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From	Department of Healthcare Professions (DHP), Ministry of Public Health
To	All licensed nurses, pharmacists & allied health professionals in the State of Qatar
Subject	Changes to the National Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Programme Requirements for Nurses, Pharmacists & Allied Health Professionals
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In pursuit of its efforts to support the ongoing professional development of the healthcare workforce, the Department of Healthcare Professions (DHP) has revised the National CPD Program requirements for nurses, pharmacists and allied health professionals.

Effective from the 1st of October 2026, all nurses, pharmacists and allied health professionals, licensed to practise in the State of Qatar, must meet the following National CPD Program requirements to maintain their license to practise:

- **CPD cycle requirement:** Nurses, pharmacists and allied health professionals must complete and document a minimum of forty (40) CPD credits every two years.
- **Annual CPD requirement:** Nurses, pharmacists and allied health professionals must complete and document a minimum of twenty (20) CPD credits during each year of their CPD cycle.
- **Category-specific CPD requirements:** Nurses, pharmacists and allied health professionals must complete and document a minimum of twenty (20) CPD credits in Category 1 and a minimum of twenty (20) CPD credits in Category 2 and/or Category 3 of the National CPD Framework, in any combination, during each two-year CPD cycle.

Accordingly, nurses, pharmacists and allied health professionals are encouraged to plan and complete their CPD activities in accordance with the updated requirements to maintain adherence to and compliance with the National CPD Programme.

It should be noted that the National CPD Programme requirements for physicians and dentists have **not changed and remain as before**.

Updated versions of the National CPD Programme requirements, policies and procedures are available through healthcare practitioners' ePortfolio accounts and on the Resources for Healthcare Practitioners page of the DHP website. Healthcare practitioners may also contact the DHP Accreditation Section by email at <DHP_AS@moph.gov.qa> or by telephone at **+974 44070331** for further enquiries and clarification.

Thank you for your cooperation,

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