



## **BELGIUM**

### **Osteopathy**

The Belgian parliament passed a law legalizing the practise of osteopathy in 1999, but osteopathy is still not regulated. Belgium has met the requirements for Affiliate Membership in the American Academy of Osteopathy. Because of the regional system of government in Belgium, practise rights may vary depending on whether you practise in Wallonia or Flanders.

### **Statutes/Regulations:**

*Minister of Social Affairs, Public Health, and the Environment F. 99 – 1947 (French)*

*Minister of Social Affairs, Public Health, and the Environment F. 99 – 1947 (English)*

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**Organisations/Associations:**

**Académie d'Ostéopathie de Belgique (AOB)**

**Belgian Register of Osteopaths**

An association set up to register qualified osteopaths, and monitor professional standards. Membership must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Graduate of a full-time school (5000 hours)
- 2) Be a physiotherapist or MD with modules comprising 1500 hours.

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**GNRPO (Groupement Nationale Représentatif des Professionnels de l'Ostéopathie/Groepering Nationaal en Representatief voor de Professionele Osteopaten).**

There are five representative organisations recognised by the State and accredited by the Ministry of Health, coming under this umbrella body. For further information visit [www.gnrpo.be](http://www.gnrpo.be)