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Hi

I object strongly to the raising of educational standard to a Bachelor degree as a prerequisite to retain being a TA.

I am 62. My path to becoming a TA was by doing a Cert IV in Accounting when I was about 53. I then did the H & R Block tax course. They gave me a job. I spent 5 years working for them. I did a Diploma in Accounting as well as the Tax Agent course through TAFE. I also started a part time Bachelor of Accounting through [REDACTED] which I had to stop because of working 3 jobs and having young kids. I just didn't have the time. I resumed the course last year and found that [REDACTED] studies was being forced upon us through the ethics course. I was paying for this and I point blank refused to do it on the basis that it had nothing to do with Accounting and more of a political statement. To me that university knows nothing about ethics if they are forcing something on you to make a political statement. So I had to drop out as the university told me that if I don't do it then I can't get my degree.

I worked hard to get my TA status. I have done close to 5000 tax returns. I started my own business 18 months ago, which is called [REDACTED] and I see this as my retirement job.

At my age I have no interest in resuming a degree course especially with [REDACTED] studies in it, it is not going to make me a better TA. It would cost me over \$20000 and numerous hours to do. I would like to know why you people want to do this to people like me who has jumped through every hoop to attain TA status.

If I am denied my registration as a TA because of changes to education requirements, I will not be happy and you will cause me financial hardship. To me this is just elitism and a huge slap in the face for the TAFE system and on the job learning.

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