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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 596**

**HEALTH CARE AND  
ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONS**

**OSTEOPATHS**

**The General Osteopathic Council (Coronavirus)  
(Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2020**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>5th June 2020</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>17th June 2020</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>16th July 2020</i>

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall the 5th day of June 2020  
By the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council

The General Osteopathic Council has made the General Osteopathic Council (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Rules 2020, which are set out in the Schedule to this Order, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 6(2), 6(3), 20(10) and 26 of the Osteopaths Act 1993<sup>(1)</sup>.

By virtue of section 35(1) of that Act, such Rules must be approved by the Privy Council, and by virtue of section 36 of that Act, such approval must be given by Order of the Privy Council.

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the General Osteopathic Council (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2020 and shall come into force on 16th July 2020.

**Privy Council Approval**

2. Their Lordships, having taken these Rules into consideration, are pleased to and do approve them.

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(1) 1993 c. 21; section 6(2) amended by S.I. 2007/3101; section 20(10) amended by the Chiropractors Act 1994 c. 17.

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*Richard Tilbrook*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

## SCHEDULE

Article 2

### General Osteopathic Council (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Rules 2020

The General Osteopathic Council makes the following Rules in exercise of its powers under sections 6(2), 6(3), 20(10) and 26 of the Osteopaths Act 1993.

## PART 1

### Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the General Osteopathic Council (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Rules 2020 and shall come into force on 16th July 2020.

## PART 2

### Amendment to the General Osteopathic Council (Investigation of Complaints) (Procedure) Rules 1999

#### **Amendment to the General Osteopathic Council (Investigation of Complaints) (Procedure) Rules 1999**

2. In rule 27 (service of notice) of the General Osteopathic Council (Investigation of Complaints) (Procedure) Rules 1999(2)—

- (a) after “shall be served” insert “using electronic mail to an electronic mail address that the osteopath has notified to the Council as an address for communications or”;
- (b) for “on the Registrar”, substitute “on the Register”.

## PART 3

### Amendment to the General Osteopathic Council (Professional Conduct Committee) (Procedure) Rules 2000

#### **Amendment to the General Osteopathic Council (Professional Conduct Committee) (Procedure) Rules 2000**

3. In the General Osteopathic Council (Professional Conduct Committee) (Procedure) Rules 2000(3)—

- (a) in the title to rule 65 (Postal service of documents), for “Postal service of documents” substitute “Service of documents”;
- (b) in rule 65(1)—
  - (i) after “served on the person”, insert “using electronic mail to an electronic mail address that the person has notified to the Council as an address for communications or”;

(2) As set out in the Schedule to the General Osteopathic Council (Investigation of Complaints) (Procedure) Rules Order of Council 1999 (S.I. 1999/1847).

(3) As set out in the Schedule to the General Osteopathic Council (Professional Conduct Committee) (Procedure) Rules Order of Council 2000 (S.I. 2000/241) as amended by S.I. 2009/1182; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

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- (ii) omit “either”;
- (c) omit rule 65(4).

## PART 4

### Amendment to the General Osteopathic Council (Application for Registration and Fees) Rules 2000

#### **Amendment to the General Osteopathic Council (Application for Registration and Fees) Rules 2000**

4. In rule 3(1)(a) (service of documents) of the General Osteopathic Council (Application for Registration and Fees) Rules 2000(4), after “sending of the notice” insert “to an electronic mail address that the applicant or registered osteopath has notified to the Council as an address for communications or”.

Given under the official seal of the General Osteopathic Council this 11th day of May 2020.



*Dr Bill Gunnyeon CBE*  
Chair of the General Osteopathic Council

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order is made under the Osteopaths Act 1993 (c. 21). The Order amends the General Osteopathic Council (Investigation of Complaints) (Procedure) Rules 1999 (as contained in [S.I. 1999/1847](#)), the General Osteopathic Council (Professional Conduct Committee) (Procedure) Rules 2000 (as contained in [S.I. 2000/241](#)) and the General Osteopathic Council (Application for Registration and Fees) Rules 2000 (as contained in [S.I. 2000/1038](#)) to provide for service of documents by email.

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(4) As set out in the General Osteopathic Council (Application for Registration and Fees) Rules Order of Council 2000 ([S.I. 2000/1038](#)) to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.