Osteopaths Act 1993 Section 3(2)(c)

Provision of a Health Reference

The Osteopaths Act 1993 requires that an applicant for registration under the Act must satisfy the Registrar that he/she is in good health, both physically and mentally, before he/she can be registered to practise osteopathy. A reference as to the applicant's health is to be provided, as a matter of first recourse, on this form by a registered medical practitioner who has been either the applicant's doctor for the past four years or who has examined the applicant's medical records made by a general medical practitioner who has known the applicant for the requisite period.

Name:	
Student ID:	

Please tick where applicable - please note the first option is for practitioners who have known the person for FOUR YEARS or more.

I have known the above named person for _____ years and am satisfied s/he is of good health both physically and mentally. I am not aware of any circumstances which would affect the capacity of the applicant to practise as a registered osteopath.

I have examined the medical records of the above named person made by a registered medical practitioner, or a partner in the practice, with whom s/he was registered with for at least four years, and I am satisfied that there appears to be no medical reason which would affect the capacity of him/her to practise as a registered osteopath.

Any additional information:

Name (please print)

Practice address:

Telephone:

Signed:

Date:

In providing this reference you are reminded of the importance of ensuring that all statements contained in this reference are true to the best of your knowledge, information and belief. Any information fraudulently or recklessly provided or which leads to an entry in the Register of the General Osteopathic Council being fraudulently procured will result in an investigation by the Registrar and may result in criminal proceedings.

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The Registrar may make further inquiries of the applicant and/or referees directly if it is deemed necessary to verify or clarify any part of these references.

Only a registered medical practitioner may supply such a health reference.

A registered medical practitioner may provide a reference based on his/her personal knowledge at the time the application is made without carrying out a formal health examination before signing the reference form.

The Registrar may however, request such an examination if deemed necessary in order to provide satisfactory evidence of good mental and/or physical health. The applicant shall be personally responsible for any health examination fees.