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SPRING 2008

Conference and Investiture
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LICENSING vs. CERTIFICATION

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"Legal Guidelines for Unlicensed
Practitioners"

by Dr. Lawrence Wilson.

Licensing

A license is a *permission* to do something that otherwise is forbidden. In most cases, a license is *required* or *mandatory* for engaging in that activity. For instance, a driver's license is considered mandatory to drive a car on the public roads. An exception is that a house may be built by someone who is not a licensed contractor.

A license is given by the government, and is a *government privilege*. It, therefore, presumes that the activity in question is a privilege, not a right. The privilege may be bestowed by the federal, state or local government.

A license *involves the police power* of the state. That is, if one violates the licensing law, either by acting without a license, or failing to uphold the rules governing the license privilege, one is subject to prosecution under the civil or criminal laws of the governing body.

The purpose of licensing, whether admitted or not, is to restrict entry and control a profession or activity.

Certification

Certification is a statement or declaration that one has completed a course of study, passed an examination, or otherwise met specified criteria for certification.

Certification is not a permission to act, but rather a statement of completion or qualification.

Certification is a private matter, issued by a private organization. It does not involve the police power of the state, and is not a state privilege.

Certification is based on the premise that there is a right to work. Certification only provides the consumer with more information about a practitioner. It also gives practitioners a way to increase their competency through a course of study and exams, and to advertise or inform others of their completion of this course of study.

The purpose of certification is mainly to set standards, educate practitioners and inform the public.

Registration

Registration is similar to certification. Dietitians, for example, are registered in most states. The registering organization, the American Dietetic Association, is a private group. The government is not involved. Information in this chapter regarding certification applies to registration as well.

IMPLICATIONS OF LICENSING VERSUS CERTIFICATION

Licensing presumes that an activity is forbidden until it is permitted through a license. Certification presumes that an activity is permitted by right. It presumes a right to work. This means that one is not automatically provided with a job. Rather it means that one cannot be denied the opportunity to seek work.

Licensing increases the power of the government and their powers to decide who to consult for services shifts from the consumer to a government licensing board. By the same degree to which it empowers the government, licensing decreases the power of the individual consumer. Certification empowers the consumer, not the government.

Licensing restricts entry into a particular field of activity. Certification does not restrict entry at all. It merely informs and distinguishes those who have completed courses or examinations pertaining to a field of work.

Licensing provides a method of strict control of the behavior of those in a particular field of activity. If the licensees do not follow prescribed rules, they risk loss of the ability to work at all. Certification may be used for control. However, it is more limited. If those who are certified do not follow certain rules, certification may be withdrawn. However, they may still practice their trade, albeit without certification.

SUMMARY

The definitions, features and implications of licensing and certification are summarized in the following chart for quick reference.

LICENSING

- *A permission to perform an activity.*
- *Generally is mandatory to perform the activity.*
- *Involves the police power of the government.*
- *Presumes that working in the particular field of activity is a privilege. Establishment of licensing shifts the activity from a right to privilege. The privilege is given and may be withdrawn at any time by the issuing agency.*
- *Increases the power of government, and reduces the power of the individual consumer.*
- *The purpose is to restrict entry and strictly control the profession or activity.*

CERTIFICATION

- *A statement of completion or meeting a standard.*
- *Voluntary.*
- *Does not involve the police power of the state.*
- *Presumes that working the field is a right.*
- *Certification may be withdrawn at any time by the issuing agency. However, this does not stop one from working.*
- *Preserves and enhances the power of the individual consumer to decide upon the practitioner of his choice.*
- *The purpose is mainly to inform and educate.*

EVOLUTION OF BNMDP-NA

HISTORY: The Examining Board of Natural Medicine Practitioners known as "EBNMP" was first established in Ontario Canada by its cofounder and past president of EBNMP-NA Dr. Sheila McKenzie in 1998, to satisfy the demand for a registry for Natural Medicine Doctors and Practitioners. The organization name was amended in 2003 and re-named the Examining Board of Natural Medicine Practitioners- North America "EBNMP-NA" still an Ontario, Canada Corporation. In July 2006 the Organization registered federally as a non-profit corporation in both the United States and Canada. In January 2007 it was agreed on by its Board of Directors to change the name of its Canadian arm to the **NATURAL MEDICINE CERTIFICATION COUNCIL (NMCC)** and its USA arm to **BOARD OF NATURAL MEDICINE DOCTORS AND PRACTITIONERS- NORTH AMERICA** while still retaining its parent company Examining Board of Natural Medicine Practitioners-North America in the USA.

