

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

CHAPTER 850

OREGON BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

FILING CAPTION: Permissible professional designations and credentials

LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER COMMENT TO AGENCY: 06/21/2026 8:00 AM

NEED FOR THE RULE(S):

To clarify permissible professional designations and credentials

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:

Board public meeting minutes and public meeting video on the Board website

STATEMENT IDENTIFYING HOW ADOPTION OF RULE(S) WILL AFFECT RACIAL EQUITY IN THIS STATE:

This rule will not affect racial equity in Oregon

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

There is no fiscal or economic impact

COST OF COMPLIANCE:

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s). (2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).

There is no cost of compliance

DESCRIBE HOW SMALL BUSINESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULE(S):

Public notice of public board meeting when the rule was discussed

WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? NO IF NOT, WHY NOT?Public notice of public board meeting when the rule was discussed

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RULE TITLE: Permissible professional designations and credentials

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RULE TEXT:

(1) A person holding an active Oregon licensee shall use designations; “Doctor of Naturopathy” or its abbreviation, “N.D.,” “Naturopath” or “Naturopathic Physician” or “Naturopathic Doctor”

(2) A person holding an inactive or retired license must state their licensure status in combination with designations in section (1) in a manner that clearly conveys to patients and the public that they are not licensed or permitted to practice naturopathic medicine in the State of Oregon within the meaning of ORS 685.010

(3) A graduate of a naturopathic medical school, prior to licensure, or a person with a lapsed license may state they have a naturopathic doctorate degree, but may not use designations in section (1), or any designation that conveys to the public or patients they are licensed or permitted to practice naturopathic medicine in the State of Oregon within the meaning of ORS 685.010

(4) No person holding an Oregon license may hold themselves out or convey to the public or patients they are a “certified naturopathic physician” without completion of an accreditation, certification or residency program. Licensees who have completed an accreditation, certification or residency program must specifically state the school or organization were earned as part of their credentials and designation.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 685

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 685.020

