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<b>From</b>	Accreditation Section - Department of Healthcare Professions (DHP-AS) / Ministry of Public Health
<b>To</b>	All Healthcare Practitioners in the State of Qatar
<b>Subject</b>	Participation in CPD Activities Developed Outside the State of Qatar
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In the pursuit of the Department of Healthcare Professions to provide the utmost support for healthcare practitioners in the State of Qatar and to provide guidance for their participation in CPD activities, the DHP-AS has revised and updated its policy "CPD Activities Developed Outside the State of Qatar" and the "Lists of International CPD Accreditation Bodies Recognized By DHP-AS" (attached).

The revised policy shall be **effective from June 1, 2022**. Any non-compliant participation, of healthcare practitioners, in CPD activities developed outside the State of Qatar after this date will not be recognized by DHP-AS.

Healthcare practitioners are encouraged to review the DHP-AS policy "CPD Activities Developed Outside the State of Qatar" and the relevant list of international CPD accreditation bodies recognized by DHP-AS, whenever they plan to participate in CPD activities conducted/broadcasted from outside the State of Qatar.

Healthcare practitioners are also encouraged to communicate with DHP-AS (on [DHP\\_AS@moph.gov.qa](mailto:DHP_AS@moph.gov.qa)) for any queries or recommendations concerning their participation in any CPD activities developed outside the State of Qatar.

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**Thank you for your cooperation,**

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**CPD Activities Developed Outside the State of Qatar**

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<p><b>Validity:</b> This policy is valid until updated, replaced or canceled by the Department of Healthcare Professions-Accreditation Section (DHP-AS). Update, replacement, or cancellation of this policy may occur without prior notice. However, all concerned individuals and parties shall comply with such changes once officially notified by the DHP-AS.</p>				

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## 1. Introduction

All healthcare practitioners are expected to demonstrate their commitment to maintaining their competence and enhancing their performance by participating in continuing professional development (CPD) throughout their careers. The DHP-AS has established a 2-year CPD cycle for all healthcare practitioners registered in the State of Qatar. During the CPD cycle, healthcare practitioners are expected to complete and document, in their CPD e-Portfolios, a minimum of 80 credits, 40 credits of which to be in Category 1 and 40 credits in Category 2 and/or Category 3 (in any combination). Those CPD requirements may be completed by participation in live (face-to-face) or online activities within or outside the state of Qatar. This policy will provide a framework for recognizable healthcare practitioners' participation in CPD activities developed outside the State of Qatar.

## 2. Policy Statement

- 2.1. Healthcare practitioners may participate in Live (face-to-face) group learning activities (that fall under category-1 of the National CME/CPD Framework) or Assessment activities (that fall under category-3 of the National CME/CPD Framework) taking place outside the State of Qatar and get their attained CPD credits recognized by DHP-AS, if the activities are accredited by an international CPD accreditation organization recognized by the DHP-AS.
- 2.2. Healthcare practitioners may participate in Online synchronous group learning activities (that fall under category-1 of the National CME/CPD Framework) or Assessment activities (that fall under category-3 of the National CME/CPD Framework) taking place outside the State of Qatar and get their attained CPD credits recognized by DHP-AS, if the activities are accredited by an international CPD accreditation organization recognized by the DHP-AS.

## 3. Definitions

- 3.1. **CPD Program** is an educational initiative designed by the DHP-AS to support, enhance and promote the lifelong learning of healthcare practitioners.
- 3.2. **CPD Framework** is the organization of continuing professional learning activities recognized by the DHP-AS into three categories: Category 1: Accredited Group Learning Activities, Category 2: Self-Directed Learning Activities and Category 3: Assessment Activities.
- 3.3. **CPD Cycle** is the time period established to complete the minimum CPD credit requirements established by the DHP-AS.
- 3.4. **Category 1** – Accredited group learning activities.
- 3.5. **Category 3** – Assessment activities.

#### 4. Abbreviations

- 4.1. **CPD:** Continuing Professional Development.
- 4.2. **DHP:** Department of Healthcare Professions.
- 4.3. **DHP-AS:** Department of Healthcare Professions Accreditation Section.

#### 5. Scope

This policy applies to all licensed healthcare practitioners in the State of Qatar.

#### 6. Roles/Responsibilities

- 6.1. Licensed healthcare practitioners in the State of Qatar are responsible for fulfilling the annual, category-specific, and 2-year CPD cycle requirements.
- 6.2. Healthcare practitioners must document all completed CPD activities in the DHP-AS CPD e-Portfolio, and upload, to the CPD e-Portfolio, all required supporting documentation as defined in the CPD Framework table for individual CPD activities.
- 6.3. The DHP-AS identifies and maintains a list of approved international CPD accreditation organizations.
- 6.4. The DHP-AS advises healthcare practitioners on whether CPD activities developed by international CPD accreditation organizations can be recorded for credit within the CPD e-Portfolio within Category 1 or Category 3.
- 6.5. Any changes or exceptions to this policy will be managed by the DHP-AS.

