

Policy Statement on Federations

The World Naturopathic Federation (WNF) requires that any country that has more than one national organization representing naturopaths / naturopathic doctors meeting the WNF criteria for full membership must create a national federation in order to become a full member of the WNF.

- National naturopathic organizations that apply for membership as part of a national federation must meet the criteria for full membership.
- All full member organizations must have at least 65% of their members as naturopaths.
- All countries applying for full membership as a federation should have at least two organizations as part of their federation. At a minimum, a national naturopathic organization, must provide supporting details that they have communicated to other eligible national naturopathic organizations and have demonstrated a willingness to work cooperatively with other national naturopathic organizations.
- It is essential that all WNF member organizations act professionally and refrain from any inflammatory or derogatory comments about other naturopathic organizations. Engaging in any unprofessional communication may result in an organization being removed as a WNF member.
- The WNF will provide all new full-member federations conditional membership for six months – allowing them time to complete their By Laws and other professional organizations processes.
- Once a federation is formed, new national organizations desiring to join the WNF must first seek approval of the established naturopathic federation in their country. If an organization meets the WNF requirements it would be expected that approval would be forthcoming.

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