

I also agree with and support the proposed Proof of Practice and Competence Applicants for acupuncturist, Chinese herbal practitioner and Chinese herbal dispenser under the heading of “Grandparenting registration standard”. Those evidence requirements listed on Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 are reasonable and acceptable.

I acknowledge that registration should not be considered as an award or honour to anyone on the basis of their contribution to the development of Chinese medicine in Australia. Indeed, the ultimate aim of statutory regulation for the Chinese medicine profession is to protect the public by setting up criteria so that only those practitioners who could demonstrate their knowledge, competence and skills of Chinese medicine are eligible for registration. Therefore, I believe that the proposed mandatory registration standards and grandparenting arrangements have met the requirements.

I further suggest that the Board should clearly define the scope of Acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine on its registration standards. I strongly believe those who practise Japanese acupuncture, Myofascial dry needling, Ayurvedic (Indian) acupuncture, Korean oriental medicine, Japanese (Kampo) medicine, Natural medicine or herbal medicine should not be eligible to apply for registration of Chinese medicine as only **Chinese medicine profession** is included in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS).

In conclusion, the proposed registration standards are well-designed, thorough and balance the need for the protection of the public and legitimacy of the Chinese medicine practitioners who hold appropriate Australian and/or overseas qualifications or demonstrated themselves with competence of practice.

I hope the Board will consider my suggestions.

Yours sincerely

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