#### 7. Procedures/Guidelines

- 7.1. Group Learning (Category 1) and accredited assessment (category 3) CPD Activities developed (conducted or broadcasted from) within the State of Qatar must be accredited by DHP-AS, regardless of any other accreditations, to be recognized by DHP-AS.
- 7.2. The DHP-AS will develop, maintain, and update lists of international CPD accreditation organizations, recognized by the DHP-AS, for accreditation of live (**List-A**) and online synchronous (**List-B**) group learning and assessment CPD activities developed outside the State of Qatar. The full lists (**Attachment 1**) shall be regularly updated, and the updated versions shall be made available and on [dhp.moph.gov.qa](http://dhp.moph.gov.qa).
- 7.3. Live (Face-to-Face) group learning or assessment CPD activities conducted outside the State of Qatar can be recognized by the DHP-AS and accepted for credit recording, within healthcare practitioners' e-portfolios, if **ALL of the following requirements are fulfilled:**

7.3.1. The activity type is one of the group learning (category-1) or accredited assessment (category-3) activity types included in the National CME/CPD Framework.

7.3.2. The activity is accredited by one of the international CPD accreditation organizations recognized by the DHP-AS for accreditation of live group learning or assessment CPD activities (**list-A**).

7.3.3. The activity is conducted outside the State of Qatar and within the same country/jurisdiction of the accrediting organization (i.e., activities accredited by an international accreditation body from a country other than that where the activity took place will not be recognized, even if the accreditation body is one of those recognized by DHP-AS).

7.4. Online synchronous group learning or assessment CPD activities broadcasted from outside the State of Qatar can be recognized by the DHP-AS and accepted for credit recording, within healthcare practitioners' e-portfolios, if **ALL of the following requirements are fulfilled:**

7.4.1. The activity type is one of the group learning (category-1) or accredited assessment (category-3) activity types included in the National CME/CPD Framework.

7.4.2. The activity is accredited by one of the international CPD accreditation organizations recognized by the DHP-AS for accreditation of online synchronous group learning or assessment CPD activities (**list-B**).

7.4.3. The activity is developed and broadcasted from outside the State of Qatar and within the same country/jurisdiction of the accrediting organization (i.e., activities accredited by an international accreditation body from a country other than that where the activity took place will not be recognized, even if the accreditation body is one of those recognized by DHP-AS).

## 8. Flowcharts

N/A

## 9. References and Sources for Further Reading

N/A

## 10. Related Policies

10.1. CPD Calculator Policy (MOPHDHPASCPD001)

10.2. CPD Cycle Policy (MOPHDHPASCPD002)

10.3. CPD Recording Policy (MOPHDHPASCPD005)

**11. Governing Law or Regulations**

11.1. Amiri Decree No. 14 of the Year 2019.

**12. Attachments/Appendices**

12.1. Lists of International CPD Accreditation Bodies Recognized By DHP-AS



## **Attachment 1: Lists of International CPD Accreditation Bodies Recognized By DHP-AS**

The purpose of this document is to list the accreditation bodies recognized by the Accreditation Section of the Department of Healthcare Professions (DHP-AS) for accrediting group learning and assessment Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activities that take place outside the State of Qatar.

The document contains two lists; **List (A)**, which includes the accreditation bodies recognized for accrediting live (face-to-face) group learning and assessment CPD activities; and **List (B)**, which includes the accreditation bodies recognized for accrediting online synchronous group learning and assessment CPD activities.

Accreditation bodies that are included in **List (A)** but **NOT** in **List (B)** **ARE NOT RECOGNIZED FOR ACCREDITATION OF ONLINE SYNCHRONOUS** group learning and assessment CPD activities.

The lists are **not meant to be static** and are being **regularly reviewed and updated** based on international agreements made by DHP-AS and recommendations made by DHP stakeholders. Healthcare practitioners, therefore, should **review the most updated and relevant list** of DHP-AS-recognized international accreditation bodies (on [dhp.moph.gov.qa](http://dhp.moph.gov.qa)) whenever they plan to participate in a CPD activity developed outside the State of Qatar. In addition, healthcare practitioners **must review and comply with the DHP-AS policy “CPD Activities Developed Outside the State of Qatar”** in order to ensure recognition of CPD credits gained from participation in such activities.

Healthcare practitioners are also encouraged to communicate with DHP-AS (on [DHP\\_AS@moph.gov.qa](mailto:DHP_AS@moph.gov.qa)) for any queries or recommendations concerning these lists.

