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Before You Begin Practicing Homeopathy

A State-Law Checklist for Certified Homeopaths
Your certification documents your education and successful completion of your homeopathic training. **Certification is not the same as state licensure.**

There is no single national license governing the practice of homeopathy throughout the United States. Laws vary by state, so before establishing a practice, complete this checklist for the state where you practice **and consider the laws where your clients are located, particularly when working online.**

1. Check Your State's Laws
Go to your **official state legislature website:**

- Search for: **Homeopathy**
- Search for: **Health Freedom**
- Search for: **Unlicensed Complementary Health Care Practitioner**
- Search for: **Alternative or Complementary Health Care**
- Search for: **Practice of Medicine**
- Determine: if your state has **Health Freedom or Safe Harbor laws**

2. Check Your State Medical Board
Visit your state's official **Medical Board, Department of Health, or professional licensing agency** and find the answers to these questions:

- Does my state specifically regulate homeopathy?
- May an unlicensed practitioner provide complementary wellness services?
- Is the title **Certified Homeopath** permitted?
- Are terms such as **physician, doctor, medical practitioner, naturopathic physician,** or other professional titles protected?
- What activities does my state consider the **practice of medicine**?
- Are there services that I am specifically prohibited from providing?

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3. Check Disclosure Requirements
If your state has Health Freedom or Safe Harbor laws, determine whether you must provide clients with a written disclosure, your state may require disclosure of:

- your name & business information
- your education & training
- your homeopathic certification
- number of educational hours completed
- a description of services you provide
- the nature or theory of the complementary approach you use
- a statement that you are **not a state-licensed physician or healthcare provider**, unless you separately hold such a license

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- a statement explaining that your services do not replace appropriate medical care
- client rights & complaint information
- client signature acknowledging receipt of the disclosure

Follow the exact wording required by your state when the law specifies it.

4. Clearly Represent Your Credentials - Only use the credentials you have earned.

For Example:
Jane Smith, C. Hom.
Certified Homeopath
Completed ____ Hours of Professional Homeopathic Education

Do not imply that a school certification is a state medical license or an independent board certification.

5. Know Your Professional Boundaries
Unless you separately hold a healthcare license permitting these activities, determine your state's rules regarding:

- diagnosing medical diseases
- prescribing pharmaceutical medications
- advising a client to discontinue prescribed medication
- performing surgery or invasive procedures
- representing yourself as a physician
- treating medical emergencies
- using protected professional titles

A Certified Homeopath can describe homeopathic observations, education and wellness services while remaining clear about the limits of their professional credentials.

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6. If You Practice Online
Working by Zoom, telephone, or another online platform does not eliminate state-law considerations. Before accepting an out-of-state client:

- identify the state where the **client is physically located**
- check that state's homeopathy & health-freedom laws
- check its definition of the practice of medicine
- determine whether its disclosure requirements apply to you
- keep a record of the client's location with your professional records

7. Keep Your Practice Documents - Maintain copies of:

- your homeopathy certificate
- documentation of your educational hours
- course descriptions or transcript

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- client disclosure / informed-consent form
- professional disclaimer
- intake forms
- client records
- any state-required notices
- professional liability insurance information, when applicable

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Reliable Places to Start

- **National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH) -** general information about homeopathy, credentialing & state regulation
- **National Health Freedom Coalition / National Health Freedom Action -** information about Health Freedom & Safe Harbor legislation
- **North American Society of Homeopaths (NASH) – "***Homeopathy Practice and the Law***"** provides guidance specifically concerning professional homeopathic practice
- **Your State Legislature & State Medical Board -** final sources for current state requirements

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The Three Questions Every Graduate Should Answer

Before opening your practice, know:

1. **What may I legally do?**
2. **What may I legally call myself?**
3. **What am I required to disclose to my clients?**

Your certification represents your **education and training in homeopathy**. Your state's laws determine the legal boundaries within which you use that education professionally.

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