



TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS BOARD

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TCM PRACTITIONERS BOARD NOTICE 2022/2

To all registered TCM Practitioners

SETTING MAXIMUM CPE CAP FOR CATEGORIES 3A AND 3B LEARNING ACTIVITIES

It has been two years since the compulsory Continuing Professional Education (CPE) programme was implemented on 1 April 2020. Due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the TCMP Board allowed for the CPE requirements to be fulfilled from all categories with no maximum CPE point cap, and TCM practitioners were asked to participate in online CPE events organised by our event providers in view of with the prevailing safe management measures.

Revision in Category 3A and 3B

2 To encourage TCM practitioners to continue learning with a multifaceted approach, the Board has decided to set a maximum point cap for Category 3A and Category 3B for the CPE qualifying period starting from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2024. The maximum number of CPE points for Category 3A and Category 3B will be as follows:

Changes for the Qualifying Period (1 April 2022 – 31 March 2024)	
Category 3A (self-directed learning e.g., reading of TCM / medical books / recognised professional journal)	Maximum cap of 30 CPE points
Category 3B (online education with assessment)	Maximum cap of 20 CPE points

3 Under Category 3B online education with assessment, CPE providers will help TCM practitioners to improve the learning and understanding through the assessment questionnaire.

4 TCM practitioners can continue to expand their knowledge in TCM through reading of TCM/medical journals and attending the many courses (online and on-site) offered by our accredited event providers. For details on the CPE requirements and points, please refer to [Annex A](#).

Support available for TCM Practitioners to attend CPE courses

5 The Ministry of Health launched the \$5 million TCM Development Grant (TCMDG) on 1 January 2018 to support capability and capacity building of the TCM industry, including funding support for TCM practitioners to attend professional training such as CPE courses. Please refer to Annex B for more information on the TCMDG and how it can support your CPE learning.

6 TCM practitioners may also make use of your SkillsFuture credits to offset the course fees of CPE courses that are SkillsFuture accredited. You may enquire from the course provider whether your CPE course of interest is SkillsFuture accredited. For more information on SkillsFuture, please visit www.skillsfuture.sg.

7 For further clarifications, please email the Board Secretariat at tcmpb@spb.gov.sg.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully



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Annex A

CPE Event Categories and CPE Points

Event Category	Types of Event	Participation Role	Criteria	CPE Points	Max. CPE Points
1A Local Pre-approved Events	Short-term structured training, teaching session	Participant	1 to < 2 hours	1	No cap
			2 to 4 hours	2	
			1 day	4	
		Speaker / Instructor*	< 2 hours	2	
			2 to 4 hours	4	
	1 day	6			
Case study discussion	Participant	2 to 4 hours	2		
1B Other Pre-approved Local Events	Conference/ seminar /workshop	Participant	1 to < 2 hours	1	No cap
			2 to 4 hours	2	
			1 day	4	
			1.5 days	6	
			2 days	8	
			2.5 days	10	
			3 days or more	12	
		Speaker / Instructor*	< 2 hours	2	
			2 to 4 hours	4	
			1 day	6	
			1.5 days	8	
			2 days	10	
			2.5 days	12	
			3 days or more	14	
1C Overseas Events Events organised by other accredited medical / para-medical / healthcare establishments	Lecture/conference/seminar /workshop	Participant	1 to < 2 hours	1	No cap
			2 to 4 hours	2	
			1 day	4	
			1.5 days	6	
			2 days	8	
			2.5 days	10	
		3 days or more	12		
		Speaker / Instructor*	< 2 hours	2	
			2 to 4 hours	4	
			1 day	6	
			1.5 days	8	
			2 days	10	
			2.5 days	12	
	3 days or more		14		
	Short-term training course	Participant	1 to < 2 hours	1	
			2 to 4 hours	2	
			1 day	4	
			1.5 days	6	
			2 days	8	
			2.5 days	10	
3 days or more			12		
Post-graduate study	Participant	Per 2 hours	1		
1D Local Clinical Mentorship Programme	Structured programme organised by accredited CPE event provider, and must have appropriate clinical training base	Mentee	Per 2 hours	1	No cap
		Mentor	Per 2 hours	2	

