK on a temporary and occasional basis.

What profession does the GOsC regulate?

The GOsC regulates the practice of osteopathy in the United Kingdom.

Criteria for temporary registration:

In order to apply for temporary registration with the GOsC you must:

- be a national of a relevant European State or have similar acquired rights;
- have your main osteopathic practice within a relevant European State other than the UK;
- have pursued the profession there for at least two years in the 10 years preceding the move to the host Member State (where no qualification is held), and
- be a visiting professional to the UK to provide professional services on a 'temporary and occasional' basis, having regard to the duration, frequency, regularity and continuity of those services.

Where can you find out more about temporary registration?

- You can visit the European Commission's website at http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/qualifications/future_en.htm
- You can visit our website at <http://www.osteopathy.org.uk/practice/How-to-register-with-the-GOsC/Qualified-outside-the-UK/EU/EEA-or-Swiss-nationals--temporary-registration>. This page provides useful information about temporary registration or you may e-mail registration@osteopathy.org.uk
- The UK National Contact Point (www.ukncp.org.uk) provides information about the temporary provision of services. You may also contact the National Contact Points in your state of professional establishment.

Renewal of your declaration

Temporary registration is provided for a period of one year but may be renewed. Decisions on the renewal of temporary registration are made on a case-by-case basis, to ensure that services are being provided on a temporary and occasional basis consistent with the Regulations.

With any renewal declaration you must submit current evidence of your main osteopathic practice in another relevant European State.

Supporting documents

Please note that in order for your temporary registration declaration form to be considered you:

Must submit	Have already submitted
A completed temporary registration declaration form	Proof of nationality – a passport or national identity number
Proof of your main osteopathic practice in another relevant European State or, in States where osteopathy is unregulated, appropriate proof of having practised osteopathy for at least two out of the last ten years (this documentation must be certified)	Proof of your primary osteopathic qualification (certified copy – see below for information on certification)

Translations

All documents other than proof of nationality must be translated into English. The GOsC only accepts certified translations of documents.

Certified documents

In the section above, we explain what documents you must send with your application to verify your identity. These documents **must be certified** as a true copy of the original by a person of professional standing in the community. This means that the person you ask to certify your document(s) must write on it '**I certify** that this is a true copy of the original document' and must sign it and print their name and professional title. A professional person (e.g. a registered professional, a solicitor, barrister, advocate or other legal practitioner or an accountant) will be recognised as a person of standing in the community.

If you have any questions as to whether a person is considered to be a person of professional standing in the community please contact us.

Original documents

Please do not send us original documents which you may need in the future. Completed applications and declarations received by the GOsC are our property and will not be returned.

Further evidence of practice questionnaire and Assessment of Clinical Performance

If following the assessment of your qualification it is considered that it falls below the standard required by the GOsC, you will need to provide further evidence of your level of practice as outlined in the 'Further evidence of practice guidelines for assessors and applicants'. This will involve submission of written information on the 'Further evidence of practice questionnaire' and a clinical assessment of performance.

You should refer to the Osteopathic Practice Standards (OPS) when completing the 'Further evidence of practice questionnaire'. The OPS can be found on our website: (<http://www.osteopathy.org.uk/practice/standards-of-practice/>)

Processing your declaration

When you have successfully passed the 'Further evidence of practice questionnaire' and 'Assessment of Clinical Performance' stages, your application for temporary registration will be considered.

If your application is completed correctly and accompanied by all the supporting documents your name will be added to the GOsC Register. If your application is incomplete it will be returned to you.

We may make further enquiries related to the information provided by you, such as contacting competent authorities or professional bodies or employers.

Timetable

The process of administering an application in this category can take up to three months to complete once all requested information is submitted to the GOsC.

Please Note:

The GOsC may refuse registration or renewal of your registration if you give false information, withhold relevant details or do not satisfy the Registrar that you are eligible for temporary registration.