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Naturopathy is practiced in every world region, spanning over eighty countries. Statutory regulation of the naturopathic profession currently exists in jurisdictions in North America, India, Europe and Latin America. To be a full member of the WNF, associations must support and be working toward regulation. They must also support educational accreditation and advancement of educational standards.

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Naturopathic Regulatory Process

The statutory regulation of naturopathy, like all professionals, is strongly correlated with educational standards and is influenced by the political landscape in each country and the regulation of other traditional and complementary systems of medicine in the region. Every country or region that has regulation is supported by a professional naturopathic association. For those countries / regions that do not yet have regulation, the WNF encourages that professional naturopathic associations engage in self-governance activities that protect the public as they work towards regulation.

Overview of Statutory Naturopathic Regulation Globally

The regulation of naturopathic practitioners is diverse. It covers Naturopathic Technicians, Licensed Naturopaths, Diploma in Naturopathy and Naturopathic Doctors. Naturopathic practitioners in Europe are referred to as Heilpraktiker or Naturopaths. In North America and India, naturopathic practitioners are regulated as Naturopathic Doctors and/or Naturopathic Physicians. In Latin America, regulation exists for both Naturopathic Technicians and Doctors of Naturopathy. This difference reflects the educational differences, yet the foundational philosophy and principles are the same. Here is a summary of the global regulation:

Africa

Naturopathy is practiced in over eleven countries in Africa. Of those, two have regulation. The practice of naturopathy in the Democratic Republic of Congo falls under the Decree of 1952 which regulates the practice of medicine and grants exemplary status for traditional medicine practitioners, which includes naturopaths. In South Africa, naturopathy has been regulated since 1982 under the Allied Health Professions Act. The professions included in this regulation include: Ayurveda, Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Homeopathy, Naturopathy, Osteopathy, Phytotherapy, Therapeutic Aromatherapy, Therapeutic Massage Therapy, Therapeutic Reflexology and Unani-Tibb. Regulation of naturopathy requires three year basic medical sciences with a two year specialization in Naturopathy from the University of the Western Cape

- DR Congo: <http://apps.who.int/medicinedocs/en/d/Jh2943e/4.13.html>
- South Africa regulation: <http://ahpcsa.co.za/>

Asia

In India, naturopathy has two levels of regulation; education which regulated by the Health University of the respective state, and practice where the practitioners are registered by the State AYUSH Department. Currently, the Bachelor of Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences (BNYS) medical degree course is conducted in nineteen (19) schools based out of seven (7) states of India and regulated by the respective state Governments. MD (Naturopathy) is a postgraduate full-time three (3) year course for BNYS graduates only. The MD program was started in 2014 and is offered currently by three (3) schools in India.

The National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH), an institutional member of the International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQUA), has recently developed accreditation standards for naturopathy hospitals and clinics in association with the Ministry of AYUSH. India's model of intra-profession operational collaboration between the different systems of traditional medicine within its country is a model worth noting. In other areas of Asia that practice naturopathy, such as Nepal, there is currently no regulation.

- Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Homoeopathy (AYUSH): www.ayush.gov.in
- National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN): <http://punenin.org/>
- Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN): <http://www.ccryn.org/>
- National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH): www.nabh.co/AyushHospitals.aspx

Eastern Mediterranean

Naturopathy is fairly new to the Eastern Mediterranean, yet there are currently seven (7) countries that have naturopathic practitioners. There are no naturopathic regulations in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Europe

In Europe there are over thirty (30) countries that practice naturopathy, yet only three currently have regulation. There are a couple of regulatory challenges that are common in Europe. The first being that some countries include the treatments common to T&CM under the regulation of medical doctors, hence limiting and in some cases restricting naturopathic practitioners and other T&CM practitioners from practicing in their country. The second, is that some countries such as Hungary have chosen to regulate modalities (specific treatments) versus the regulation of systems of medicine. The WNF discourages this practice as it decreases the attention and protection of the fundamental principles that are part of every system of T&CM.