* Excluding lectures / clinical instructions for formal TCM educational courses (e.g. Bachelor Degree Course in TCM, Advanced Diploma Course in TCM, Graduate Diploma in Acupuncture Courses for Doctors and Dentists, etc.) In addition, the same speaker/ instructor speaking and presenting the same repeated topic within the 1-year period, will only be awarded 50% of CPE

points.

Event Category	Types of Event	Participation Role	Criteria	CPE Points	Max. CPE Points
2A Publication of Books / Papers / Editorial Works / Reviews	Presentation of paper/ poster at local/ overseas conference/ seminar	Presenter	Per paper/ poster	2	No cap
	Publication of paper/ report in recognised professional journal	Main Author/ Subsidiary Author	Per article	2	
	Editorial work / review of TCM professional book / textbook /reference book / recognised professional journals	Chief Editor	Per book/ journal	5	
		Subsidiary Editor	Per book/ journal	2	
		Reviewer	Per book/ journal	2	
	Author of TCM professional book/ textbook/ reference book	Main Author	Per book	10	
		Subsidiary Author	Per book	2	
3A Self-directed Learning	Reading of TCM / medical books / recognised professional journals	Self-directed Learning	Per article	1	Maximum 30 points for 1 Apr 2022 to 31 Mar 2024
	Self-study from audio-visual tapes		Per tape		
	Online education (without assessment)		Per online education		
3B Self-directed Learning (with assessment)	Online education (with assessment)	Self-directed Learning	Per module (minimum of 1 hour per module)	2	Maximum 20 points for 1 Apr 2022 to 31 Mar 2024

TCM Development Grant (TCMDG)

The Ministry of Health launched the \$5 million TCMDG on 1 Jan 2018 to support capability and capacity building of the TCM industry. The scope of support includes training, IT adoption and enhancement of facilities to improve the standards and delivery of TCM care. In summary, the grant will support professional development on three fronts:

- a) **Individuals:** To provide funding support for skills and professional development for registered TCM practitioners and allied healthcare workers (herbal dispensers and TCM clinic assistants).
- b) **TCM course providers:** To increase the number and quality of TCM courses by extending funding support to accredited TCM course providers (private and VWOs) to conduct local TCM conferences, seminars and workshops, or other training programmes for professional development of TCM practitioners and related personnel.
- c) **TCM clinics:** i) To strengthen the operating capabilities of TCM services providers through adoption of IT solutions. ii) To enhance basic TCM clinic facilities for better infection control and to meet the needs of elderly patients.

Support for individuals: Registered TCM practitioners

2. The TCMDG provides support for 80% of course fees, capped at \$200/year, to support professional training of all registered TCM practitioners. All courses approved by the TCM Practitioners Board (TCMPB) will be eligible for claims.
3. Applications for claims should be made via the MOH online application form, accessible via the TCMDG website at www.moh.gov.sg/research-grants/traditional-chinese-medicine-development-grant. Application will open around July and close on 31 Dec of each calendar year.
4. Application may be submitted once the \$200 claim cap has been reached, or before 31 Dec. For administrative efficiency, training fees incurred for the whole year should be collated and submitted in one application. Receipts of payment indicating the TCM practitioner's name, course title, amount and date of payment are required to be uploaded as part of the application.
5. MOH has appointed the Academy of Chinese Medicine, Singapore (ACMS) as our agent in reimbursing claims to all individuals. Reimbursements will be made within the first quarter of the following year by the ACMS.
6. For clarification or more information on other areas of TCMDG support, please visit www.moh.gov.sg/research-grants/traditional-chinese-medicine-development-grant or contact the TCMDG Secretariat at TCMDG_Secretariat@moh.gov.sg.

TCMDG website

