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To: All Registered TCM Practitioners

COMPULSORY CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND PRACTICING CERTIFICATE RENEWAL FOR REGISTERED TCM PRACTITIONERS (FULL REGISTRATION)

The Continuing TCM Education programme was introduced by MOH and TCM Practitioners Board as a voluntary scheme in 2013 to encourage the continual upgrading of professional knowledge of registered TCM practitioners in Singapore. Following the passing of the TCM Practitioners (Amendment) Bill in Parliament on 11 Feb 2019, all registered TCM practitioners will be required to fulfil the prescribed Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements for the renewal of Practicing Certificates (PCs). Compulsory CPE will be implemented with effect from 1 Apr 2020.

2 TCM practitioners on full registration will be required to accumulate 50 CPE points within 2 years starting from 1 Apr 2020, to renew PC every 2 years. For the first round, TCM practitioners will have till 31 Mar 2022 to accumulate the 50 CPE points before they could renew PC in 2022. Out of the 50 CPE points, at least 30 CPE points (60%) must be from accredited courses on traditional Chinese medicine practice and 20 points can be from relevant approved topics.

3 To encourage TCM practitioners to upgrade themselves using different platforms, we have expanded the types of training activities for TCM practitioners to attend. These include case study discussions, clinical mentorship training and online self-study programmes. Please refer to Annex A for the different categories of CPE activities and the points awarded.

4 MOH and TCMP Board have put in place the following measures to support TCM practitioners in fulfilling the CPE requirements:

- a) A list of accredited CPE training courses/events is made available at the Board's website, www.tcmpb.gov.sg for reference.
- b) An enhanced CPE system will be launched from this year to allow TCM practitioners to check and monitor their CPE points through the Board's website.
- c) TCM practitioners may tap on the TCM Development Grant, capped at \$200 per year to defray the costs of attending CPE courses. For more information on the TCM Development Grant, please visit MOH website, www.moh.gov.sg or contact MOH TCMDG Secretariat at Tel: 6325 1564/ 6325 1253/ 6325 3426.

Alignment of PC

5 TCM practitioners on full registration whose PCs are expiring on 30 Jun 2019 will have their PC renewed for 1 year until 30 Jun 2020 before moving on to a 2-year PC renewal cycle. This is to align all PCs to the same expiry date.

PC Renewal

6 In line with government digital transformation initiatives to improve productivity and efficiency, PC renewal notices will be sent via electronic means and application for PC renewal must be submitted online through the Board's website. Please ensure that your email address and mobile numbers are updated. If you wish to update your particulars, please login to the Professional Registration System through the Board's website, www.tcmpb.gov.sg with your SingPass.

7 For clarification on the compulsory CPE programme, please contact the Board Secretariat at Tel: 6355 2488.

Yours faithfully



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Categories of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Activities and Points Awarded

Event Category	Types of Event	Participation Role	Criteria	CPE Points	Max. CPE Points	Submitted By
1A Local Pre-approved Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Short-term/structured training ▪ Teaching session ▪ Case Study Discussion 	Participant	per 1 hour	1	NA	CPE Event Organiser (Note: TCM practitioners do not have to submit)
		Speaker / Instructor*	per 1 hour	2		
1B Local Pre-approved Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lecture ▪ Conference ▪ Seminar ▪ Workshop 	Participant	1 to < 2 hour	1	NA	CPE Event Organiser (Note: TCM practitioners do not have to submit)
			≥ 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*	1 to < 2 hour	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					

* 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.)

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1C Overseas Events, or Events organised by other accredited medical / para- medical / healthcare establishments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lecture ▪ Conference ▪ Seminar ▪ Workshop 	Participant	1 to < 2 hour	1	NA	TCM Practitioner 1. Login to Professional Registration System (PRS) at www.tcmpb.gov.sg using SingPass. 2. Submit an “Application for Submission of CPE Claim” under Category 1C and attach the relevant supporting documents.
			≥ 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*	1 to < 2 hour	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		
Short-term training course	Participant	per 2 hours	1	Maximum 25 points per course		
Post-graduate study	Participant	per 2 hours	1	Maximum 25 points per course per academic year		

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1D Clinical Mentorship Programme	Structured programme organised by accredited CPE event provider, and must have appropriate clinical training base	Mentee	Per 2 hours	1	NA	CPE Event Organiser (Note: TCM practitioners do not have to submit)
		Mentor	Per 2 hours	2	NA	
2A Publication of Books / Papers / Editorial Works / Reviews	Presentation of paper/poster at local/overseas conference/seminar	1 st Author	per paper	5	Maximum 40 points per 2 years	TCM Practitioner 1. Login to PRS at www.tcmpb.gov.sg using SingPass. 2. Submit an “Application for Submission of CPE Claim” under Category 2A and attach the relevant supporting documents.
		Subsidiary Author	per paper	2		
	Author of TCM professional book/textbook/reference book	1 st Author	per book	5		
		Subsidiary Author	per book	2		
	Publication of paper/report in recognised professional journal	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			

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<p>3A Self-Directed Learning</p>	<p><u>Self-study</u> Reading of TCM/medical books / recognised professional journals</p> <p>Self-study from audio-visual tapes</p> <p>Online education (without assessment)</p>	<p>Self-Directed Learning</p>	<p>per article</p> <p>Per tape</p> <p>Per online education</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Maximum 10 points per 2 years</p>	<p>TCM Practitioner</p> <p>1. Login to PRS at www.tcmpb.gov.sg using SingPass.</p> <p>2. Submit an “Application for Submission of CPE Claim” under Category 3A and attach the relevant supporting documents.</p>
<p>3B Self-Directed Learning</p>	<p><u>Distance learning</u> Through approved interactive structured CPE courses</p> <p>Online education (with assessment)</p>	<p>Self-Directed Learning</p>	<p>Per module (minimum of 2 hours per module)</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Max 16 points per 2 years</p>	<p>TCM Practitioner</p> <p>1. Login to PRS at www.tcmpb.gov.sg using SingPass.</p> <p>2. Submit an “Application for Submission of CPE Claim” under Category 3B and attach the relevant supporting documents.</p>