

To all General Practitioners and Specialists

This is to bring to the attention of all registered General Practitioners and Specialists that Section 30 of the Medical Council Act 1999 has been amended to empower the Medical Council to enter the name of a General Practitioner or a Specialist in the Annual List subject to the practitioner having followed such Continuing Professional Development Courses or Training Programmes (CPD) as may be prescribed by the Council". The effective date of the enforcement of the legislation is August 01, 2016. The established practice of payment of an Annual fee before January 31 of each year will continue to exist.

A copy of Section 30A of the Medical Council Act is reproduced for the information of all concerned.

30A Continuing Professional Development

Notwithstanding section 30 but subject to subsection (2), no registered person shall have his name entered on the annual list unless he has followed such Continuing Professional Development Courses or Training Programmes as may be prescribed by the Council.

In this context, all Regional Hospitals and Specialized hospitals of the Ministry of Health & QL, Mauritius Institute of Health, Medical Colleges in Mauritius, all private clinics, all associations of medical practitioners, Medical Update Group etc have been informed about the provisions made in law concerning CPD. The Medical Council is soliciting their collaboration in organising CPD programmes for the medical profession.

All the interested institutions/associates/person will after obtaining the necessary approval from the Medical Council submits a list of CPD programmes which they intend to conduct during a specified time period. The approved CPD programmes will then be put on the website of the Medical Council of Mauritius on web address medicalcouncilmu.org for information to each registered medical practitioner. The practitioner may choose to attend the CPD of his/her choice.

The “CPD provider” will be expected to keep a record of all the practitioners who have attended CPD courses/training programmes and then submit same to the Medical Council for the purpose of allocating CPD “credit points”. The CPD provider will be expected to issue a certificate of attendance to every medical practitioner attending a CPD session.

All registered medical practitioners will be required to earn a total of 12 credit points every year but for the period August 01, 2016 to December 31, 2016 the number of credit points that a practitioner should accumulate would be 5 points.

Distribution of credit points

Type of CPD Programme	Credit Points
Lecture at least 1 hour	1 point
Seminar / conference/workshop for at least 3 hours	2 points
Seminar / conference/workshop for at least 5 hours	4 points
Registered medical practitioner attending International Conference	4 points per conference
Registered medical practitioner giving a lecture / representing a paper for at least 1 hour	2 points
Registered medical practitioner publishing paper in a medical journal	4 points
Registered medical practitioner writing a case review in a medical journal	2 points
Registered medical practitioner writing an Editorial in a medical journal	3 points
Registered medical practitioner authoring a book in a medical speciality	Up to 10 points
Registered medical practitioner authoring a chapter in a medical book	4 points
General practitioner studying for full time post graduate course	4 points per year

Registered medical practitioner who is a lecturer or professor at a medical college/University/the Mauritius Institute of Health	4 points per year
Registered medical practitioner involved in administrative posts	4 points per year

All general practitioners and specialists are therefore requested to ensure compliance with the above so that their names are included in the Annual List which is published in the Government Gazette before February 15 of every year. The "Annual List" means the list of general practitioners and specialists published under section 30 of the Medical Council Act i.e those who are allowed to practice medicine during the year.

You are required to fill in the "Information on medical practitioner" form below and submit same to the Medical Council within 2 weeks. Failure to do so may result in difficulty in communicating to you information on CPD.