Via email

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Good afternoon

My name is Mimi Cox ND. Here are my submissions for the registration of Naturopaths.

All Naturopaths' must have accredited advanced diplomas' in Naturopathy and Herbal Medicine that meets Australian standards nationally. The course should be no less than three years full-time study and MUST be on campus. No distance learning. Australian standards in education are second to none world-wide.

Further to this an appropriate degree must have been completed. This may be undertaken by distance education. Suitable degrees' would be the Bachelor of Health Science in Complementary Medicine, or the Bachelor of Health Science in Naturopathy. Others may suit, but the former Advanced Diplomas' must have been completed first. This puts us in line with other allied health professionals.

The Naturopath must be in an appropriate association, have professional indemnity insurance, senior first aid certificate.

Professional practice must be maintained yearly. This can take place through distance education, seminars, webinars, books etc.

It would be expected that the practitioner would consider taking on further education for the benefit of herself and her patients.

Warm regards,

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