

## CIRCULAR NO (DHP/2025/23)

<b>From</b>	Department of Healthcare Professions – Ministry of Public Health
<b>To</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All licensed healthcare Practitioners in the government, semi-government, and private sectors</li><li>• All licensed healthcare facilities in the government, semi-government, and private sectors</li></ul>
<b>Subject</b>	Addition of new scopes to the Allied Health Practitioners list
<b>Date</b>	17/12/2025

Greetings from the Department of Healthcare Professions.

In our ongoing efforts to align with the best regulatory practices regionally and internationally, and with a commitment to developing a regulatory framework that encompasses all Allied Health Practitioners to ensure patient safety and the quality of healthcare services, the Department of Healthcare Professions, based on the decision of the Permanent Licensing Committee, approved in meeting No 16 for the year 2025 held on 3/11/2025, DHP announces the addition of the following new scopes and the approval of their scopes of practice and registration/licensing requirements within the Allied Health Practitioners list:

- Cardiovascular Technologist Non-Invasive
- Osteopath Practitioner
- Infection Prevention and Control Practitioner

For all information regarding the registration/ licensing requirements and the scope of practice, please check the attachments.

**Note:** This circular is effective from the date of its issuance.

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**Thank you for your cooperation**

**Department of Healthcare Professions.**

**Ministry of Public Health**

## CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS CARDIOVASCULAR TECHNOLOGIST (NON-INVASIVE)

<b>Definition</b>	A cardiovascular technologist specialising in non-invasive procedures is a healthcare professional trained to perform diagnostic tests that evaluate the heart and vascular systems without the need for invasive techniques. They utilise advanced imaging technologies and techniques to assist in the diagnosis and management of cardiovascular conditions.
<b>Practice Settings</b>	<p>Practice Settings</p> <p>Cardiovascular technologists can work in various healthcare environments, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospitals: Departments of Cardiology or cardiac diagnostics.</li> <li>• Outpatient Clinics: Specialised cardiovascular centres and clinics.</li> <li>• Diagnostic Imaging Centres: Facilities focused on non-invasive imaging.</li> <li>• Rehabilitation Centres: Programs for cardiac rehabilitation and monitoring.</li> </ul>
<b>Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor's Degree in cardiovascular technology, healthcare (cardiac science), or a related field.</li> <li>• Associate degree in cardiovascular technology (2 years)</li> </ul>
<b>Scope of practice</b>	<p>The scope of practice for a cardiovascular technologist focusing on non-invasive procedures includes:</p> <p><b>Diagnostic Testing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performing echocardiograms (transthoracic and transesophageal).</li> <li>• Conducting electrocardiograms (ECGs) and stress tests.</li> <li>• Managing Holter and event monitoring.</li> <li>• Conducting vascular ultrasound studies (e.g., carotid duplex).</li> </ul> <p><b>Patient Interaction:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparing patients for procedures, explaining tests, and obtaining informed consent.</li> <li>• Assessing patient history relevant to cardiovascular health.</li> </ul> <p><b>Technical Operations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operating and maintaining non-invasive diagnostic equipment.</li> <li>• Ensuring quality control and safety during procedures.</li> </ul> <p><b>Data Management:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interpreting and reporting test results to physicians.</li> <li>• Collaborating with healthcare teams to optimise patient care.</li> </ul> <p><b>Documentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining accurate records of procedures and patient interactions.</li> </ul>

<b>Licensure</b>	Candidates should have a valid license/registration certificate accompanying the required years of experience.
<b>Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overseas candidates: Minimum 2 years of experience in Cardiovascular technology.</li> <li>For Qatari Nationals, Qatar University graduates, offspring of Qatari women or offspring of residents, please refer to the DHP Circular No.13/2023.</li> </ul>
<b>Competency validation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passing the DHP licensing examination (if applicable), unless exempted, please refer to Circular No.24/2020, and the qualifying examination policy at the following link: <a href="https://dhp.moph.gov.qa/en/Documents/Qualifying%20Examination%20Policy.pdf">https://dhp.moph.gov.qa/en/Documents/Qualifying%20Examination%20Policy.pdf</a></li> <li>Verification of the educational qualifications and relevant graduate clinical experience.</li> </ul>
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## References:

- UAE  
<https://dhcc.ae/gallery/Licensure%20Requirements%20for%20Allied%20Health%20Professionals%20Guidance%20for%20Applicants.pdf>
- KSA  
<https://scfhs.org.sa/en/practitioner?page=3>
- Australia  
<https://www.vetassess.com.au/check-my-occupation/professional-occupations/cardiac-technician>
- Canada  
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<https://www.yourcareer.gov.au/occupations/311212/cardiac-technician#how-to-become-a-cardiac-technician>
- USA  
<https://www.medicaltechnologyschools.com/cardiovascular-technologist/how-to-become-a-cardio-tech#:~:text=The%20most%20common%20credentials%20available,associate%20degree%20in%20cardiovascular%20technology>
- UK  
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## CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS THE OSTEOPATH

### Definition

An **osteopath** is a healthcare professional who holds a current, valid license issued under a national authority or board that authorises them to practice **osteopathy**. It is a non-invasive manual therapy practice, which is a distinct branch of medicine that emphasises the role of the musculoskeletal system in overall health. Osteopathy is based on the understanding that the body's structure (bones, muscles, joints, ligaments, and connective tissues) and function are closely linked, and that problems in the musculoskeletal system can affect the health and performance of the entire body.

Osteopaths use **hands-on manual techniques** to diagnose, treat, and prevent a wide range of medical conditions, aiming to improve the body's natural ability to heal itself. These techniques include stretching, gentle pressure, massage, and manipulation of muscles and joints to restore balance, alleviate pain, and improve mobility.

In the current medical system, osteopathy is integrated as a complementary and alternative therapy, often working alongside conventional medicine, physiotherapy, and other healthcare disciplines.

### Practice Settings

**Practice Settings include, but are not limited to:**

- Hospitals
- Rehabilitation centres and residential homes
- Outpatient clinics
- Community settings, including primary health care centres,
- Private practices/clinics
- Occupational health centres

### Education

Different levels of Osteopathy qualification are available internationally:

- Doctor of Osteopathy (DO)

**Or**

- **Masters of Osteopathy (MSc (Osteopathy), MOst, etc.)**

**Or**

- Bachelor of Musculoskeletal Health and Postgraduate Diploma in Osteopathy (BOst, BSc (Osteopathy))

**Or**

- Bachelor's in health science and Master's in Osteopathy

**Or**

- **Postgraduate or Specialist Qualifications** (Diplomas, fellowships, or certifications in specific osteopathic techniques or areas (e.g., pediatric osteopathy, cranial osteopathy))

<b>Scope of practice</b>	<p>Osteopathy practice endorses adherence to standards of practice and supports the delivery of effective and efficient care by individuals who have specialised knowledge, judgment and skills by using systematic and ethical approaches.</p> <p><b>The Scope of Osteopathy practice involves, but is not limited to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educate patients on physical, emotional, and spiritual alignment.</li> <li>• Order lab tests and imaging (e.g., X-rays) for diagnosis.</li> <li>• Perform physiological function tests.</li> <li>• Cranial osteopathy, muscle energy, functional and ligamentous adjustments.</li> <li>• Direct (HVLA, articulatory) and indirect (counterstrain, balancing) methods.</li> <li>• Myofascial release, Still's technique, visceral manipulation.</li> <li>• Trigger points, Chapman's reflexes, neuromuscular and lymphatic techniques.</li> <li>• Electrotherapy, hydrotherapy (hot/cold), therapeutic exercises.</li> <li>• Advise on diet, supplements, vitamins, and botanicals (MOPH-approved only).</li> <li>• Apply therapeutic devices with proper training and certification.</li> <li>• Sports-related problems at all levels, including elite athletes.</li> </ul>
<b>Licensure</b>	<p>The Osteopath must apply for certification through the Department of Healthcare Practitioners and must be eligible to be licensed in the State of Qatar</p>
<b>Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 years of experience as an Osteopath</li> <li>• Graduates from accredited local programs within QATAR may be exempted from the experience requirement and can begin practice after completing their medical program and internship.</li> </ul>
<b>Competency validation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passing the DHP licensing examination (if applicable), unless exempted, please refer to Circular No.24/2020, and the qualifying examination policy at the following link:  <a href="https://dhp.moph.gov.qa/en/Documents/Qualifying%20Examination%20Policy.pdf">https://dhp.moph.gov.qa/en/Documents/Qualifying%20Examination%20Policy.pdf</a></li> <li>• Verification of the educational qualifications and relevant graduate clinical experience.</li> </ul>
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## References:

- **The Scope of Osteopathic Practice in Europe - 2012**

European Federation of Osteopaths (EFO) and Forum for Osteopathic Regulation in Europe (FORE)