- *Germany*: Naturopathic practitioners in Germany are regulated as Heilpraktiker and they have been regulated since 1939 with the latest updates in December 23, 2017. Regulation is based on passing a State exam.
 - Link to regulations in Germany: <https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/heilprg/BJNR002510939.html>
- *Switzerland*:
 - Link to regulations in Switzerland: <http://www.oda-am.ch/de/home/>
 - Link to the Swiss National Register: <https://www.nareg.ch/>
 - Press release: https://www.dakomed.ch/app/download/11775466927/20150504_MM_ODA_Dakomed_Naturheilpraktiker_E.pdf?t=1494403283
- *Portugal*: Naturopathy is regulated under the Non-Conventional Medicine regulations that include Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Osteopathy, Phytotherapy, Naturopathy, Traditional Chinese Medicine, and Homeopathy. There 7 professions are regulated by Laws 45/2003 of 22 August and Law 71/2013 of 2 September.
 - Link to regulations in Portugal: <https://dre.pt/pesquisa/-/search/656122/details/maximized>
 - http://www.pgdlisboa.pt/leis/lei_mostra_articulado.php?nid=2629&tabella=leis&so_miolo=
 - <https://dre.pt/web/guest/pesquisa/-/search/58217868/details/maximized>
 - <https://dre.pt/pesquisa/-/search/56747381/details/maximized>

Latin America

- *Brazil*: Recognition of naturopathy is through the Ministry of Health under Integrative Complementary Medicine. In Brazil the competencies on a profession are divided, the ministry of labor recognizes the occupation, the ministry of education recognizes the formation, the ministry of health recognizes the practice and through the national health council regulates the practice within the Public Policies of the System National Health, but it is up to the National Congress to legislate on the regulation of the professional.
 - Regulations in Brazil:
<http://www.camara.gov.br/proposicoesWeb/fichadetramitacao?idProposicao=543332>
- *Chile*: Regulation in Chile is based on the passing of a standardized exam. There are two different designations – Naturopatas and Holistic Naturopath. A Holistic Naturopath is a practitioner that has completed the training in naturopathy, acupuncture and homeopathy.
 - Regulations in Chile: www.economia.gob.cl
- *Puerto Rico*: Puerto Rico has been regulated since 1997. It is the only country that distinct regulation for naturopaths and naturopathic doctors.
 - Link to regulation in Puerto Rico:
<http://www.oslpr.org/download/en/1997/0208.pdf>

North America

In both Canada and the United States, Naturopathic practitioners are considered primary care providers and are regulated as naturopathic doctors. Regulation is based on graduating from accredited four-year naturopathic medical programs and passing an extensive postdoctoral board examination in order to receive a license or registration. NDs must also fulfil mandatory continuing education requirements annually and have a specific scope of practice as defined by their provincial/state regulations.

In Canada regulation has existed since the 1920s. There are currently five provinces that have full regulation and one province that has title protection. Three other provinces are in the process of regulation.

In the United States, many States were regulated between the 1920s and 1950s, but due to sunset laws most lost their regulation. There has been a tremendous regulatory effort in the United States since the 1980s and currently there are 20 states, the District of Columbia, and the United States territories of Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands that have licensing or registration laws for Naturopathic Doctors. Regulation is pending in another six States.

Canada

- Regulatory College for British Columbia: <http://www.cnpbc.bc.ca/>
- Regulatory College for Alberta: <http://www.cnda.net/>
- Saskatchewan regulations: <http://www.sanp.ca/sanp-legislation-bylaws-and-policies.html>
- Manitoba regulations: <http://www.mbnd.ca/about-mna.cfm>
- Regulatory College for Ontario: <http://www.collegeofnaturopaths.on.ca/>
- Nova Scotia regulations: <http://nsand.ca/about/nova-scotia-association-of-naturopathic-doctors/>

In Canada, the regulatory authorities regulating the practice of naturopathic doctors formed the Canadian Alliance of Naturopathic Regulatory Authorities (CANRA). The aim of the alliance is to foster collaborative and cooperative opportunities to improve the ability of its members to regulate their respective members in the public interest.

