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To Whom it May Concern,

I feel strongly that the following submission should be accepted and applied to the final draft of the educational requirements for the National Registration of the Chinese Medicine profession:

- 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;
- 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;
- 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;
- 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.

As a practitioner that trained at the Australian College of Natural Medicine for 4 years from 1990 - 1993, I have worked in the profession successfully for many years and have always maintained ongoing professional education requirements. Many of us have completed industry based patent Chinese Medicine certificate courses and have been combining the use of patent Chinese herbal medicine in our practices for many years. We are constantly continuing our education in this field with the assistance of the excellent ongoing educational support from the industry, with companies eg Sun Herbal. We should be given grandparenting inclusion to continue what we have successfully and safely been achieving for years without adverse effects. The safety, health and wellbeing of my clients is always the predominate consideration in my practice.

Yours sincerely,

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