



# Osteopaths Act 1993

## 1993 CHAPTER 21

### *Professional conduct and fitness to practise*

#### **27 Legal assessors.**

- (1) The General Council shall appoint persons to be legal assessors.
- (2) They shall have the general function of giving advice to—
  - (a) any person appointed in accordance with rules made under section 20(4),
  - (b) the Investigating Committee,
  - (c) the Professional Conduct Committee, <sup>F1</sup> . . .
  - (d) the Health Committee, [<sup>F2</sup>or]  
[<sup>F2</sup>(e) the Registrar,]on questions of law arising in connection with any matter which he or (as the case may be) the committee is considering.
- (3) They shall also have such other functions as may be conferred on them by rules made by the General Council.
- (4) To be qualified for appointment as a legal assessor under this section, a person must—
  - (a) have a 10 year general qualification (within the meaning of section 71 of the <sup>M1</sup>Courts and Legal Services Act 1990);
  - (b) be an advocate or solicitor in Scotland of at least 10 years' standing; or
  - (c) be a member of the Bar of Northern Ireland or [<sup>F3</sup>solicitor of the Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland] of at least 10 years' standing.
- (5) The General Council may pay such fees, allowances and expenses to persons appointed as legal assessors as it may determine.
- (6) In the case of a legal assessor who is also a member of the General Council or of any of its committees, any such payment made to him in his capacity as a legal assessor shall be in addition to any to which he is entitled as such a member.

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Osteopaths Act 1993, Section 27. (See end of Document for details)

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 27(2)(c) repealed (5.7.1994) by 1994 c. 17, s. 42, **Sch. 2 para. 6(a)**
- F2** Word in s. 27(2)(d) and s. 27(2)(e) inserted (5.7.1994) by 1994 c. 17, s. 42, **Sch. 2 para. 6(b)**
- F3** Words in Act substituted (1.10.2009) by **Constitutional Reform Act 2005** (c. 4), s. 148(1), **Sch. 11 para. 5**; S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2(d)
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#### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1990 c. 41.

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