



## **NEW ZEALAND**

### **Osteopathy**

The practise of osteopathy is regulated by law, under the terms of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance [HPCA] Act, which came into effect on 18 September 2004. Under the Act it is a legal requirement to be registered with the Osteopathic Council of New Zealand [OCNZ], and to hold an annual practising certificate issued by them, in order to practise as an osteopath. Each of the thirteen healthcare professions regulated by the HPCA Act works within the 'Scope of Practise' determined and published by its professional Council. Osteopaths in New Zealand do not work as fully licensed physicians. The scope of practise is very similar to that in Australia and the United Kingdom.

Graduates of the *Unitec New Zealand* programme are automatically eligible for registration with the OCNZ. Osteopaths registered and licensed to practise in any of the Australian states or territories [with the exception of Western Australia] are also eligible to register in New Zealand under the mutual recognition system operating between the two countries. Graduates from programmes in every other country are required to complete an assessment procedure.

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### **Statutes/Regulations:**

*Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003*: <http://www.moh.govt.nz/hpca>

### **Schools of Osteopathy:**

#### **Unitec New Zealand**

Carrington Road, Mt Albert, Private Bag 92025

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**Degrees:** Bachelor of Applied Science (Human Biology): BAppSc(HBiol)

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