



# Osteopaths Act 1993

## CHAPTER 21

### OSTEOPATHS ACT 1993

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- 1 The General Osteopathic Council and its committees.

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- 1 The General Council shall consist of— (a) 12 members elected...
- 2 The quorum of the General Council shall be 12.
- 3 Subject to paragraphs 4 to 7, each member’s term of...
- 4 (1) This paragraph applies where a member fails to complete...
- 5 Any member may at any time resign by notice in...
- 6 Every member shall retire on reaching the age of 70....
- 7 The General Council shall by rules make provision as to...
- 8 No person shall be prevented from being elected or from...

...

- 9 (1) This paragraph and paragraph 10 apply in relation to...
- 10 The General Council shall make further provision by rules in...

...

- 11 (1) Of the 8 members appointed by the Privy Council—...
- 11A . . . . .

...

- 12 (1) The 3 members appointed by the Education Committee shall...

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- 13 The member appointed by the Secretary of State shall be...

...

- 14 (1) The members of the General Council shall elect a...
- 1A Membership: general
- 1B Matters for the order of the Privy Council under section 1(4)
- 1C Registration of members’ private interests
- 1D Duties of co-operation etc.

*Powers of the General Council*

- 15 (1) Subject to any provision made by or under this...  
Part II — THE STATUTORY COMMITTEES

*General*

- 16 (1) The members of the statutory committees, other than co-opted...
- 17 (1) The co-option of any person to any of the...
- 18 A person shall not be prevented from being a member...
- 19 Any member of a statutory committee (other than a co-opted...
- 20 The General Council may by rules make provision with respect...
- 21 (1) The General Council may make rules regulating the procedure...
- 22 (1) If it appears to the General Council that any...
- 23 (1) The powers of any statutory committee may be exercised...
- 24 (1) A person may be a member of more than...

*The Education Committee*

- 25 The General Council shall by rules make provision with regard...

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- 26 The Committee may co-opt up to 8 further members.
- 27 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the members of the Committee...
- 28 The quorum of the Committee shall be 7, of whom...
- 29 (1) The 3 members appointed to the General Council by...

#### *The Investigating Committee*

- 30 The General Council shall by rules make provision with regard...
- 30A Where rules under paragraph 30 provide for one or more...
- 31 The Committee may co-opt up to 8 further members.
- 32 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the members of the Committee...
- 33 The quorum of the Committee shall be 7, of whom...

#### *The Professional Conduct Committee*

- 34 The General Council shall by rules make provision with regard...
- 34A Where rules under paragraph 34 provide for one or more...
- 34B In exercising a function under section 8 or 22, the...
- 35 The Committee may co-opt up to 4 further members.
- 36 (1) If the Chairman of the General Council is a...
- 37 The quorum of the Committee shall be 5, of whom...

#### *The Health Committee*

- 38 The General Council shall by rules make provision with regard...
- 38A Where rules under paragraph 38 provide for one or more...
- 38B In exercising a function under section 23, the Health Committee...
- 39 The Committee may co-opt up to 4 further members.
- 40 (1) If the Chairman of the General Council is a...
- 41 The quorum of the Committee shall be 5, none of...

#### Part III — TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

#### *The initial membership of the General Council*

- 42 When first constituted, the membership of the General Council shall...

#### *The transitional periods*

- 43 In this Part— “the three year transitional period” means the...

#### *The osteopathic members*

- 44 (1) During the three year transitional period, paragraph 1(a) shall...

#### *The lay members*

- 45 (1) The members appointed by the Privy Council under paragraph...

#### *The education members*

- 46 (1) During the four year transitional period, paragraph 1(c) shall...

#### *The Secretary of State’s nominee*

- 47 Subject to paragraphs 4, 5 and 7, the term of...

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*Appointment of first Chairman*

48 (1) The first Chairman of the General Council shall be...

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- s. 20 words substituted by [2009 c. 26 s. 81\(2\)s. 81\(3\)\(e\)](#)
- s. 20(1)(c) word omitted by [S.I. 2008/1774 Sch. 3 para. 4](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. It was due to come into force on the coming into force of s. 44(1) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (c. 47), see art. 1(4). S. 44(1) was repealed without ever being in force on 10.9.2012 by 2012 c. 9, s. 75(6), Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2)
- s. 39 repealed by [1997 c. 50 s. 133\(c\)Sch. 10](#)

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