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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2000 No. 241**

**OSTEOPATHS**

The General Osteopathic Council (Professional Conduct  
Committee) (Procedure) Rules Order of Council 2000

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THE GENERAL OSTEOPATHIC COUNCIL  
(PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COMMITTEE)  
(PROCEDURE) RULES ORDER OF COUNCIL 2000

This Order may be cited as the General Osteopathic Council...  
Signature

THE GENERAL —  
OSTEOPATHIC  
COUNCIL  
PROFESSIONAL  
CONDUCT  
COMMITTEE  
(PROCEDURE)  
RULES 2000

PART I — PRELIMINARY

1. Citation and commencement
2. Interpretation

PART II — INITIAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. Frequency of meetings
4. Action following referral
5. The Chairman shall select from amongst the full membership of...
6. No person shall be eligible to sit on a panel...
7. Notice to the osteopath concerned
8. Without prejudice to rule 7, after referral of a case...
9. Subject to rule 10, the Committee shall send notice of...
10. No hearing shall be fixed for a date which occurs...
11. Representation

*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made).*

12. Witnesses
13. Additional evidence
14. Access to documents
15. Notice to produce documents
16. Legal assessor
17. Openness of hearings
18. Postponement of hearing
19. Cancellation of hearing

**PART III — CONDUCT OF THE HEARING**

20. Proceedings in the absence of the osteopath
21. Introductions
22. The complaint
23. (1) At this point the osteopath or his representative may...
24. If, at any stage of the hearing, it appears to...
25. If, at any stage of the hearing, it appears to...

***Presentation of the Case***

26. Cases relating to conviction
27. Cases relating to conduct or incompetence
28. (1) The osteopath or his representative may then address the...
29. Consideration by the Committee
30. If it so determines it must next decide whether the...
31. Announcement of the finding
32. Where the Committee finds the complaint not to be proved...
33. Plea in mitigation
34. Questions by the Committee
35. Consideration of sanctions
36. Announcement of sanction
37. In any case where the Committee has imposed conditions on...
38. The Committee shall notify the osteopath of its decision, its...
39. The Committee shall also notify the complainant of the Committee's...
40. Interim Suspension Orders
41. Revocation of interim suspension orders
42. Consideration of allegations against two or more osteopaths
43. Multiple allegations against an osteopath
44. Reconvening of the Committee

**PART IV — REVIEW PROCEDURES**

45. Procedure on resumed or review hearings
46. If since the original hearing any new allegation against the...
47. At any meeting at which the proceedings are resumed, or...
48. The Committee shall then hear the osteopath or his representative...
49. It shall be the duty of the Committee, where the...
50. If the Committee judges that the osteopath has complied, it...
51. If the Committee judges that the osteopath has failed to...
52. Where previously the Committee had directed that an osteopath's registration...
53. The Chairman shall announce the determinations of the Committee in...
54. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the validity of...

***General Matters***

55. Adjournment
56. Evidence

57. (1) The Committee may, if satisfied that the interests of...
58. All parties to the proceedings shall be entitled to seek...
59. The Committee may deliberate in camera with or without the...
60. Legal representation
61. Record of proceedings
62. Referral to the Health Committee
63. If, following a referral under this rule, the Health Committee...
64. If, following a reference to the Health Committee, the Health...
65. Postal service of documents

Explanatory Note