



General Council and Register of Naturopaths

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Dear Colleague

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the General Council and Register of Naturopaths (GCRN). The GCRN commits to the very highest levels of Naturopathic practice amongst its members and also represents the United Kingdom as a full member of the World Naturopathic Federation (the only UK Naturopathic Registering body to do so).

Enclosed with this letter in the zip file you will find three publications and a set of papers. The first of these publications, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, is the document upon which the GCRN's legal authority as a Company is based. The second is the Code of Professional Conduct, the observation of which is mandatory for all members of the GCRN. Please read these two publications carefully and become familiar with their contents. The third document is a copy of the GCRN's Minimum Levels of Clinical Competence, which sets out what the Register believes to be the minimum practical and theoretical skills required for practise as a naturopath.

There are also some papers for you to complete. These are:

1. an application form, which must be fully completed.
2. the Solemn Affirmation; please read this carefully, resolve to abide by it and sign it in the presence of a witness.

We also require you to provide the following:

- a) 2 professional references. One should be from a Naturopath the other from a professional person who has known you for more than 3 years. These need to be provided on the referee's headed paper, signed by them and then posted to me.
- b) 2 colour passport-sized photographs, one to be countersigned, as explained on page 4 of the application form.
- c) A copy of any qualifications and certificates you consider relevant to your practice as a Naturopath and/or a copy of your relevant academic record(s).
- d) An Disclosure and Barring Service enhanced certificate, or the overseas equivalent.
- e) The correct payment. Payment amounts and methods are shown in the included document.
- f) 4 anonymised case studies which should each include a minimum of two follow up appointments each. These case studies are an opportunity for you to demonstrate to us the breadth and depth of your Naturopathic knowledge and skills and your thinking processes. Your case notes should include the following outline criteria:
 - Presenting health issue and history of this complaint
 - Medical History/Health history
 - Medication – past/ present and other medical intervention, interaction or contra-indications
 - Medical diagnosis with differential diagnosis or explanation of why there isn't one
 - Aetiology of the condition/s; Naturopathic diagnosis and assessments including any Investigations and lab testing
 - Treatment plan – as detailed as possible with rationale for treatment choices
 - Outcomes of the case in terms of the patient's response to treatment.
 - Long term management strategy if relevant
 - Reflections if any on your approach, for example what you learned, what you could use again in the future, what exceeded or fell below your expectations.
- g) A short (1500-2000 word) essay on what you believe the main tenets of Naturopathy are and how you apply these in practice. We would like to hear both about the traditional/basic elements of your Naturopathic practice and any more advanced/modern aspects you may have studied and included.

Once all of the relevant documents have been returned, I will submit your application to the GCRN's Membership Committee. If your submission meet the criteria you may be required to attend an interview with the GCRN

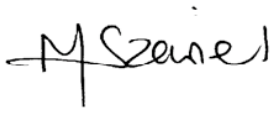
Membership Committee before a final decision is reached on your application – this may be in person or via teleconference facilities. As soon as the Committee gives its recommendation, I will notify you in writing of the result.

The possible outcomes are outlined below:

- Unconditionally accepted as a Full Member
- Unconditionally accepted as an Associate Member with recommendations for on what requirements need to be met in order to become a full member
- Accepted as an Associate Member (for a limited time period), with conditions in order to remain a member after that time period has elapsed e.g. mentoring and/or a study pathway
- Not Accepted but with advice on what would be needed in order to re-apply
- Not Accepted and with no option to re-apply

I wish you all the best with your application. Please get in touch with me in the meantime if you have any questions that you wish to ask or I can help in any way.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Szewiel', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mario Szewiel
Secretary and Registrar, GCRN