

# Senate Bill 205

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## SUMMARY

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Modifies examination requirements for licensure by Board of Naturopathic Examiners.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to examinations for licensure by Board of Naturopathic Examiners; amending ORS 685.080.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 685.080 is amended to read:

5 685.080. (1) *[For the purpose of determining the qualifications of applicants for license under this*  
6 *chapter, the Board of Naturopathic Examiners shall hold meetings and conduct examinations of appli-*  
7 *cants for licenses at such time and places and under such rules as a majority of the board may deter-*  
8 *mine. The time and place of holding such an examination shall be published at least 30 days prior to*  
9 *the date of the examination.]* **An applicant for licensure under this chapter shall:**

10 **(a) Provide evidence satisfactory to the Board of Naturopathic Examiners of having**  
11 **successfully passed the basic science and the core clinical science examinations administered**  
12 **by the North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners; and**

13 **(b) Pass any additional examinations required for licensure by the board by rule.**

14 *[(2) At the time and place the board has previously designated, the applicant shall appear before*  
15 *the board to be examined as to the fitness of the applicant to practice naturopathic medicine. The ex-*  
16 *amination shall be in writing and embrace and be restricted to the subjects listed in ORS 685.060.]*

17 **(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1)(a) of this section, the board may waive the basic sci-**  
18 **ence examination requirement for licensure for an applicant who is qualified in basic science**  
19 **as a result of successful performance on an examination determined by the board to be**  
20 **comparable to the basic science examination required under subsection (1)(a) of this section**  
21 **and to have been taken recently enough to assure the currency of the applicant's knowledge.**

22 **(3) At a time and place designated by the board, an applicant for licensure shall take any**  
23 **examinations required by the board by rule. The board shall publish the time and place of the**  
24 **examinations at least 30 days prior to the date of the examinations.**

25 *[(3)]* **(4) If the applicant passes the [examination] required examinations and satisfies all other**  
26 **requirements for licensure under this chapter, upon payment of the [appropriate] initial license**  
27 **fee assessed under ORS 685.100, the board shall issue to [such] the applicant a license to practice**  
28 **naturopathic medicine.**

29 *[(4) If an applicant fails to pass either the basic science or clinical section of the examination,*  
30 *without losing credits for subjects passed, the applicant shall be permitted to retake each subject a total*  
31 *of two times within a period of two years. If after three attempts, the applicant has not passed the entire*

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 *basic science or clinical section of the examination, the applicant shall be required to wait one year and*  
2 *retake the complete section.]*

3 *[(5) The board may waive the basic science portion of its own examination for an applicant whom*  
4 *it declares qualified in basic science as a result of successful performance on a comparable examina-*  
5 *tion, taken recently enough to assure the currency of the applicant's knowledge. In such cases, the*  
6 *board shall determine the necessary comparability through evaluation of both examination content and*  
7 *testing procedures, and shall determine the appropriate qualifying score for waiver regardless of any*  
8 *nominal passing score.]*

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