



Guidance for Health Professional Associations

For health professions that are currently unregulated or pending regulation, the Health Council recommends self-governance through the formation of a Health Professional Association. Specific recommendations for Associations include:

- 1) Develop Standards of Practice (i.e. Code of Conduct) for the profession. Refer to the Government's health professional statutory bodies website for examples of current Standards of Practice ([Health Boards, Councils and Committees | Government of Bermuda \(www.gov.bm\)](http://www.gov.bm)).
- 2) Determine membership criteria that includes required health professional qualifications. Consideration should be made for qualifications obtained in different jurisdictions.
- 3) Maintain a database of members that includes contact information and member qualifications.

Consultation is critical when developing or changing membership guidelines. Stakeholder input and feedback should always be solicited and considered.