United States

- Alaska regulations: <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/Naturopathy.aspx>
- Regulatory College for Arizona: <https://nd.az.gov/>
- Regulatory College for California: <http://www.naturopathic.ca.gov/>
- Regulatory College for Colorado: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/Naturopathy>
- Regulatory College for Connecticut: <http://www.portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Naturo/Naturopathic-Physician-Licensing-Requirements>
- Regulatory College for the District of Columbia: <https://dchealth.dc.gov>
- Regulatory College for Hawaii: <https://pvl.ehawaii.gov/pvlsearch/>
- Regulatory College for Kansas: <http://www.ksbha.org/main.shtml>
- Maine Regulations: <http://mand.org/licensing/>
- Regulatory College for Maryland: <https://health.maryland.gov/physicians/Pages/home.aspx>
- Regulatory College for Massachusetts: <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2016/Chapter400>
- Regulatory College for Minnesota: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=147E&view=chapter>
- Regulatory College for Montana: <http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/ahc#8>
- Regulatory College for New Hampshire: <https://www.oplc.nh.gov/naturopathic-examiners/laws-rules.htm>
- Regulatory College for North Dakota: <http://www.ndbihc.org/>
- Regulatory College for Oregon: <http://www.oregon.gov/OBNM/Pages/index.aspx>
- Regulatory College for Pennsylvania: <https://legiscan.com/PA/text/HB516/2015>
- Regulatory College for Puerto Rico: <http://www.oslpr.org/download/en/1997/0208.pdf>
- Regulatory College for Rhode Island: <http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/BillText/BillText17/HouseText17/H5474A.pdf>
- Regulatory College for the US Virgin Islands:
- Regulatory College for Utah: <https://dopl.utah.gov/licensing/naturopathy.html>

- Regulatory College for Vermont:
<https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/fullchapter/26/081>
- Regulatory College for Washington:
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/NaturopathicPhysician>

In the United States there is also a Federation of Naturopathic Medical Regulatory Authorities (FNMRA) that coordinate the efforts of all the regulatory bodies:

<https://fnmra.org/>

Western Pacific

There are at least eight countries in the Western Pacific that practice naturopathy. Although there is no formal regulations there are also no restriction to practice in Australia and New Zealand – the two countries in the Western Pacific that have been practicing naturopathy since the early 1900s. Naturopathy in Australia and New Zealand is covered by private insurance.

In Australia, in lieu of statutory regulations, an independent self-regulatory body which mirrors the standards of government regulations, has been established. The naturopathic organizations are also active in self-governance as demonstrated by the standards of practice outlined on the ARONAH website:

<http://www.aronah.org/aronah-documents/>

Table 1: Summary of Global Naturopathic Regulation

World Region / Country	Year of Regulation	Hours in Naturopathic Program	Protected Title(s)	Defined Scope of Practice?	Link to Regulation or National Organization
Africa – DR Congo	1952	4,450 (once institute is established)	Traditional Healer Naturopathic Doctor	Yes	http://apps.who.int/medicinedocs/en/d/Jh2943e/4.13.html
Africa – South Africa	1982	4,200 hours	Naturopath, Naturopathic Doctor	Yes	http://ahpcs.co.za/

