

BOARD NOTICE 146 OF 2015**THE ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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**POLICY: CRITERIA FOR REGISTRATION OF PERSONS WITH QUALIFICATIONS
OBTAINED OUTSIDE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA: OSTEOPATHY**

The Allied Health Professions Council of South Africa, after due consideration and in consultation with the Professional Board: Chiropractic and Osteopathy has resolved that the criteria for the registration of persons with qualifications obtained outside of the Republic of South Africa in the profession of Osteopathy, shall be as Addendum A of this notice.

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**DRAFT POLICY – CRITERIA FOR
REGISTRATION OF PERSONS WITH
QUALIFICATIONS OBTAINED OUTSIDE
OF SOUTH AFRICA - OSTEOPATHY**

Purpose of policy

To ensure the continued consistent and objective review of applications received for registration under the register for Osteopathy, where the qualification was obtained outside of South Africa.

1. General requirements for all applications

- i. Completed official application form, together with the applicable application fee and all supporting documentation as required by the application form not specifically mentioned below as additional requirements;
- ii. Copy of South African identity document, or copy of valid foreign passport together with a valid work permit that entitles the person to practice Osteopathy in South Africa either under the terms and conditions of employment or in private practice¹;
- iii. All documents must be certified and Council holds the right to call for all original documents in terms of Section 15 of the Act²;
- iv. Any documents submitted in any language other than English must include a sworn translation of the content of the document in English;
- v. All applications must be submitted to the office of the AHPCSA Registrar.

2. Additional Documentation required

- i. Copy of qualification/s in Osteopathy (Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery) from an accredited institution of education and training;
- ii. Original letter from the relevant statutory body in the country of origin certifying the legal standing of the institution of education and training;
- ii. Copy of complete academic record for the full duration of studies;
- iii. SAQA Certificate of Evaluation recognising the legal status of the institution of education and training and evaluation of the qualification/s equal to or above NQF Level 8;
- iv. Original letter of good standing from relevant registering statutory body, which letter must state that the applicant does not have any pending disciplinary proceedings against them or been sanctioned in terms of any disciplinary proceedings. The letter of good standing shall not be older than 3 months;
- v. Police Clearance Certificate from the country of origin;
- vi. If the qualification is older than 5 years the applicant must provide a brief curriculum vitae, in order to establish whether the applicant has been practicing Osteopathy and thereby has kept up to date with the practice and the profession.

3. Application Procedure

- i. Only applications which provide all the details as contained above shall be submitted to the Professional Board for review;
- ii. The AHPCSA Administration will conduct the relevant confirmatory check in respect of work permits with the Department of Home Affairs;

¹ In the event of a person not being able to obtain a work permit prior to registration, the Council will provide a letter for such purpose should the applicant meet all the requirements for registration.

² The Allied Health Professions Act 63 of 1982 as amended

- iii. Applications will be circulated to the Professional Board in .pdf format by way of email for consideration for purposes of registration;
 - iv. A combined decision of the Professional Board will be forwarded to the Administration;
 - v. If approved for registration, the applicant will be required to successfully complete the AHPCSA's Jurisprudence Assessment, which assessment will be managed by the AHPCSA Administration and provide a valid Level One First Aid Certificate from a service provider accredited with the South African Department of Labour.
- 4. Applicants who are unable to meet or fail to meet any criteria as stated in paragraphs 2 and 3 above**

In the event of:

- i. The evaluation of the institution of education and training by the SAQA is such that the institution is deemed to lack legal standing in the country of origin; or
- ii. The SAQA Certificate of Evaluation is not evaluated equivalent to or higher than the relevant NQF level; or
- iii. There is failure to meet any other requirement as indicated above,

then the application shall be rejected.