



**Circular No. (3B/2020)**

<b>From</b>	Department of Healthcare Professions / Accreditation Section - Ministry of Public Health
<b>To</b>	All CPD Providers in the State of Qatar
<b>Subject</b>	Changes in the Nomenclature Involved in the National CME/CPD Accreditation System
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**This circular is an updated version of Circular No. (3/2020), shared earlier, including important clarifications requested by some CPD providers.**

As per the Amiri Decree No. 14 of the year 2019 and the approved new organizational structure of the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), the Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners (QCHP) has evolved to become a department within the Ministry of Public Health, called the Department of Healthcare Professions (DHP).

The department, therefore, would like to announce the following **changes to the nomenclature used in the CME/CPD accreditation processes:**

- The term 'Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners' and its abbreviation 'QCHP' are not to be used anymore and must be replaced by the term "**Department of Healthcare Professions**" and its abbreviation "**DHP**", respectively.
- The term 'Accreditation Department' and its abbreviation 'AD' are not to be used anymore and must be replaced by the term "**Accreditation Section**" and its abbreviation "**AS**", respectively.
- Where relevant, the logos for QCHP and QCHP-AD must be replaced by the **logo of the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH)**. The use of the MoPH logo must be in line with MoPH branding guidelines. Instructions for ensuring such alignment will be shared with CPD providers.

**Those changes shall apply to all the documents used in the accreditation process**, including the accreditation statement, which should now read,

"This activity is an Accredited ---- (Category --) as defined by the Ministry of Public Health's Department of Healthcare Professions - Accreditation Section and is approved for a maximum of -- hours".



An updated set of National CME/CPD Accreditation system standards, policies, procedures, and forms, reflecting the above changes, will be shared with DHP-accredited CPD providers and will be uploaded, where appropriate, to the DHP website and e-Portfolio.

**All CPD providers are requested to start implementing the above changes** from the time of receiving this circular. Changes should be reflected in all accreditation-related documentation, including all promotional materials and issued certificates of CPD activity participation/attendance.

**Starting from January 1, 2021**, failure to Implement the above changes will be considered a violation of Qatar's National CME/CPD Accreditation Standards.

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**Thank you for your cooperation,**

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