Asia – India	1970	4,500 hours	Bachelor of Naturopathy and Yoga Sciences (BNYS)	Yes	www.ayush.gov.in
Asia - India	2014	2,600+ hours	MD (Naturopathy)	Yes	www.ayush.gov.in (Example of a University offering MD: https://www.tnmgrmu.ac.in/index.php/indian-medicine-and-homoeopathy.html)
Europe – Germany	1939	Passed on passing a State exam	Heilpraktiker	No	https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/heilprg/BJNR002510939.html
Europe – Portugal	2003 and 2013	8 curricular semesters including 240 credits (~6,000 hours)	Profissão de Naturopata	Yes	https://dre.pt/pesquisa/-/search/656122/details/maximized http://www.pgdlisboa.pt/leis/lei_mostra_articulado.php?nid=2629&tabela=leis&so_miolo=
Europe – Switzerland	2015	4,650 hours	Naturheilpraktiker mit Eidgenössischem Diplom	Yes	http://www.oda-am.ch/de/beruf/abschluss-titel/
Latin America – Brazil	2012	4,000 hours	Naturólogo	No	http://www.camara.gov.br/proposicoesWeb/fichadetramitacao?idProposicao=543332

Latin America - Chile	2013	3,600 hours	Naturópata, Holistic Naturopath	Yes	www.economia.gob.cl
Latin America – Puerto Rico	1997	Not outlined in regulations	Naturopath and Naturopathic Doctor (2 distinct sets of regulation)	Yes	http://www.oslpr.org/download/en/1997/0208.pdf
North America – Canada <i>*see chart below - scope breakdown</i>	BC: 1923 ON: 1925 MB: 1946 ALB: 1948 SK: 1956 NS: 2008	4,000+ hours	Naturopathic Doctor, Naturopath, Doctor of Naturopathy, ND	Yes, some variability by province	https://www.cand.ca/affiliations/
North America – United States <i>*see chart below - scope breakdown</i>	See dates in chart below.	4,000+ hours	Naturopathic Doctor, Naturopath, Doctor of Naturopathy, ND	Yes, some variability by State	https://www.naturopathic.org/regulated-states

Disclaimer: The following charts breakdown the scope for each jurisdiction / country that regulates the naturopathic profession. Although we have attempted to be as accurate and complete as possible, the regulations themselves are the best source to determine the legal scope in any jurisdiction. The charts will be updated and any omissions or corrections will be made, as needed and as they are brought to the attention of the WNF.

Table 2: Statutory Regulations & Scope in Africa and Asia

	Africa – DR Congo	Africa – South Africa	Asia – India
Date of initial regulation	1952	1982	1970
Title protection	Yes	Yes	Yes
Doctor title	Yes	Yes	Yes
Visits covered by government-funded plans	No	No	Only for government employees
Visits Tax Exempt	No	Yes	No
Physical Exams	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gynaecological / Anal Exams	Yes		Yes
Regulated laboratory access	No	No	Yes, with additional qualifications
Laboratory access outside of regulation	Yes	Yes	Yes
Communicating a diagnosis	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clinical Nutrition	Yes	Yes	Yes
Botanical Medicine	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hydrotherapy	No		Yes
Homeopathy	No	Yes	No
Exercise Counselling / Physical Medicine	Yes	Yes	Yes

Osteopathy	Yes	No	Yes
Naturopathic manipulation	Yes	No	Yes
Lifestyle Counselling	Yes	Yes	Yes
Acupuncture	Yes	Yes	Yes
Minor surgery	No	No	Yes
Naturopathic childbirth	No	No	
Performing a procedure below the dermis	Yes	Yes	Yes
Meso-, Prolo- therapy	No	No	No
Administering a substance injection / inhalation	Yes	No	Yes
IVIT Therapy	Yes	No	No
Prescribing drugs	Yes	No	No
Providing emergency services	No	No	Yes, with additional qualifications

Table 3: Statutory Regulations & Scope in Europe

	Europe – Germany	Europe – Portugal	Europe – Switzerland
Date of initial regulation	1939	2003 / 2013	2015
Title protection	Yes	Yes	Yes

