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To AHPRA

I am writing to support the following qualifications for inclusion in the grand-parenting clause:

- (1) Australian-trained practitioners applying for registration under the national scheme should not be put to a higher grandparenting standard than applied under the Victorian scheme;
- (2) All government/university-accredited qualifications at least three years full-time equivalent duration should be included on the list of courses deemed adequate for grandparenting, and that this include the past advanced diploma and diploma level programs;
- (3) Unaccredited programs that were recognised by AACMA as meeting the requirements for practice at that time should also be included on the list of courses deemed adequate for grandparenting, and that this include the past practitioner diploma and unaccredited bachelor programs;
- (4) The list submitted by the AACMA of Australian Chinese medicine programs deemed adequate for grandparenting purposes should be included on the CMBA list of courses deemed adequate for grandparenting purposes.

I have been practising acupuncture since 1988, and I sincerely hope that the qualifications obtained at that time be considered as adequate under the grand-parenting law.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

your sincerely

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