

**DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES**

**Office of Naturopathic Doctor Registration**

**NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**4 CCR 749-1**

*[Editor's Notes follow the text of the rules at the end of this CCR Document.]*

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**1.10 Alternative qualifications for registration**

The purpose of this Rule is to clarify alternative qualifications for registration as a naturopathic doctor.

- A. The Director may determine that completion of a four year post-graduate level didactic and supervised clinical educational program as described in section 12-250-107(4)(a), C.R.S., constitutes documented experience providing the same kind, amount, and level of knowledge as a four year baccalaureate degree required pursuant to section 12-250-107(2)(b), C.R.S.
- B. The Director may determine that passage of an era-appropriate naturopathic licensing/registration examination by an applicant who obtained a doctor of naturopathic medicine or doctor of naturopathy degree prior to 1986 constitutes passage of an examination that is substantially equivalent to that required in section 12-250-107(2)(d), C.R.S., if such applicant for registration:
  - 1. Graduated from a naturopathic medical college that was accredited by the council on naturopathic medical education at the time of graduation or subsequently thereto; and
  - 2. Is currently certified, registered or licensed as a naturopathic doctor or naturopathic physician by a governmental agency in another state or territory, or
  - 3. Has at least ten years of related professional experience in naturopathic medicine, as determined by the Director, within the last fifteen years immediately preceding the application for registration.

C. Pursuant to section 12-20-202(3), C.R.S., the Director may register as a naturopathic doctor an applicant duly certified, registered, or licensed in good standing in another state or United States territory or through the federal government, or who holds a military occupational specialty, as defined in section 24-4-201, C.R.S., if the following criteria are met:

1. Submission of:

- a. Satisfactory proof to the Director of the applicant's substantially equivalent education, experience, and credentials as determined pursuant to subsections (A) and (B) of this Rule, or
- b. Satisfactory proof that the applicant has held for at least one year a current and valid certification, registration, or license as a naturopathic doctor in another jurisdiction with a scope of practice substantially similar to the scope of practice of naturopathic medicine pursuant to the Naturopathic Doctor Act and these Rules.

2. Payment of all applicable fees.

3. The Director may decline to register an applicant pursuant to this Rule if the Director demonstrates by a preponderance of evidence, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, that the applicant:

a. Lacks substantially equivalent education, experience, or credentials to practice naturopathic medicine in Colorado; or

b. Has committed an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Naturopathic Doctor Act.

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**Editor's Notes**

**History**

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Rules 5, 13-15 eff. 07/01/2015.

Rules 7, 8, 11, 16, Appendix A, Appendix B eff. 06/30/2016.

Rule 1.17, Appendix C emer. rules eff. 01/01/2020; expired 04/29/2020.

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Rules 1.7, 1.19, Appendix D eff. 12/15/2020.

Rules 1.19 E-F eff. 05/30/2021.

**Annotations**

Rule 1.19 E.4 (adopted 10/21/2020) was not extended by Senate Bill 21-152 and therefore expired 05/15/2021.