Doctor title	No	Yes	No
Visits covered by government-funded plans	No	No	No
Visits Tax Exempt	Yes	Yes	Yes
Physical Exams	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gynaecological / Anal Exams	Yes	No	No
Regulated laboratory access	No	No	No
Laboratory access outside of regulation	Yes	Yes	Yes
Communicating a diagnosis	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clinical Nutrition	Yes	Yes	Yes
Botanical Medicine	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hydrotherapy	Yes	Yes	Yes
Homeopathy	Yes	Yes	Yes
Exercise Counselling / Physical Medicine	Yes	Yes	Yes
Osteopathy	Yes	Yes	No
Naturopathic manipulation	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lifestyle Counselling	Yes	Yes	Yes
Acupuncture	Yes	Yes	Yes
Minor surgery	No	No	No

Naturopathic Childbirth	No	No	No
Performing a procedure below the dermis	Yes	Yes	Yes
Meso-, Prolo- therapy	Yes	Yes	Depends on the Canton (region)
Administering a substance injection / inhalation	Yes	No	Depends on the Canton (region)
IVIT Therapy	Yes	No	No
Prescribing drugs	No	No	No

Table 4: Statutory Regulations & Scope in Latin America

	Brazil	Chile	Puerto Rico
Date of initial regulation	2012	2013	1997
Title protection	Yes	Yes	Yes
Doctor title	No	No	No
Visits covered by government-funded plans	No	No	No
Visits Tax Exempt	Yes	Yes	Yes
Physical Exams	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gynaecological / Anal Exams	No	No	Yes
Regulated laboratory access	No	No	No

Laboratory access outside of regulation	Yes	Yes	Yes
Communicating a diagnosis	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clinical Nutrition	Yes	Yes	Yes
Botanical Medicine	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hydrotherapy	Yes	Yes	Yes
Homeopathy	No	With additional training	Yes
Exercise Counselling / Physical Medicine	Yes, not physical medicine	Yes	Yes
Osteopathy	No	No	No
Naturopathic manipulation	No	Yes	Yes
Lifestyle Counselling	Yes	Yes	Yes
Acupuncture	Yes	With additional training	With additional training
Minor surgery	No	No	No
Naturopathic childbirth	No	No	No
Performing a procedure below the dermis	Yes	Yes	Yes
Meso-, Prolo- therapy	No	No	Yes

Administering a substance injection / inhalation	No	No	Yes
IVIT Therapy	No	No	No
Prescribing drugs	No	No	No

Table 5: Statutory Regulations & Scope in Canada

	British Columbia	Alberta	Saskatchewan	Manitoba	Ontario	Nova Scotia
Date of initial regulation	1923	1948	1954	1946	1925	2008
Title protection	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Doctor title	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Visits covered by government-funded plans	No	No	No	No	No	No
Visits Tax Exempt	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ability to Incorporate	Yes	Yes, but not as a Professional Corporation	Yes, as a business corporation. With proclamation of new Act can incorporate as a Professional Corporation	Yes	Yes, as a Professional Corporation	Yes

Physical Exams	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gynaecological / Anal Exams	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Regulated laboratory access	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Laboratory access outside of regulation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes, no provincial lab access
Communicating a diagnosis	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, naturopathic diagnosis	No
Clinical Nutrition	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Botanical Medicine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hydrotherapy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Homeopathy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Exercise Counselling / Physical Medicine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Osteopathy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Naturopathic Manipulation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, with manipulation Board exam	Yes	Yes

Lifestyle Counselling	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Acupuncture	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, with AC exam	Yes	Yes
Minor surgery	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Naturopathic childbirth	No	No	No	No	No	No
Performing a procedure below the dermis	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Meso-, Prolo-therapy	Yes with certification	Yes with certification	Yes with certification	Yes with certification	Yes, additional qualification, but very few substances on the approved list	Yes
Administering a substance by injection or inhalation	Yes for IM injections. Inhalation with prescribing exam & certification	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, with Prescribing exam and based on Tables 1 and 2	Yes
IVIT Therapy	Yes with certification	Yes with certification	Yes with course and certification	Yes with approved course, emergency medicine course every 3	Yes with certification	Yes with certification

				years and CPR every 2 years.		
Prescribing, dispensing, selling and compounding substances	Yes with Prescribing exam and certificatio n	No	No	No	Yes, with Prescribing exam and based on Tables 3, 4, 5 and 6	No
Prescribing natural hormones	Yes with Prescribing exam and certificatio n	No	No	No	Yes, with Prescribing exam - topical estrogen, progesteron e and desiccated thyroid	No