- **Accreditation Standards for Osteopathic Courses in Australia, July 2016**

Australian Osteopathic Accreditation Council

- **Position Statement – Osteopathy Council of New South Wales – Version 1 – March 2014- Australia**

- **International Practice Rights**

[AACOM](#)

- **Asia-specific Osteopathic Association Osteopathy**

[a-poa.com](#)

- **Traditional Complementary and Integrative Medicine Practitioners' Scope of Practice**

<https://www.doh.gov.ae/-/media/53E1789BF413486182C80DE64D3180B0.ashx>

## CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL PRACTITIONER

<b>Definition</b>	<p>An Infection Prevention and Control Practitioner (IPC) is a Healthcare professional who is primarily responsible for development, implementation and evaluation of, and education related to policies, procedures, and practices that impact the prevention of infections. An IPC Practitioner ensure healthcare workers and healthcare facilities maintain evidence-based best practice to prevent and control infections from occurring and spreading.</p>
<b>Practice Settings</b>	<p>Infection Prevention &amp; Control Practitioner (IPC) can practice in various settings, such as hospitals, Healthcare medical centres, nursing homes, home care and long-term care settings, polyclinics, primary and ambulatory healthcare settings and other healthcare facilities.</p>
<b>Education</b>	<p><b>Minimum education requirement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor's degree in healthcare-related fields, such as but not limited to: Nursing, medicine, public health, epidemiology, and microbiology.</li> </ul> <p><b>And</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-graduate degree (Minimum one year) (E.g. Master's degree) in Infection prevention and control, Healthcare management, public health, epidemiology</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certification in Infection Control (CIC) from the Certification Board of Infection Control Board / or Certified Professional in Infection Control (CPIC) from the American Institute for Healthcare Management, or similar international certification.</li> </ul>
<b>Scope of practice</b>	<p>Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) professionals are responsible for, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementing IPC programs and practices across healthcare settings.</li> <li>• Conducting Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) surveillance and leading outbreak investigations.</li> <li>• Developing and enforcing IPC policies.</li> <li>• Providing education and training on infection prevention and control</li> <li>• Advising on antimicrobial stewardship.</li> <li>• Assessing and improving infection prevention and control practices.</li> <li>• Providing expert and specialist consultations in relation to IPC.</li> <li>• Contributing to quality improvement initiatives, patient safety programs, and national healthcare quality standards.</li> <li>• Using strategies to translate IPC standards into practice and align with national strategic directions on quality.</li> <li>• Communicating effectively with all stakeholders, including healthcare personnel, patients, families, and public health agencies.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensuring compliance with relevant regulatory requirements and guidelines related to infection prevention and control (e.g., national and international).</li> <li>Understanding infectious risks related to healthcare employment, supporting the implementation of preventive IPC measures, and monitoring and investigating the occurrence of infectious diseases, while ensuring a safe work environment and the health and safety of the workforce.</li> <li>Conducting regular audits and risk assessments to identify potential infection risks within the healthcare setting and developing strategies to mitigate those risks.</li> <li>Promote and participate in IPC-related research independently and/or collaboratively with other professions and organisations</li> </ul>
<b>Licensure</b>	Candidates should have a valid license/registration certificate accompanying the required years of experience.
<b>Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For overseas candidates: 2 years of work experience in Infection Prevention &amp; Control.</li> <li>For Qatari Nationals, Qatar University graduates, offspring of Qatari women or offspring of residents, please refer to the DHP Circular No.15/2022.</li> </ul>
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## References:

- **CDC**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/infection-control/hcp/core-practices/index.html>
- **WHO**  
<https://iris.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665/335821/9789240011656-eng.pdf?sequence=1>
- **NHS**  
[NHS England » Education framework for the infection prevention and control practitioner \(IPC\) workforce](https://www.england.nhs.uk/education-framework-for-the-infection-prevention-and-control-practitioner-ipc-workforce/)
- **IPAC Canada**  
[https://ipac-canada.org/photos/custom/pdf/IPAC\\_CoreCompetencies\\_ICPs\\_2022\\_revised.pdf](https://ipac-canada.org/photos/custom/pdf/IPAC_CoreCompetencies_ICPs_2022_revised.pdf)
- **Infection Preventionist Career Development and Advancement Guide, APIC;**  
<https://apic.org/professional-practice/infection-preventionist-career-development-and-advancement-guide/>