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**HEALTHCARE AND ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONS**

**OSTEOPATHS**

**The General Osteopathic Council (Constitution) (Amendment)  
Order 2015**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>11th November 2015</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>18th November 2015</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>18th December 2015</i>

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall the 11th day of November 2015

By the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council

Their Lordships make the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1(4) of, and paragraph 1B(1)(a) and (f) and (4) of the Schedule to, the Osteopaths Act 1993(a).

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the General Osteopathic Council (Constitution) (Amendment) Order 2015 and comes into force on 18th December 2015.

**Amendment of the General Osteopathic Council (Constitution) Order 2009**

- 2.—(1) The General Osteopathic Council (Constitution) Order 2009(b) is amended as follows.
- (2) In article 2 (composition of the General Council), for “7” (twice) substitute “5”.
  - (3) In article 11 (quorum of the General Council), for “8” substitute “6”.

**Transitional**

3. The person who was chair of the General Council immediately before the coming into force of this Order shall, subject to article 3 of the General Osteopathic Council (Constitution) Order 2009(c), continue as chair of the General Council as constituted in accordance with this Order.

*Richard Tilbrook*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

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(a) 1993 c.21: section 1(4) of the Act was substituted by, and paragraph 1B of the Schedule was inserted by, S.I. 2009/1774.  
(b) S.I. 2009/263.  
(c) Article 3 provides that no member of the General Council can serve as such for more than an aggregate of 8 eights years in any 20 year period.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order amends the General Osteopathic Council (Constitution) Order 2009 (“the 2009 Order”).

Article 2(2) amends article 2 of the 2009 Order (which specifies the composition of the General Osteopathic Council) by reducing the composition of the General Council from 7 registrant members and 7 lay members to 5 registrant members and 5 lay members.

Article 2(3) amends that article 11 of the 2009 Order (which specifies the quorum of the General Council) by reducing the quorum of the General Council from 8 to 6.

Article 3 makes transitional provision so as to ensure that the person holding the office of chair of the General Council before its constitution and quorum are changed by this Order remains as chair of the newly constituted General Council.

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