Table 6: Statutory Regulations & Scope in the United States

	Alaska, USA	Arizona, USA	California, USA	Colorado, USA	Connecticut, USA	District of Columbia, USA
Date of initial regulation	1987	1935	2003	2013	1922	2012
Title protection	Yes	Yes	Partly	Yes	Yes	Yes
Doctor title	Yes	Yes, includin g Naturop athic Physicia n title	Yes	Yes, including the right to specialize	ND, Naturopathi c Physician title	Yes, including Naturopathi c Physician title

Visits covered by government-funded plans	No	No	Yes with Medi-Cal credential	Yes, Medicaid credential	Yes	No
Visits Tax Exempt	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, with conditions	No	Yes
Ability to Incorporate	Yes	Yes	Yes, except LLC	Yes	Yes	Yes
Physical Exams	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gynaecological / Anal Exams	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Regulated laboratory access	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Laboratory access outside of regulation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Communicating a diagnosis	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clinical Nutrition	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Botanical Medicine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hydrotherapy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Homeopathy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Exercise Counselling /	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Physical Medicine						
Osteopathy	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, OMT/CST	No
Naturopathic Manipulation	Yes	Yes	Yes, except Grade V manipulations	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lifestyle Counselling	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Acupuncture	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Minor Surgery	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Naturopathic childbirth	No	Yes	Yes, specialty certification	No	No	Yes, speciality certification
Performing a procedure below the dermis	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Meso-, Prolo-therapy	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Administering a substance by injection or inhalation	No	Yes	Yes	Yes, limited	No	Yes
IVIT Therapy	No	Yes	Yes	Yes, limited	No	Yes
Prescribing, dispensing, selling and	No	Yes	Yes, requires MD oversight.	Yes, limited	No	Yes, per formulary

compounding substances						
Prescribing natural hormones	No	Yes	Yes, without MD oversight	No	No	Yes, per formulary

	Hawaii, USA	Kansas, USA	Maine, USA	Maryland, USA	Massachusetts, USA	Minnesota, USA
Date of initial regulation	1925	2002	1996	2014	Bill passed 2017, awaiting licensing regulation (below is what is anticipated)	2008
Title protection	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partly (moderate NMD, not ND or Naturopath)
Doctor title	Yes, including Naturopathic Physician	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Visits covered by government-funded plans	Yes	No	No	Some		No
Visits Tax Exempt	Variable depending on service	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ability to Incorporate	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Physical Exams	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gynaecological / Anal Exams	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Regulated laboratory access	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Laboratory access outside of regulation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Communicating a diagnosis	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Clinical Nutrition	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Botanical Medicine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hydrotherapy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Homeopathy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Exercise Counselling / Physical Medicine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, for counselling
Osteopathy	Yes	No	No	Yes		No
Naturopathic Manipulation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, but not Grade V HVLA	Yes	No

				Manipulation		
Lifestyle Counselling	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Acupuncture	No	Yes, specialty certificate	Yes, specialty certificate	No		No
Minor Surgery	Yes, with jurisprudence exam	No	Yes, but may not refer to it as "minor surgery."	No		No
Naturopathic Childbirth	No	No	No	No	No	No
Performing a procedure below the dermis	Yes, with parenteral therapy special privilege for injectables	Yes	Yes	No		No
Meso-, Prolo-therapy	Yes, with parenteral therapy special privilege for injectables	No	Yes	No		No
Administering a substance by injection or inhalation	Yes, with parenteral therapy special privilege for injectables	Yes	Yes	No		No

