
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1985 No. 1208

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985

PART V

**CONTROL BY DISTRICT COUNCILS OF ACUPUNCTURE,
TATTOOING, EAR-PIERCING AND ELECTROLYSIS**

Acupuncture

13.—(1) A person shall not in any district in which this Article is in force carry on the practice of acupuncture unless he is registered by the council for the district under this Article.

(2) A person shall only carry on the practice of acupuncture in any district in which this Article is in force in premises registered by the council for the district under this Article; but a person who is registered under this Article does not contravene this paragraph merely because he sometimes visits people to give them treatment at their request.

(3) Subject to Article 15(8)(b), on application for registration under this Article, a council shall register the applicant and the premises where he desires to practise and shall issue to the applicant a certificate of registration.

(4) An application for registration under this Article shall be accompanied by such particulars as the council may reasonably require.

(5) The particulars that the council may require include, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (4),—

- (a) particulars as to the premises where the applicant desires to practise; and
- (b) particulars of any conviction of the applicant under Article 15,

but do not include information about individual people to whom the applicant has given treatment.

(6) A council may charge such reasonable fees as it may determine for registration under this Article.

(7) A council may make byelaws for the purposes of securing—

- (a) the cleanliness of premises registered under this Article and fittings in such premises;
- (b) the cleanliness of persons so registered and persons assisting persons so registered in their practice;
- (c) the cleansing and, so far as is appropriate, the sterilisation of instruments, materials and equipment used in connection with the practice of acupuncture.

(8) Nothing in this Article shall extend to the practice of acupuncture by or under the supervision of a person who is registered as a medical practitioner or a dentist^[F1] or a chartered physiotherapist or a state registered physiotherapist or a state registered chiropodist] or to premises on which the practice of acupuncture is carried on by or under the supervision of such a person.

[^{F1}(9) In this Article—

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“chartered physiotherapist” means a member of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy;
“state registered physiotherapist” means a person registered as a physiotherapist under section 2 of the Professions Supplementary to Medicine Act 1960;
“state registered chiropodist” means a person registered as a chiropodist under section 2 of that Act of 1960.]

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