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Dear Sir/Madam,

I have worked as an acupuncturist for the last 15 years, having graduated in 1996. I wish to continue to provide the high standard of professional service I offer my patients once national registration comes in. I am concerned about the standards draft for the following reasons:

- 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.

Regards Jenny Murphy. Dip App Sci(Acu) Bach Ed