

*Based on the STATUTES of the umbrella professional organization of therapists and healers HUPED, which is registered with IPED, and the STATUTES of the authorized professional organization of therapists and healers IPED, Article 6: "The field of activity of the Institute is health protection - other activities in the field of health protection.", registered on 12.07. 2017 at the Ministry of Administration under registration number 21012604 and based on the license of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Croatia (CLASS: 022-04/17-01/03, UR NO: 534-1/7-17-3) dated June 20, 2017. the Ordinance on the professional development of therapists and healers and obtaining professional qualifications and recognition was adopted, which with its latest changes and additions will enter into force on June 1, 2022.*

## REGULATIONS ON PROFESSIONAL TRAINING OF THERAPISTS AND HEALER AND OBTAINING PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND RECOGNITION

### Article 1.

This Ordinance defines the basic terms and establishes the conditions for:

1. obtaining the title of therapist and/or healer and obtaining a certificate, diploma and license to work
2. permanent training of therapists and healers and extension of the license
3. obtaining qualifications and professional recognition

### I Basic terms and divisions in unconventional medicine

#### Article 2.

##### NATURAL MEDICINE

The activities of natural medicine include all therapeutic procedures in which, according to special rules for each method, natural, chemically unprocessed ingredients and preparations are used (medicinal herbs, minerals, essential oils, honey preparations, healthy food and the like). These are preparations that are drunk, eaten, smeared, inhaled or consumed in some other way.

The methods of work are homeopathy, phytotherapy within various traditional systems (Chinese medicine, Arabic, Indian...), aromatherapy, therapy with Bach drops, etc.

##### ENERGY MEDICINE

The activities of energy medicine include all therapeutic healing procedures in which energy balance and flow in the body are established according to special rules for each individual method.

The methods of work are: acupuncture, tuina therapy, acupressure, reflexotherapy, shiatsu, all kinds of manual methods that release blockages on the nerves and release the flow of bioelectric impulses, then bioenergy therapy, crystal therapy, regression therapy, reiki, pranic healing, biohealing, etc.

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### SPIRITUAL MEDICINE

The activities of spiritual medicine include all healing procedures in which, according to the special rules of each method, faith in God, regardless of which religious system, is encouraged healing processes in man. The healer here is God himself, and man can only be his mediator.

This includes all methods applied within formal religious systems, including exorcism and various forms of spiritual renewal led by religious charismatics, but also methods outside formal religious systems practiced by healers, mostly in the form of group and even mass events.

### ALTERNATIVE ADVISORY ACTIVITIES

Alternative consulting activities include all procedures for analyzing the energetic, functional and general condition of a person and the environment in which he lives and works.

This includes all computer analyzes of the energetic and functional state of the organism, but also dowsing, numerology, graphology, iridology, pulse analysis from Ayurveda, space analysis such as feng shui and vastu, and healing analyzes of archetypal symbols and human position in the broadest sense.

## II Obtaining the title of therapist, healer and certificate, diploma and license

### Article 3.

A **THERAPIST** is a person who, after appropriate professional training, provides services in the field of natural and/or energy medicine.

A **HEALER** is a person who, after appropriate professional training, provides services in the field of energy and/or spiritual medicine.

In exceptional cases, when it comes to a special giftedness, the healer can also be a person who has not passed the existing and standardized system of education but has proven his healing abilities.

A **CERTIFICATE** is a certificate of successfully completed training for a practitioner of one or more methods of natural, energetic or spiritual medicine. The certificate can be issued by HUPED if the education is organized in HUPED or one of the partner institutions for education and licensed instructors for certain work methods.

A **DIPLOMA** is a certificate of successful completion of a multi-year educational program in the APED system.

A **LICENSE** is a work permit issued by HUPED in Croatia or EUPED for the EU on the basis of a certificate of education or training - **CERTIFICATE** or **DIPLOMA**, and serves as a confirmation that the healer or therapist complies with all existing regulations and laws.

#### **Article 4.**

All regular members of HUPED are therapists and healers at the same time. Associate members are healers or therapists if they meet all the requirements for an associate member / therapist from the Statute and the Therapeutic Code.

#### **Article 5.**

When applying for membership, it is necessary to attach:

- completed application form for **INDIVIDUALS** or for **LEGAL PERSONS**
- a certified copy of the diploma, certificate of education or certificate (from abroad or Croatia);
- a minimum of 10 proofs or testimonies from people who have experienced healing if it is about
- energetic or spiritual healing work where education does not exist;
- a certified copy of the payment slip for the membership fee and license.

#### **Article 6.**

HUPED recognizes diplomas, certificates, permits obtained by foreign higher education institutions and other professional organizations that deal with the training of future therapists and healers and awards licenses based on them. HUPED also recognizes certificates obtained in Croatia. The list of educational institutions is listed in the "appendices".

#### **Article 7.**

At its sessions, the HUPED Expert Commission discusses proposals on the recognition of certificates/certificates obtained by institutions and organizations that are not yet listed in the "appendices".

