

To : Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

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Re - Draft National Registration Standards.

I Have just had access to the draft registration standard for acupuncture.

I have been practising acupuncture since 1975 , my concern is that the draft standard is not easily understood and a 10<sup>th</sup> October deadline is clearly unreasonable. There should be a longer consultation period so individual practitioners can understand the standards fully.

As an Australian practitioners I would like to know how registration is going to be determined for the people who have been in successful practice for many years and have trained overseas or in Australian programmes that have not been accepted by the board.

As I have been a full time practitioner for 35 years will I be disadvantaged for attending the wrong school and having had different training methods?

Please clarify my position.

Sincerely

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