

# AHA & AROH – THE DIFFERENCES

	<b>What is AHA?</b> <i>A National Professional Association</i>	<b>What is AROH?</b> <i>A National Registration Board</i>
<b>Structure:</b>	Incorporated body	Company
<b>Managed by:</b>	Professional homœopaths	Board of Directors
<b>Members:</b>	Homœopaths and students	Homœopathic associations
<b>Objectives:</b>	Supporting homœopaths' needs	Protecting patient & consumer rights
<b>Functions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Service provider</li> <li>➤ Promoting homœopathy</li> <li>➤ Access to practice requirements</li> <li>➤ Information network</li> <li>➤ Professional development – seminars, webinars, workshops</li> <li>➤ National patient referral service</li> <li>➤ Developing homœopathy as a profession</li> <li>➤ Advocacy for practitioners in complaints</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Regulatory body</li> <li>➤ Monitors practitioner compliance with professional standards</li> <li>➤ Issues annual practice certificate</li> <li>➤ National register of competent practitioners</li> <li>➤ Liaison with health funds</li> <li>➤ Arbitration in complaints</li> </ul>

## Why is AROH Important?

The Australian Register of Homœopaths (AROH) acts as the collective 'public watchdog', protecting the public from under-qualified practitioners who claim they are fully trained, professional homœopaths.

AROH sets the standards for professional registration of practitioners of homœopathy in Australia by monitoring compliance with the National Competency Standards for Homœopathy (NCSH). These Standards have been endorsed by the Federal Government and define the minimum knowledge and skills required to qualify homœopaths for entry to the homœopathic profession (Advanced Diploma of Homœopathy).

State and Federal Governments want the homœopathic profession to be self-regulated (unlike medical practitioners & chiropractors, who are regulated by law). AROH provides the self-regulatory body the government requires. The majority of Australia's Health Funds accept AROH registration for the purposes of health insurance rebates.

All homœopathic associations in Australia are members of AROH.

AROH registration is a requirement for Professional membership of the Australian Homœopathic Association (AHA).



## Why is AHA Important?

The Australian Homœopathic Association (AHA) is the ONLY national professional association dedicated solely to supporting homœopathy.

### ***The AHA provides its members with vital information and services:***

- Regular seminars and webinars with national and international presenters in every state as well as nationwide.
- Access to professional requirements (TGA exemption, professional stationery).
- A network for dissemination of current information about homœopathy – with quarterly national newsletters, biannual journal and frequent online news bulletins as the need arises.
- Promotion of members through a national referral listing: AHA website, telephone and email referrals plus annual practitioner listing in the nationally distributed WellBeing magazine.
- Advocacy for members in the event of a complaint.
- Branch Committees in each state of Australia, governed by a National Council, which has representatives from each Branch plus three national representatives.

***These services are NOT provided by AROH, as AROH's main function is that of a regulatory body, not a service provider supporting homœopaths' needs.***

The AHA is a small, specialised professional group. A practitioner's membership affirms their commitment to homœopathy and to the AHA, whose main objective is the protection and promotion of the interests of homœopaths and their role as health care providers.

## Still confused?

**Please contact AHA or AROH with your questions:**

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