



College of Traditional Chinese Medicine
Practitioners and Acupuncturists of Ontario
Ordre des praticiens en médecine traditionnelle
chinoise et des acupuncteurs de l'Ontario

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Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
Ministry of Health
College Park 5th Flr, 777 Bay St
Toronto, Ontario
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SENT VIA EMAIL

Dear Minister Elliott,

Re: Removal of Schedule 5 from Bill 88 and Chinese Language Examination

The College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of Ontario (CTCMPAO) is in receipt of your letter dated March 15, 2022, confirming that Schedule 5 has been removed from Bill 88, and that there will be no change to CTCMPAO's regulatory functions.

We appreciate and recognize your commitment to consultations before making changes to the regulatory oversight of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM). We welcome an open dialog with the Ministry regarding any concerns it might have, so that we can work together to address any issues.

We confirm that since receiving your letter, CTCMPAO has been in contact with Ministry of Health staff to begin the process of implementing, and funding, a Chinese language entry to practice examination.

Your letter requests that CTCMPAO work with the Canadian Alliance of Regulatory Bodies of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists (CARB-TCMPA) to make the Pan-Canadian Entry Level Examinations available in Chinese for a Fall 2022 sitting. We can confirm that we have reached out to CARB-TCMPA regarding the translated exam and have received some initial information, which we have forwarded to Ministry staff.

We would like to acknowledge and thank you for the most recent appointments of four new public members to our Council. As you are aware, the College has been operating without a constituted Council since November 2019 due to an insufficient number of public appointments. With the four additional public member appointments received on April 1, 2022, in addition to the two that were appointed on February 17, 2022, our Council is now properly constituted. We look forward to welcoming and working with these new public members in the months ahead. We ask you to keep in mind these appointments have been made for a term of one year and we emphasize the need for timely appointments and reappointments for our Council. For us to be successful in meeting the Ministry's expectations, the College's Council must remain constituted.

Council is now in a position to move forward on implementing the requested changes to our exam as required under Ontario Regulation 27/13, which mandates that Council set or approve the registration examinations. CTCMPAO will work closely with Ministry staff to meet the province's ambitious timeline.



You have highlighted the need to ensure timely registration of applicants once they write the exam. Be assured CTCMPO staff consistently process applications in a timely manner. The development and implementation of a Chinese language examination will certainly and directly impact CTCMPO registration staff. Additional support from the Ministry, including immediate and ongoing funding, is needed. We welcome a discussion on our registration process to prepare for this implementation and to address any specific concerns the ministry may have.

We look forward to working with the Ministry so that the timing, initial and ongoing funding, and implementation of a Chinese language entry to practice examination can be finalized.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Dong".

Richard Guo Qing Dong
President

Cc:

Mr. Sean Court, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health
Ms. Ann Zeng, Registrar and CEO, CTCMPO
CTCMPO Council Members