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To whom it may concern,

Some concern has been raised by the Addendum to Chinese Medicine Draft Standards Consultation Paper, about 'adequate clinical training' and 'adequate practical training' for the grandparenting standard.

As a practitioner who graduated pre-2008 (actually in 1998), I wish to advocate my professional association's (AACMA) following points:

- 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.

Having been in practice for 12 years, it would seem absurd that I wouldn't be able to register because my original qualifications didn't meet the most up-to-date standard in education.

I appreciate you taking these points into account when drafting the standard for National registration for Chinese Medicine.

Sincerely,
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