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To the Members of CMBA,

I have been a practitioner of TCM in Australia since 1983. After working in my own Clinic in Annerley for 25 years I have taken 4 years away from paid practice to act as a carer for my 87 year old mother. I recommenced practice on 26th September, 2011. I am concerned after putting in 30 years of service to my profession including working voluntarily on the board of ACA Ltd., before the amalgamation with AESO about my professional standing after 1st July,2012. For this reason I am enclosing the requests as designated by AACMA (the professional organization of which I proudly carry the membership number 094).

These requests 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 of at least 3 years full-time equivalent duration should be included in the list of courses deemed adequate for grandparenting, and that this include the past advanced and diploma level programmes,

3) Unaccredited programmes that were recognized by AACMA as meeting the requirements for practice at that time should also be included in the list of courses deemed adequate to grandparenting and that this include the past diploma and unaccredited bachelor programmes,

4) The list submitted by the AACMA of Australian Chinese medicine programmes deemed adequate for grandparenting purposes should be included on the CMBA list of courses deemed adequate for grandparenting purposes.

I appreciate the difficulties of the task that has been given to the members of CMBA but , as a TCM practitioner of 30 years standing , I would like to draw your attention to the uneasiness that is being felt by those of us in the profession who represent its very foundation. Thank you for your attention to the matters raised above.

Kindest Regards,

Terry Blyth.