The decision is made by the President on the basis of the recommendation of the expert Commission or on a personal basis assessments.

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### Article 8.

The sessions of the Commission can take place with the physical participation of members at the session, but also via the Internet, with the help of electronic mail, a video conference, etc.

### Article 9.

Regular members can also organize education for their students through HUPED, and then HUPED issues a **certificate** of completion of a course with a specific therapist and a **license** to work. In all other cases, HUPED issues a license based on a diploma, certificate or certificate obtained from individuals or other organizations from Croatia and/or abroad.

### Article 10.

The license is issued by the President of the Administrative Council and is valid with his signature and stamp.

## III Permanent training of therapists and healers and extension of the license

### Article 11.

**CERTIFICATE** and **DIPLOMA** are permanent certificates of education in a certain field of natural, energetic and spiritual medicine.

**The LICENSE** is issued for a period of two years. It is extended by paying and collecting points through mandatory participation (passive and/or active) at the annual congress organized by HUPED, then by participating in the sessions of the Expert Commission and the Administrative Council (if therapist member of those bodies), by own activities and/or collecting a sufficient number of questionnaires slips / testimonials / medical documentation by satisfied users of his services in a period of two years.

### Article 12.

Based on the conditions from Article 11, the therapist must collect a minimum of 100 points within 2 years in order to renew the license.

Points are awarded in this way:

- participation in annual congresses or fairs of the association brings 10 points for passive participation, and 20 points for active participation in the congress (as a lecturer);

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- the participation of members of the body in the sessions of the Administrative Council and the Expert Commission earns 5 points per session;

- organization of an expert therapeutic meeting by therapists - members under the patronage HUPED brings 20 points, and just participating in it 10 points.

- questionnaires collected by users of therapeutic services are scored in such a way that each positively completed form, regardless of whether it is a complete recovery/healing or just an improvement in the health status of the service user, earns 5 points.

Questionnaires filled in by unsatisfied users of therapeutic services invalidate 10 accumulated points.

Questionnaires are also available on the website: [www.huped.hr/hr/anketni-list](http://www.huped.hr/hr/anketni-list) in ONLINE FORM.

### Article 13.

In case of a large number of questionnaires collected by dissatisfied users and in the case of other irregularities in the work of therapists and/or healers, the Administrative Council of HUPED can initiate disciplinary proceedings, which may consist of:

- issuing admonitions and warnings about reported irregularities to the therapist or healer
- making a decision on additional training;
- revocation of license and
- conducting other criminal proceedings based on the therapeutic CODE.

## IV Obtaining qualifications and recognition of the profession by HUPED

### Article 14.

**Professional qualifications** such as homeopath, homeopathy specialist or doctor of homeopathy or any other therapeutic healing method indicate the level of education and training achieved within a particular method of work.

**Professional recognitions** such as: doctor of natural medicine, doctor of energy medicine and doctor spiritual medicine are awarded to therapists and healers for original therapeutic healing methods and for other original achievements.

The qualifications and recognitions of the profession specified in this Ordinance may only be awarded by authorized authorities organization - IPED.

## IV - A: Obtaining professional qualifications

### Article 15.

If the training for one of the therapeutic healing methods is completed, then they are obtained qualifications:

- a **practitioner** of the profession, i.e. homeopathy, acupuncture, chiropractic, or any other therapeutic healing method, with the condition that the exam in the Basics of Preclinical and Clinical Medicine for therapists and healers has been passed
- a **practitioner** of the profession, i.e. homeopathy, acupuncture, chiropractic, or any other therapeutic healing method, with the condition that the exam in the Basics of Preclinical and Clinical Medicine for therapists and healers has been passed
- a **doctor** of the profession, i.e. homeopathy, acupuncture or any other therapeutic healing method with the condition that the exam in the Basics of pre-clinical and clinical medicine, then the Basics of clinical psychiatry and psychology and [the Basics of philosophical-religious systems and their practices](#) has been passed and a certain number of hours of practical work in applying the method to clients have been completed.

### Article 16.

If it is about work with IPED-licensed non-medical computer systems and devices for energy and functional analysis and frequency therapy outside the health care system, it is necessary to pass a minimum of **20 hours** of practical work after passing the exams for obtaining professional qualifications from Article 14 of this regulation on the device, which is defined as the type of training by the device manufacturer, then **30 hours** of theoretical and practical work for the specialist and **50 hours** to obtain the qualification of doctor of analysis and therapy with a specific device.

A license for basic work with the device is obtained after **20 hours** of training for working with the device and a passed exam for the qualification of professional practitioner.

### Article 17.

If it is about therapeutic healing methods, then it is for obtaining professional qualifications it is necessary to pass all exams with an additional requirement for the qualification of doctor of profession, which includes a minimum of two years of practical work in a specific therapeutic and healing profession and a minimum of 100 successfully treated clients.

