

Ms Debra Gillick
Executive Officer
Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

Re: Submission on the Registration Standards

Dear Ms Gillick

I thank the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia for giving the opportunity to express opinions on the mandatory registration standards and grandparenting arrangements.

I overall support and consider it thorough and balanced on the proposed mandatory registration standards and grandparenting arrangements. I appreciate the consideration given by the Board on making flexible arrangement on English requirements and overseas qualification recognition.

However, I would just like to mention one thing on English Test. It might not be impartial on the equivalency of the competency of English of the graduates through some institutions (whether in Australia or other countries) taught and assessed in English to the formal English language test results required in the Standard (such as IELTS). Because no evidence shows these graduates can all reach the same score in the formal English test. It may be unfair to lots of applicants who have excellent education background in Chinese medicine overseas and rich practice experience both overseas and in Australia. So the English test score requirement may need to be adjusted. Or the similar proceeding in historical registration in Victoria could be adopted.

Once again, I would thank the Board for your great effort on the development of Chinese medicine and the legitimacy of the Chinese medicine practitioners in Australia.

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Yours sincerely

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