

Notice Number 2025-87

Rule Number Nat 200

1. Agency Name & Address:
**Naturopathic Board of Examiners
c/o Office of Professional Licensure & Certification
7 Eagle Square
Concord, NH 03301**

2. RSA Authority: RSA 541-A:16, I(b)-(d)
3. Federal Authority: N/A
4. Type of Action:
Adoption X
Repeal X
Readoption _____
Readoption w/amendment _____

5. Short Title: **Practice and Procedures**

6. (a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments including whether the rule implements a state statute for the first time:

Chapter Nat 200 consists of the rules of practice and procedure for the Naturopathic Board of Examiners (Board), which set forth the nature and requirements for all formal and informal procedures. The Board proposes to repeal existing rules Nat 201 through Nat 218, containing the entirety of Chapter Nat 200, and adopt a new Nat 201 containing Nat 201.01, titled “Rules of Practice and Procedures” to incorporate by reference Plc 200 on practice and procedure as adopted by the Executive Director of the Office of Professional Licensure (OPLC). OPLC was granted rulemaking authority in RSA 310:6, II, to adopt organizational and procedural rules necessary to administer the boards, pursuant to 2023, 235:8, effective July 15, 2023. The Board proposes to adopt rules to incorporate the Plc 200 rules under the authority of RSA 541-A:16, I(b)-(d), including the investigation and receipt of misconduct complaints, rulemaking submissions, public comment hearings, the conduct of adjudicative and non-adjudicative proceedings, public comment hearings, declaratory rulings, explanation of adopted rules, voluntary license surrender, and waivers.

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected:

These rules affect the general public and doctors of naturopathic medicine in New Hampshire.

6. (c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:

Rule	Specific State Statute the Rule Implements
Nat 201 through Nat 218 (repeal)	2023, 212:24, I, eff. Oct. 3, 2023
Nat 201	RSA 541-A:16, I(b)-(d)

7. Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

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8. Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified: **Friday, July 25, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.**

9. **Please submit comments to OPLC-Rules@oplcnh.gov**

Fax

E-mail

Other format (specify):

10. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date and Time: **Monday, July 14, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.**

Physical Location: **OPLC offices at 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301**

Electronic Access (if applicable): **N/A**

10. Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant):

FIS # 25:013, dated January 31, 2025

1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):

There is no difference in cost when comparing the proposed rules to the existing rules. Not applicable to Nat 201.01, which is a new rule.

2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:

No Federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):

There are no costs or benefits applicable to the proposed rules. The proposed rules do eliminate the witness fee in Nat 104.02(e), however, OPLC uses the Superior Court fee schedule per RSA 310:10, V (d) which offsets the cost.

A. To State general or State special funds:

None.

B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:

None.

C. To independently owned businesses:

None.

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:

There are no costs associated with these rules, and these rules does not apply to political subdivisions. These rules do not mandate or assign any new, expanded, or modified programs or responsibilities to any political subdivision in such a way as to necessitate additional local expenditures, and so does not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution.