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AHPRA Consultation on International Criminal History Checks
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Re: Consultation Paper on International Criminal History Checks

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on the options for International Criminal History Checks.

Most overseas-born or overseas-trained members of the Chinese medicine profession are from one of the following countries:

- Canada*
- China#
- Japan*
- Hong Kong#
- Korea*
- New Zealand*
- Singapore*
- Taiwan*
- United States*
- United Kingdom*
- Vietnam#

Of these, the largest group is from mainland China. If Option 2 were selected, there could be barriers to the applicant obtaining a Notarial Certificate of No Criminal Conviction as personal application is required. This would require with a trip to China or authorisation of a third party. Similar conditions would apply to other countries marked with a hash (#). For this reason, Option 4 would be the more practical and realistic option.

Option 2 would not pose an unreasonable barrier for countries marked with an asterisk as applications can be made via mail or via the local embassy or consulate.

Although Option 2 would be the better option in terms of due diligence, having regard to the demographics of the Chinese medicine profession, Option 4 is recommended as the most practical option.

Please contact me at the AACMA national office if you wish to discuss the content of this submission

Yours faithfully

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