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Authority and Accountability	The Fitness to Practise Committee is a statutory committee of the Council of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario. It is established pursuant to section 10(1) of the Health Professions Procedural Code (the Code), which is Schedule 2 of the <i>Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991</i> (the “RHPA”), section 12.01 of the by-laws and GP06 - Committee Principles of the Council governing policies.
Limitations	The Fitness to Practise Committee shall only exercise the authority, and fulfill the duties and responsibilities authorized under the <i>Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991</i> or under these Terms of Reference,
Responsibilities	<p>The Fitness to Practise Committee shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and maintain policies and procedures governing the fitness to practise process of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario; • Annually, in conjunction with the Discipline Committee, review the Discipline Rules of Procedure; • Establish panels and conduct hearings into allegations of incapacity referred to it by the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee as required under Schedule 2 of the Code; and • Review the following to ensure that they are transparent, objective, impartial, fair and free of discrimination and bias and to make any recommendations to the Council for amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Annually, all relevant program policies and related procedures; and ○ Bi-annually, all relevant regulations made under the <i>Naturopathy Act, 2007</i>.
Appointment and composition	<p>The Fitness to Practise Committee shall be appointed by the Council and shall be comprised of no fewer than five but as many individuals as the Council may deem appropriate, such that the Committee members include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one Council member who is a Public member and any number of additional Council members. • Two or more Registrants who are not Council members. • Any number of Public Representatives as defined in the by-laws. <p>A Committee Chair, and where deemed necessary by the Council a Committee Vice Chair, shall also be appointed by the Council.</p>
Panels	The Fitness to Practise Committee may meet in panels. Any panel of the Committee shall be appointed by the Committee Chair in accordance with any requirements set out in the Code. When appointing a panel, the Committee Chair shall designate one panel member as the Chair of the Panel.

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Term of Office	<p>The Fitness to Practise Committee members shall be appointed for approximately one year and may be re-appointed annually by the Council, at its sole discretion, such that no committee member may serve more than nine consecutive years.</p> <p>The term of office of any panel appointed by the Committee Chair shall be until the matter referred to it has been disposed of.</p>
Meetings	<p>The Fitness to Practise Committee will meet at the call of the Chair.</p> <p>Meetings of a Panel shall be at the call of the Chair of the Panel.</p> <p>In the event that the Committee Chair is unable to preside at a duly called meeting, the Chair may designate an acting Chair from among the Committee members, or where the Chair has not done so, an acting Chair for the meeting shall be selected by and from among the Committee members present.</p>
Quorum	<p>Pursuant to section 12.06 of the by-laws, quorum for meetings of the Fitness to Practise Committee shall be three members of the Committee, at least one of which shall be a Public member of the Council.</p> <p>In cases of urgency as determined by the Chair, the Public member/Public Representative requirement for the purposes of quorum may be waived.</p>
Quorum for panels	<p>Quorum of a Panel of the Fitness to Practise Committee shall be three members of the panel, at least one of whom shall be a Public member.</p>
Reports	<p>The Committee Chair, on behalf of the Committee, shall provide to the Council an Annual Report on the performance of its responsibilities and outcomes of its activities for the period of April 1st of the previous year to March 31st of the current year, subject to any requirements of the <i>Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991</i>. The Annual Report shall be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer no later than June 1st annually for delivery to the Council.</p> <p>The Committee Chair shall also submit a bi-monthly report to the Council addressing matters of importance to the Committee, including but not necessarily limited to volunteer resources, attendance issues, trends in activities before the committee and volume of work.</p>

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