

Government Notice No. 160 of 2016

THE MEDICAL COUNCIL ACT

Regulations made by the Minister, after consultation with the Medical Council, under section 42 of the Medical Council Act

1. These regulations may be cited as the Medical Council (Continuing Professional Development) Regulations 2016.

2. In these regulations –

“Act” means the Medical Council Act;

“approved CPD course or training programme” means a CPD course or training programme on the list of approved CPD courses or training programmes kept by the Council;

“approved institution, medical association or person” means an institution, medical association or person on the list of approved institutions, medical associations or persons kept by the Council;

“CPD” means Continuing Professional Development;

“list of approved CPD courses or training programmes” means the list referred to in regulation 6(b);

“list of approved institutions, medical associations or persons” means the list referred to in regulation 6(a).

3. (1) For the purpose of section 30A(1) of the Act and subject to regulation 9, every general practitioner and specialist shall –

(a) accumulate not less than 5 credit points for the year 2016 ending on 31 December 2016;

(b) accumulate not less than 12 credit points for the year 2017 and every subsequent year.

(2) The allocation of credit points shall be as specified in the Schedule.

4. No institution, medical association or person shall conduct a CPD course or training programme for general practitioners and specialists unless –

- (a) it or he is on the list of approved institutions, medical associations or persons; and
- (b) such CPD course or training programme is on the list of approved CPD courses or training programmes.

5. (1) Where an institution, medical association or person intends to conduct CPD courses or training programmes for general practitioners and specialists, it or he shall –

- (a) submit an application to the Medical Council for approval in such form as may be approved;
- (b) submit a list of proposed CPD courses or training programmes, accompanied by the detailed course contents and the allocation of credit points as specified in Part I of the Schedule, for approval.

(2) On receipt of an application for approval under paragraph (a), the Medical Council may request such additional information as it may require.

(3) The Medical Council may grant or reject an application received under paragraph (a).

(4) Where an institution, medical association or person has obtained approval to conduct a CPD course or training programme under paragraph (a) and the content of such CPD course or training programme is subsequently revised, that institution, medical association or person shall submit a fresh application, accompanied by a detailed course content, to the Medical Council for approval of the revised CPD course or training programme.

(5) Every general practitioner or specialist may, in respect of any of the categories specified in Part II of the Schedule, submit an

application to the Medical Council for credit points in such form as may be approved.

6. (1) The Medical Council shall –
- (a) keep a list of approved institutions, medical associations or persons;
 - (b) keep a list of approved CPD courses or training programmes in respect of each approved institution, medical association or person;
 - (c) keep a yearly record of credit points earned by every general practitioner and specialist;
 - (d) monitor all approved CPD courses or training programmes which are held;
 - (e) regularly review the approval given to institutions, medical associations or persons conducting approved CPD courses or training programmes;
 - (f) pursuant to section 30A(3) of the Act, give public notice of the lists referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) and any subsequent amendments to those lists.

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (1)(a), the Medical Council shall ensure that the services of eminent general practitioners, specialists, health professionals and academics having wide experience and knowledge in the field of medicine are enlisted for conducting CPD courses or training programmes.

7. Every approved institution, medical association or person shall –

- (a) advertise the approved CPD courses or training programmes which it or he intends to conduct, specifying the number of credit points to be earned in respect of each course or training programme;

- (b) keep and maintain an attendance register in respect of each approved CPD course or training programme conducted by it or him, wherein the following particulars shall be recorded –
 - (i) the type of approved CPD course or training programme as specified in Part II of the Schedule and the number of credit points obtained;
 - (ii) the date of the CPD course or training programme;
 - (iii) the full name, registration number and signature of every general practitioner or specialist in attendance;
- (c) within 14 days from the date an approved CPD course or training programme is held, submit to the Medical Council a certified copy of the attendance register referred to in paragraph (b).

8. An approved institution, medical association or person may, in respect of an approved CPD course or training programme conducted by it or him, charge such fees as it or he may determine.

9. (1) For the purpose of section 30A(2) of the Act, the Medical Council may excuse a general practitioner or specialist from attending CPD courses or training programmes, as required under these regulations –

- (a) for such period as the Medical Council considers appropriate, where that general practitioner or specialist –
 - (i) has been on sick leave for a period of more than 6 months, supported by documentary evidence;
 - (ii) is a non-citizen granted temporary registration as general practitioner or specialist under section 26 of the Act and who has worked for a period of less than 12 months in Mauritius;

- (iii) is a visiting medical practitioner granted temporary registration under section 27 of the Act;
- (iv) is working in Agalega;
- (b) for a period of one year after the general practitioner or specialist resumes practice, where that general practitioner or specialist was holding the post of President, Vice-President, Minister or Ambassador or was employed overseas in an intergovernmental, regional or international organisation.

(2) Any general practitioner or specialist referred to in paragraph (1)(b) shall forthwith notify the Medical Council of the date as from which he intends to cease to practise medicine and the date as from which he intends to resume practice.

10. These regulations shall come into operation on 1 August 2016.

Made by the Minister, after consultation with the Medical Council, on 28 July 2016.

SCHEDULE

[Regulation 3(2)]

ALLOCATION OF CREDIT POINTS**PART I – APPROVED CPD COURSE OR TRAINING PROGRAMME**

Type of approved CPD course or training programme	Credit points
1. Lecture (for at least one hour)	1
2. Seminar/conference/workshop (for at least 3 hours)	2
3. Seminar/conference/workshop (for at least 5 hours)	4

PART II – CATEGORIES ELIGIBLE FOR CREDIT POINTS

Categories	Credit points
1. Registered medical practitioner attending international conference	4 per conference
2. Registered medical practitioner giving a lecture/presenting a paper (for at least one hour)	2
3. Registered medical practitioner publishing a paper in a medical journal	4
4. Registered medical practitioner writing a case review in a medical journal	2
5. Registered medical practitioner writing an editorial in a medical journal	3
6. Registered medical practitioner authoring a book in a medical speciality	Up to 10
7. Registered medical practitioner authoring a chapter in a medical book	4
8. General practitioner studying for a full-time postgraduate course	4 per year

Categories	Credit points
9. Registered medical practitioner who is a lecturer or professor at a medical college/a university/the Mauritius Institute of Health	4 per year
10. Registered medical practitioner involved in administrative post*	4 per year

* Note: This applies to a registered medical practitioner who holds an administrative post in a private health institution or a Government institution, for instance, Director General Health Services, Director Health Services, Regional Health Director, Medical Superintendent, Director of Clinics, etc.
