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Public Consultation

Draft Revised Registration Standard : Endorsement of registration for acupuncture for registered medical practitioners

The Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association Ltd (AACMA) is the largest professional association representing the majority of registered Chinese medicine practitioner acupuncturists in Australia since 1973 and we are pleased to contribute this feedback.

Option 2- Proposed Revised Standard is also the preferred option for AACMA.

Revising the standard to ensure currency of knowledge and skill aligning CPD requirements for acupuncture to the Australian Medical Board's registration standards for CPD will maintain quality of practise contributing to public safety.

Removal of the expired transitional arrangements avoids potential confusion for practitioners who may have completed no longer approved programs of study, prior to 2012, or programs that are no longer delivered by educational providers.

Best practice for public safety demands recency of practice and currency of knowledge so acupuncture endorsement requirements for these practitioners will now need to be successful completion of the course approved by the Medical Board of Australia and provided by the Australian Medical Acupuncture College to gain current endorsement.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this consultation.

Yours Sincerely

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