

Board of Chinese Medicine, Australia

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**Reference: Grand-parenting Regulation Standard: Qualifications For Transitional Arrangements**

Dear Board Members,

With reference to the captioned for national TCM practitioner registration in 2012, I would like to express my strong disappointment and disagreement on the proposal that advanced diplomas obtained between 2008-2012 will not be recognized by the Chinese Medicine Board as approved for automatic transition under the grand-parenting provisions, based on the considerations of

- a) Competency requirement of NOT less than 5 years of practice up to the 2012-Jul-01
- b) Safety and quality concerns for general public protection

Being one of the potentially affected practitioner, I would like to draw your attention to the facts that

- 1) The Advanced Diploma qualification I am currently holding, issued by the Sydney Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine (SITCM) in 2010, was officially benchmarked against the four-year TCM Bachelor Degree programs in Australia, which indicated that they are equivalence in terms of duration, content, and quality of clinical practice. Please refers to the supporting document as previously submitted by the SITCM for details.
- 2) I have been a practitioner member of ATMS (member ID: 25021) since 2010 and I am legally practicing under the 2M AUD insurance protection from MARSH covering the areas of Combined Medicine, Malpractice, Public & Products Liabilities.
- 3) I have obtained the official recognition and health-fund rebate entitlement from over 20 health insurance providers.
- 4) I have obtained the total satisfaction from all my patients since my practice in 2010 with NO patient complaint recorded throughout my practice.
- 5) Over 99% of my patients are local Australian with English speaking background, which indicates that there exists NO language barrier throughout my practice.

Having the strong belief that my qualifications and skills are competitive to any graduates from any TCM Bachelor degree courses in Australia, moreover I have the 2 years legal practice experience in addition as an advantage, I wish the Board members can consider the auto-transition for national registration for practitioners under the comparable circumstances as mine.

Regards,

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