

Executive Order on the Authorisation of Osteopaths

Pursuant to section 2(2), section 3(1) and section 70b(4) of the Act on the Authorisation of Health Professionals and on Health Professions, cf. Consolidated Act no. 990 of 18 August 2017, as amended by Act no. 727 of 8 June 2018, the following is laid down by order:

Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of the Executive Order is to describe the conditions to be met to obtain authorisation as an osteopath.

Section 2. Only persons who have been granted authorisation as an osteopath have the right to use the title 'osteopath', cf. section 70b (2) of the Act on the Authorisation of Health Professionals and on Health Professions.

Persons covered

Section 3. This Executive Order covers persons who apply for a Danish authorisation as an osteopath (the applicant) and who are:

- (i) Trained in osteopathy in Denmark.
- (ii) EU/EEA nationals trained in osteopathy in an EU/EEA country other than Denmark.
- (iii) EU/EEA nationals trained in osteopathy in a non-EU/EEA country, and whose diploma is recognised in another EU/EEA country and who can demonstrate at least three years' professional experience as an osteopath in the EU/EEA country concerned.
- (iv) EU/EEA nationals trained in osteopathy in a non- EU/EEA country, but who are not covered by para (iii).
- (v) Non-EU/EEA nationals trained in osteopathy in an EU/EEA country other than Denmark or in a non-EU/EEA country.

Conditions for obtaining an authorisation as an osteopath

Section 4. On application, the Danish Patient Safety Authority grants authorisation as an osteopath to the persons referred to in section 3(1), para i), when the Danish Patient Safety Authority assesses that the applicant complies with the requirements of sections 7-9.

Section 5. –(1) On application, the Danish Patient Safety Authority grants authorisation as an osteopath to the persons referred to in section 3(1), paras (ii) and (iii), when the Danish Patient Safety Authority assesses that the applicant complies with all requirements of the Executive Order on access for EU and EEA citizens to practice as an authorised healthcare professional. In assessing the applicant's training, the requirements for training in osteopathy laid down in sections 7-9 apply.

(2) No aptitude test under the Executive Order mentioned in subsection (1) is conducted, as there is no publicly regulated training in osteopathy in Denmark.

Section 6. On application, the Danish Patient Safety Authority grants authorisation as an osteopath to the persons referred to in section 3(1), paras iv) and v), when the Danish Patient Safety Authority assesses that the applicant complies with all requirements of the Executive Order

on the authorisation of certain healthcare professionals who are nationals of and/or trained in non-EU/EEA countries. In assessing the applicant's training, the requirements for training in osteopathy laid down in sections 7-9 apply.

Level of training

Section 7.—(1) The applicant must have completed healthcare training in osteopathy corresponding to the level of a professional bachelor's degree.

(2) A professional bachelor's degree level means:

(i) A training programme of three and generally four years' duration as full-time training, consisting of theory and practice and forming an independent training course, cf. section 5(1) of the Act on vocational academy programmes and professional bachelor programmes.

(ii) A post-secondary education programme of at least three and not more than four years' duration or of an equivalent duration on a part-time basis, which may also be expressed as an equivalent number of ECTS points, at a university or establishment of higher education or another establishment providing the same level of training as well as the professional training which may be required in addition to that post-secondary course, cf. the Executive Order on access for EU and EEA citizens to practice as authorised healthcare professionals, cf. Article 11 (d) of Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005 on the recognition of professional qualifications.

(3) A professional bachelor's degree programme may be organised as an independent superstructure of education based on a vocational academy programme, cf. section 6(1) of the Act on vocational academy programmes and professional bachelor programmes.

(4) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the applicant can meet the requirements for the level of training by having completed training in osteopathy as a superstructure of another healthcare training programme at a level equivalent to a professional bachelor's degree or another healthcare-related middle-range training programme supplemented by theory and methods of science at diploma level or equivalent.