## Article 18.

The names of professional qualifications are written after the first and last name: John Doe, homeopath (for homeopathy practitioner) or homeopathy specialist (abbreviation: spec. hom. or spec. homeopathy) or doctor of homeopathy (dr. hom. or dr. homeopathy).

Names and abbreviations are used in a similar way for all other methods of natural, energetic or spiritual medicine.

## IV - B: Obtaining professional recognition

### Article 19.

**Recognitions of the profession** such as Dr. PM, Dr. E.M., Dr. D.M. they are awarded by the expert Commission on the basis of special theoretical and/or practical achievements in the field of natural, energetic and/or spiritual medicine and represent the highest professional level reached.

### Article 20.

Original achievements in the field of the theory of natural, energetic and/or spiritual medicine mean a contribution to the understanding of the functioning mechanism of a particular therapeutic area or method. The theory presented should be original, and if it builds on already existing knowledge, then its application/supplement should be an original author's work.

Pismeni dio prijave za priznanje struke za dostignuća na području teorije treba sadržavati:

1. The name of the theory
2. A brief summary of the theory and indicate the areas of its application
3. A detailed explanation of the theory which, among other things, should be included:
  - a. original elements of the theory explained
  - b. the way in which the original elements were arrived at
  - c. examples from practice that this theory explains

**If it is only about your original supplement to an already existing theory**, then a comparison of the existing theory and the theory with your supplement in understanding a certain problem is necessary.



**If it is about your original theory**, it is necessary to clarify how your theory contributes to the understanding of a certain therapeutic issue, and what the existing theories and explanations could not do.

#### 4. Literature you may have used

#### IMPORTANT NOTES:

- It is important that you specifically stick to the given topics. It is not necessary to theorize widely about already known facts.
- The paper should be submitted in 7 copies or sent via electronic mail, one month before the presentation.
- Consult HUPED before handing in the work to determine possible deficiencies or ambiguities.

#### Article 21.

If it is about special achievements in practical work (a new type of therapy), then a short description of the therapy, its mode of action, and at least 100 completed questionnaires by users of the method, on the basis of which it can be concluded that the method is effective. In these questionnaires, it is necessary for each client to provide their personal data. Questionnaires can be obtained upon request from the association or filled out **ONLINE** on the website: [www.huped.hr/hr/anketni-list](http://www.huped.hr/hr/anketni-list)

The written part of the application for professional recognition for original therapeutic work should contain:

1. name of the method,
2. a brief description of the method and way of working,
3. description of the original elements of the method,
4. the way in which the original elements were obtained,
5. examples from practice,
6. recommendations of doctors with whom he cooperates.

#### **If it is your original contribution to the quality of an already existing method:**

A comparison of the effects of the classic (known) method and your new method is required what must be the same age group and type of complaints.

The attached documentation that confirms this can also be additional questionnaires filled out by those service users who have used the services of other therapists of a related therapeutic discipline.



There should be at least 100 completed questionnaires from users of your modified method, and preferably more, as not all surveys may be accepted. Phone numbers and addresses of users must be specified in the survey.

### **If it is your original therapeutic method**

There must be at least 100 completed questionnaires from users of your original method, and it can be more because not all surveys may be honored. Phone numbers must be specified and user addresses in the survey.

### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- The work must be submitted in 7 copies or sent by e-mail one month before the presentation.
- It is important that you stick to the given topics. It is not necessary to theorize widely about already known facts.
- Consult HUPED before submitting the report in order to determine possible deficiencies or
- ambiguities.

### **Article 22.**

The theory or description/demonstration of the original therapeutic work is presented before the Administrative Council and the expert Commission of HUPED at the session and if all the members of the Commission after the presentation and discussions are agreed, then the recognition of the profession is awarded: doctor of spiritual medicine (Dr. D.M.) or doctor of energy medicine (Dr. E.M.) or doctor of natural medicine (Dr. P.M.), depending on the topic.

If it is a more comprehensive theory that sheds light on a number of different therapeutic types, some of which belong to natural medicine, some to energy medicine, and some perhaps to spiritual medicine, then more professional recognition is obtained: doctor of natural and/or energy and /or spiritual medicine depending on which areas the theory covers.

## Article 23.

Professional acknowledgments are written in such a way that "dr." stands before the name, and the abbreviation indicating the type of medicine after the name, for example: Dr. John Doe, E.M.

In the case of a more extensive theory, professional acknowledgments are written in such a way that "dr." stands before the name, and the abbreviations that indicate the type of medicine follow the name one after the other, such as: Dr. Petar Petrović, P.M., E.M. in case his theory covers therapeutic disciplines from the field of natural and energy medicine, etc.

## Article 24.

The application for the award of professional recognition is made by sending the request in writing to the address of the association or to the e-mail: [huped@huped.hr](mailto:huped@huped.hr)

If it is a new metascientific or scientific theory, then it is in written form attached to the request.

Upon receipt of the request, the Association sends a notification about the date of the next meeting of the Expert Commission and the Administrative Council and the oral presentation/demonstration.

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