

Via email 4/02/2013

Dear OBA,

RE: Draft Framework: Pathways for registration of overseas-trained Osteopaths

This is a very encouraging framework and from what I can glean, represents a very sensible way forwards for registering UK Osteopaths in Australia. Well done!

I do think that it would be worth our while to investigate the International College of Osteopathic Medicine (ICOM) in Milan, Italy to assess and include their graduates on the Competent Authority Pathway. I have visited their school and spent time with their graduates – their facilities, their lecturing staff and their graduates are of a high standard!

This would represent another valuable source of potential osteopathic employees to the Australian market but also a viable option of study for Australian and New Zealand citizens who can not secure a place in one of our limited university places.

I understand this school will soon be offering their course in English; their lecturing staff are predominantly UK trained, English speaking Osteopaths; their graduates must pass the GOsC exams, in the UK, in English, before the ICOM will give them their award; and that, like the UK schools, ICOM is endorsed by one of the UK universities and their graduates are awarded with a BSc from this university and now a MSc.

Therefore, ICOM grads speak English well, have GOsC recognition with the ability to register in the UK and hold 'a qualification (AQF) level 7 or higher.'

Kind regards,

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