

Qualification requirements for overseas applicants

The Chiropractors Act 1994 gives the GCC responsibility for recognising qualifications for the purposes of registration in the United Kingdom. We are not able to register someone on the basis of recognition with any other body.

We are also able to register someone with a relevant unrecognised chiropractic qualification, provided the applicant first of all passes our test of competence.

The GCC (Registration of Chiropractors with Foreign Qualifications) Rules 2002 set the requirements that overseas qualifications must meet, which are that the qualification must have been achieved:

- 1) following completion of a course of education or training in chiropractic normally requiring the undertaking of not less than 4,800 hours of study, tuition and clinical experience in chiropractic; or
- 2) following completion of:
 - i) a first degree in a human science, and
 - ii) a course of education or training in chiropractic normally requiring the undertaking of not less than 2,200 hours of study, tuition and clinical experience in chiropractic¹

However if the hours you have completed are below the requirement as set out in the above guidance document you may still be able to apply, however, in such circumstances we will review each application on a case by case basis.

Evidence of your chiropractic qualification

To show us that you have achieved a relevant unrecognised chiropractic qualification, you will need to send us an original letter, or transcript, from the college showing:

- your full name
- the name of the qualification you have obtained
- the date you achieved the qualification
- confirmation as to how you meet criteria 1 or 2 above
- in the case of 2 above, you will need to also provide full details of your first degree in a human science and show that it was required as part of the entry requirements for your chiropractic degree.

¹ This would include a first degree in a human science followed by a masters degree, or followed a second first degree, in chiropractic. However, in either case the first degree in a human science must have been required as part of the entry requirements before you studied for your chiropractic degree, for example where you study for a BSc in Chiropractic and may have joined the course during the second or third year.