Duration of the training programme

Section 8.—(1) The training programme completed by the applicant, cf. section 7, must contain a minimum of 4,200 hours of instruction in the academic elements and with the weighting mentioned in Annex 1.

(2) For applicants with the level of training mentioned in section 7(4), the hour requirement in subsection (1) is met by an overall assessment of the healthcare training at a level corresponding to the professional bachelor level and the superstructure in osteopathy.

Section 9.—(1) The applicant must have completed at least 1,000 hours of clinical practice (clinical training).

(2) Clinical training means that part of the training programme where the student is in direct contact with healthy or sick individuals or groups of people and learns to plan, provide and assess overall osteopathic treatment; but see subsection (4).

(3) Clinical training must be provided under the supervision and guidance of an osteopath.

(4) Selected elements of the clinical training may to a limited extent and, for example, in preparation for patient contact be organised in a skills laboratory or simulation laboratory, but cannot replace direct patient contact in the clinical department or institution.

Advisory Forum

Section 10. The Danish Patient Safety Authority sets up an advisory forum for the authorisation of osteopaths, the purpose of which is to advise the Danish Patient Safety Authority as needed in matters relating to:

- (i) the assessment of whether the applicant's training meets the substantive requirements;
- (ii) the assessment of foreign education and training; and
- (iii) the need to adapt the contents of Annex 1.

Section 11.—(1) The Advisory Forum consists of no less than six nor more than eight members appointed by the Danish Patient Safety Authority for a term of four years with the possibility of reappointment.

(2) The Advisory Forum consists of members appointed by professional organisations, associations, relevant authorities and possibly employers and educational institutions.

(3) The Danish Patient Safety Authority draws up terms of reference for the Advisory Forum. The terms of reference and membership composition are published on the Danish Patient Safety Authority's website.

Entry into force and transitional provisions

Section 12. This Executive Order enters into force on 1 July 2018.

Section 13. For applicants who have started training in osteopathy on or before 1 July 2018, the superstructure mentioned in section 7(4) may be completed before or concurrently with another healthcare training programme at a level equivalent to the level of professional bachelor.

Section 14. For applicants who already perform osteopathic treatment in Denmark on 1 July 2018, supervised clinical training completed in connection with another healthcare training programme equivalent to a professional bachelor's degree or another healthcare-related middle-range training programme may be taken into account when assessing whether the condition in section 9(1) is met, if the clinical training was aimed at manual treatment techniques.

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Objectives for learning outcomes for training in osteopathy

Skills

The qualified osteopath

- 1) must be able to examine and prevent dysfunctions throughout the body,
- 2) must be able to treat joints, muscles, connective tissue, blood vessels and nerves with osteopathic manipulative techniques (OMT), and
- 3) must have knowledge of the basic principles of osteopathy.

Contents

The following academic subjects must be included in the training programme with the minimum number of ECTS points indicated.

- 1) Theory of science, ethics and research methodology 5 ECTS
- 2) Osteopathic philosophy and principles 15 ECTS
- 3) Professional communication, information technology, health informatics 5 ECTS
- 4) Movement science 5 ECTS
- 5) Osteopathic examination, diagnosis, investigation and treatment 20 ECTS
- 6) Pathology and differential diagnostics 10 ECTS
- 7) Anatomy including neuroanatomy, embryology and viscera 10 ECTS
- 8) Clinical biomechanics, including posturology 15 ECTS
- 9) Osteopathic manipulative techniques 30 ECTS
- 10) Health promotion and prevention 10 ECTS
- 11) Pain science 5 ECTS
- 12) Ergonomics, health, safety and functional ability 5 ECTS
- 13) Human physiology and nutrition 10 ECTS
- 14) Pharmacology 5 ECTS
- 15) Health psychology 5 ECTS
- 16) General pedagogy and health pedagogy 5 ECTS
- 17) Legislation, management, health economics and management of health efforts 5 ECTS
- 18) Public health and social medicine 5 ECTS