This was absolutely necessary to protect the image of the organization and for a clearer identity due to other individuals and groups deceptively using the acronym "EBNMP" associated with its dissolved Ontario Canada Corporation.

The Management of BNMDP-NA AND THE NMCC is pleased to announce that the following designations are registered and are now available for the exclusive use for its registrants both in the United States and Canada.

**THE BOARD OF NATURAL
MEDICINE DOCTORS AND
PRACTITIONERS-NORTH
AMERICA & THE NATURAL
MEDICINE CERTIFICATION
(NMCC) CANADA ARE
CERTIFICATION ORGANIZATIONS**

- Traditional Doctor of Natural
Medicine DNM™ (USA)

- Traditional Doctor of Natural
Medicine DNM© (Canada)

- Nature's Medicine Doctor
NMD™ (USA)

- Nature's Medicine Doctor
NMD© (Canada)

CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Naturotherapy
Practitioner - CNP© (Canada)

- Certified Bio-Puncture
Practitioner - CBP© (Canada)

- Certified Addictions
Management Practitioner -
CAMP© (Canada)

FREEDOM OF CHOICE IN NATURAL MEDICINE HEALTH CARE

There are some individuals and their
organizations that seek to intimidate
others within natural medicine
communities by claiming exclusive
rights to "DNM" titles which is
absolutely false.

The following format in advertising is
absolutely necessary to clearly
identify to which group you belong

RENEWAL PROCESS

Keeping your registration current is vital and
reaffirms your commitment to professionalism. It
also demonstrates that you are receiving Continuing
Education to stay atop emerging new developments
in Natural Medicine.

Membership renewal is due and payable on January
first each year, and a renewal notice reminder will
be mailed out to you in November.

Sample for advertising on your business card or other advertising material

Sample #1

**John Blue, DNM
Doctor of Nature's Medicine
BNMDP-NA/NMCC Member**

Sample #2

**Jane Blue, DNM
Traditional Doctor of Nature's
Medicine
BNMDP-NA/NMCC Member**

Sample #3

**R-NMP
Traditional Natural Medicine
Practitioner
BNMDP-NA/NMCC Member**

Sample #4

**CNP-Certified Naturotherapy
Practitioner
BNMDP-NA/NMCC Member**

WEB-TAMPERING

Due to tampering with our web
domain

www.boardofnaturalmedicine.com, it
was decided by managing directors
after recovering its .com domain to
forward same to
www.boardofnaturalmedicine.org, for
more protection and also to reflect the
organizations non-commercial image.

NORTH AMERICAN ENTITY

Both BNMDP-NA and the NMCC are
North American entities and we see no
need to establish any branch outside of
the United States or Canada. We are
dedicated to provide you with the best
representation within these boundaries
and have no future plans for any
expansion outside of North America.
Conferences, Seminars, Networking
among practitioners are best
accomplished within these boundaries.

ONTARIO ASSOCIATION (ONMPA)

The Ontario Natural Medicine
Practitioners Association (ONMPA) is
now established and affiliated with the
Natural Medicine Certification
Council (Canada) entity. The
organization will work in advocacy
capacity and developing continuing
education for all our registrants who
are resident practitioners of Ontario.

*DO NOT CONFUSE OUR ORGANIZATION WITH
ANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OR PAY ANY
OTHER GROUP IN ERROR. PLEASE PAY
CAREFUL ATTENTION TO OUR MAILING
ADDRESS AS IT WILL APPEAR ON ALL OUR
CORRESPONDENCE.*

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VOTE OF THANKS

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♦USA Members working in community with us.

♦And all but not least all our faithful members who continue their registration and help make our restructuring year a resounding success.

APPOINTMENT

The Supreme Council of the presidency of the International Parliament for Safety and Peace (IPSP), New Society of the Nations has appointed, Hon. Dr. Sheila McKenzie, "DEPUTY MINISTER UNDER SECRETARY POLITIC OF DEPARTMENT FOR

POLITICS OF PROTECTION OF FAMILY AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY"

Dr McKenzie, VC/Registrar of the World Organization of Natural Medicine (WONM) is forging the way for the WONM Foundation Canada "Clinics for Humanity" Toronto project.

Dr. Sheila McKenzie will be focusing her attention to fulfill her duties under IPSP and the World Organization.

CLINICS FOR HUMANITY

December: Christmas Party Fundraising includes; Silent Auction and presentations by amazing speakers and networking

In aid of Toronto Clinics for Humanity

Venue & Cost to be announced

**For more information,
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email us: info@wonmfoundation.org**

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