



## **Full membership provision for current and new 2021 Naturopathic College of New Zealand (NCNZ) students for limited period**

Naturopaths and Medical Herbalists (Inc) intends to make application for statutory regulation in approximately 18 months and as such are going through a transition period with development of new policies.

Naturopaths and Medical Herbalists of New Zealand (NMHNZ) have developed education standards and competencies that require those making application for membership to NMHNZ from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021, to hold a minimum of a 3-year Bachelor's degree in Naturopathy and from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 a 4-year bachelor's degree in naturopathy. This means that diploma or advanced diploma will be insufficient for membership.

We are aware that this will impact current students studying at NCNZ, which is in the process of bachelor's degree development. Due to the delay in approval by NZQA of bachelor's degree, NMHNZ is offering an extended pathway to ALL current NCNZ students (and those undertaking study in naturopathic qualification in 2021) to full membership, where all full membership criteria is met.

**All NCNZ current students who take up NMHNZ student membership before 31st December 2021** will be grandfathered across to full membership, although they may be studying towards a diploma or advanced diploma. This provision is for current students and new 2021 students only. All prospective students should be made aware of this NMHNZ change of policy and have had a pathway to a bachelor's degree provided for.

This direct entry to current NCNZ students is valid until December 31st 2021, at which time this opportunity will cease. **From January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 all new members from NCNZ are required to hold a 3-year Bachelor's degree in Naturopathy.**

All student members joining the association who hold a diploma or advanced diploma are required to maintain full membership from time of graduation. **Non-practising membership will only be available to naturopathic degree holders from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.**

**You are considered a full practising member if you are in clinical practice, teach classes related to naturopathy/herbal medicine/health at a community level or professional level (college/university), are employed by a naturopathic clinic in any capacity, or natural products company, health food store, pharmacy, public health initiatives, research etc.** Non-practising members are NOT employed in naturopathic related/natural health or health related work. On reverting to full membership from non-practising membership, members must meet current full membership application requirements (i.e. Bachelor degree (3 year from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 and 4 year bachelor degree from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2025).

**The following documents are required and copies of originals (certificates, transcripts) must be verified by a Justice of the Peace when making application to be a Full Member. Some of these documents (7,8,9,10) are not applicable if transitioning directly from NMHNZ student membership without a history of employment.**

	Document	Confirmation that is attached
1.	Naturopathic qualification (diploma) certificate	
2.	Transcript of study (official results from NZ College)	
3.	2- day first aid certificate (6400, 6401 and 6402)	
4.	Official police vetting response (for health professionals working with vulnerable populations) this will be done through NMHNZ when process has been set up – not currently set up)	
5.	Good character reference from College (official)	
6.	Curriculum vitae outlining all relative naturopathic employment since graduation (i.e. health food store, pharmacy, teaching, clinic, research, sales & marketing, industry etc)	
7.	Evidence of Continuing Professional Education since graduation	
8.	Evidence of naturopathic clinical practice (naturopathic relevant business account purchasing details or client transactions without clients name due to Privacy act), letter from employer etc)	
9.	Membership of other NZ naturopathic professional association (state years & provide evidence) i.e. NZAMH, NNZ, NZSN	
10.	Full Membership Assessment Application fee (\$100)	

### Application for student membership

1. Make application for student membership <https://naturopath.org.nz/registration-student-member/>
2. Provide a formal letter from Naturopathic College of NZ confirming that you are a current student studying towards a naturopathic qualification, year of commencement and probable completion date. Email to both NMHNZ Administrator [admin@naturopath.org.nz](mailto:admin@naturopath.org.nz) and NMHNZ Treasurer [treasurer@naturopath.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@naturopath.org.nz)

**Please be aware of the requirements for full membership stated in the table above for transitioning from student member to full member. Grandfathering to full membership is not an automatic process – it requires applicant to have meet above criteria and provision of evidence.**

**NMHNZ (Inc.) currently provides full membership FREE for 12 months to new graduates making application within 3 months of graduation date on diploma. This offer is subject to change at any time.**