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I have just been notified by my old college (AIAS) at 3.22pm yesterday that submissions closed at 4pm yesterday so I apologise for this late email.

I am alarmed by the suggestions that have been put forward. I completed my Advanced Diploma of Acupuncture at AIAS in March 2010. When I commenced this qualification in 2008 I was not aware of any registration of acupuncturists and it was not until after the Conference in 2009 that my lecturer advised students that there were changes coming in 2012. I have spent approximately \$18000 and invested a lot of time on a course that I am now concerned will be absolutely useless to me. I have also spent considerable money building up a business, marketing, advertising and buying stock. It is now a successful business that I have been running for two years. I have ANTA membership, insurance, health fund provider status. I was certain that grandfather clauses would take into account people like me who through no fault of their own believed they were studying and investing in becoming a qualified acupuncturist. Can you please give me more information on how the board would take into account people like me and what would be involved in proving that we are competent acupuncturists. I am in limbo now and need to know the implications for myself and my business.

Regards

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