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It has come to my attention that an addendum to the Chinese Medicine Draft Standards Consultation Paper, contains issues regarding adequate clinical training which is of great concern to anyone who studied prior to 2008. The main issues are as follows:

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.

Please reconsider this aspect as it is potentially very unfair and damaging to the careers of many people.

Yours Sincerely

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