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To: chinesemedicineconsultation@ahpra.gov.au

Dear Sir / Madam,

My name is Majid Joneidi DOM. D.Ac., Dipl Ac, (NCCAOM-USA) , member of AACMA, and I am currently practising acupuncture and practising and teaching Koryo Hand Therapy/Acupuncture.

Regarding the Consultations draft of Proposed Registration standards I would appreciate in fairness, that you take into consideration the following issues:

For Overseas trained practitioners:

Overseas-trained practitioners should be expected to be treated in the same way as Australian-trained practitioners.

The AACMA submissions will be taking into account the variable standards applying in other countries to ensure that our overseas-trained practitioners are not disadvantaged in the process.

For Draft standard of English Language skills

Existing practitioners from a non-English speaking background should have their English language competence assessed as follows:

Self-assessment of competence based on a signed statutory declaration conducted by the practitioner's Chinese medicine practice primarily in English should be sufficient evidence of English language competence for grand-parenting purposes;

Community/academic/professional engagement where the language of communication is English should be sufficient evidence of English language competence for grand-parenting purposes;

Where a practitioner has passed a Chinese medicine examination conducted in English should be sufficient evidence of English language competence for grand-parenting purposes.

Where a practitioner conducts his or her practice in a language other than English and is otherwise unable to provide sufficient evidence of English language competence, then conditions may apply.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely

Dr Majid Joneidi