IVIT Therapy	Yes, with additional IV education & application (parental therapy special privilege)	Yes, with protocol	Yes, rehydration only	No		No
Prescribing, dispensing, selling and compounding substances	Yes, no controlled substances	No	Yes	No		No
Prescribing natural hormones	Yes, no controlled substances	No	Yes	No		No

	Montana, USA	New Hampshire, USA	North Dakota, USA	Oregon, USA	Pennsylvania, USA	Rhode Island, USA
Date of initial regulation	1992	1995	2011	1927	2016 but still under review (below is what is anticipated)	2018
Title protection	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Doctor title	Yes, including Naturopathic Physician	Yes	Yes	Yes, including Naturopathic Physician	Yes	Yes

Visits covered by government-funded plans	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
Visits Tax Exempt	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ability to Incorporate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Physical Exams	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gynaecological / Anal Exams	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Regulated laboratory access	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Laboratory access outside of regulation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Communicating a diagnosis	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clinical Nutrition	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Botanical Medicine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hydrotherapy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Homeopathy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Exercise Counselling /	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Physical Medicine						
Osteopathy	No	No	Yes, extremity only	Yes		No
Naturopathic Manipulation	Yes	Yes	Yes, but not of the spine	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lifestyle Counselling	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Acupuncture	No	Yes, specialty certificate	Yes, under injections. Cannot refer to self as acupuncturist	Yes	No	No
Minor surgery	Yes	No	No	Yes		No
Naturopathic childbirth	Yes, specialty certificate	Yes, speciality certificate	No	Yes	No	No
Performing a procedure below the dermis	Not explicit	No	Yes, joint injections allowed, no body cavities	Yes		No
Meso-, Prolo-therapy	Not explicit	No	Yes	Yes		No
Administering a substance by injection or inhalation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Only inhalation
IVIT Therapy	Yes	Yes	Yes, can administer	Yes		No

			but can't order agents.			
Prescribing, dispensing, selling and compounding substances	Yes, per naturopathic formulary. Exceptions apply (e.g. Pitocin can be administered but not ordered or dispensed). Dispensing restrictions.	Yes	Yes, topical rx & barrier devices only. No pharm agents	Yes		No Rx meds
Prescribing natural hormones	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		No

	US Virgin Islands, USA	Utah, USA	Vermont, USA	Washington, USA		
Date of initial regulation	2001	1996	1996	1919		
Title protection	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Doctor title	Yes, including Naturopathic Physician	Yes, including Naturopathic Physician	Yes	Yes, including Naturopathic Physician		
Visits covered by government-funded plans	Undetermined	No	Yes	Yes, Medicaid		

Visits Tax Exempt	Undetermined	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Ability to Incorporate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Physical Exams	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Gynaecological / Anal Exams	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Regulated laboratory access	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Laboratory access outside of regulation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Communicating a diagnosis	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Clinical Nutrition	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Botanical Medicine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Hydrotherapy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Homeopathy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Exercise Counselling / Physical Medicine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Osteopathy	No	Yes	No	Yes		
Naturopathic Manipulation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		

Lifestyle Counselling	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Acupuncture	Yes, specialty certificate	No	Yes	No		
Minor surgery	Yes	Yes	Not explicit	Yes		
Naturopathic Childbirth	Yes, specialty certificate	Yes, specialty certificate	Yes, speciality certificate	Not explicit but ND's obtain license for midwifery		
Performing a procedure below the dermis	Not explicit	Yes	Not explicit	Not explicit		
Meso-, Prolo-therapy	Not explicit	Yes	Yes	Not explicit		
Administering a substance by injection or inhalation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
IVIT Therapy	Not explicit	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Prescribing, dispensing, selling and compounding substances	Yes	Yes	Yes, with passing jurisprudence exam	Yes		
Prescribing natural hormones	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		

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