

*Via email*

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to submit my preferences in relation to the future practice and registration standards for naturopaths and herbalists in Australia.

I would like to see the minimum standard of education being a university degree in health science in conjunction with an advanced diploma in naturopathy or western herbal medicine. This would ensure the graduate was well educated in both mainstream health science as well as complementary medicine. This would involve a minimum of 5 to 6 years study which would bring the practitioner in line with medical practitioners and certain allied health practitioners such as chiropractors. However, if this were to happen, I feel that practitioners that qualify at this level should also be given the title of doctor, just as they are in other health professions that study as comprehensively as this. Therefore I feel that practitioners who have successfully completed a Bachelor in health science at university as well as an advanced diploma in naturopathy should be given the legal title of naturopathic doctor.

Regards,

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