### **List (A): International CPD Accreditation Bodies Recognized by DHP-AS for Accrediting Live (Face-to-Face) Group Learning and Assessment Activities**

#### **1. International CPD Accreditation Bodies in North America**

- 1.1. The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), USA.
- 1.2. Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education, USA.
- 1.3. The American Psychological Association (APA).
- 1.4. The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).
- 1.5. The American Medical Association (AMA).
- 1.6. The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEPs).
- 1.7. The American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM)
- 1.8. The American Society of Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS) - Professional Acknowledgment for Continuing Education (P.A.C.E.).
- 1.9. The American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).
- 1.10. The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).
- 1.11. The American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM).
- 1.12. The National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP), USA.



- 1.13. The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), USA.
- 1.14. The American Dental Association Continuing Education Recognition Program (ADA CERP).
- 1.15. The Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE), USA.
- 1.16. The American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion.
- 1.17. The American Association for Respiratory Care-The Continuing Respiratory Care Education (AARC-CRCE).
- 1.18. The Commission on Accreditation of Pre-Hospital Continuing Education (CAPCE), USA.
- 1.19. The American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA).
- 1.20. The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT).
- 1.21. The American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) and the Alliance for Physician Certification & Advancement (APCA).
- 1.22. The Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR), USA.
- 1.23. Providers of Approved Continuing Education (PACE) program of the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB), USA.
- 1.24. The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC).
- 1.25. The Committee on Accreditation of Continuing Medical Education, Canada.
- 1.26. The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC).
- 1.27. The Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists (CSRT).
- 1.28. The Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT) - Continuing Education Credit Approval Program (CECAP).
- 1.29. The Canadian Council on Continuing Education in Pharmacy (CCCEP).
- 1.30. The Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario (RCDSO), Canada.
- 1.31. Sonography Canada.

## **2. International CPD Accreditation Bodies in Europe**

- 2.1. The Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK.
- 2.2. The Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP), UK.
- 2.3. The Royal College of Surgeons (RCS), UK.
- 2.4. The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG), UK.
- 2.5. The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH), UK.
- 2.6. The Royal College of Psychiatrists (RCPsych), UK.
- 2.7. The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR), UK.
- 2.8. The Royal College of Pathologists (RCPath), UK.
- 2.9. The Royal College of Anaesthetists, UK -The Anaesthesia Clinical Services Accreditation (ACSA).
- 2.10. The Royal College of Emergency Medicine (RCEM), UK.
- 2.11. The Royal College of Nursing (RCN), UK.
- 2.12. The Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS), UK.
- 2.13. The British Psychological Society (BPS).
- 2.14. The British & Irish Orthoptic Society (BIOS).
- 2.15. The British Society of Dental Hygiene & Therapy (BSDHT).
- 2.16. The Faculty of Occupational Medicine (FOM), UK.
- 2.17. The CPD Certification Service, UK.

- 2.18. The Irish College of General Practitioners (ICGP).
- 2.19. The European Union of Medical Specialists-The European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (UEMS-EACCME).
- 2.20. The European Board for Accreditation in Cardiology (EBAC).
- 2.21. The European Board for Accreditation in Hematology (EBAH).
- 2.22. The European Academy of Chiropractic (EAC).
- 2.23. The Turkish Medical Association (TMA).
- 2.24. The Federation of the German Chambers of Physicians.
- 2.25. The Federal Dental Association (BZÄK), Germany.
- 2.26. The German Society of Dental, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (DGZMK).
- 2.27. The Federal Association of Statutory Health Insurance Dentists (KZBV), Germany.

### **3. International CPD Accreditation Bodies in Australia and New Zealand**

- 3.1. The Australian Medical Council (AMC).
- 3.2. The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP).
- 3.3. The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS).
- 3.4. The Royal Australasian College of General Practitioners (RACGP).
- 3.5. The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG).
- 3.6. The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists.
- 3.7. The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR).
- 3.8. The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP).
- 3.9. The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners.
- 3.10. The Royal New Zealand College of Urgent Care.
- 3.11. The Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM).
- 3.12. The Australasian College of Dermatologists.
- 3.13. The College of Intensive Care Medicine of Australia and New Zealand.
- 3.14. The Australian Pharmacy Council (APC).
- 3.15. The Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand (PSNZ).
- 3.16. The Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA).

### **4. International CPD Accreditation Bodies in Asia**

- 4.1. The Singapore Medical Council (SMC).
- 4.2. The Nursing Council of Hong Kong.
- 4.3. The Medical Council of Hong Kong.
- 4.4. Hong Kong Doctors Union.
- 4.5. Hong Kong Medical Association.
- 4.6. The Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM).
- 4.7. The Malaysian Medical Council (MMC).
- 4.8. The Indonesian Medical Association (IMA).
- 4.9. The National CME Commission of the National Health and Family Planning Commission - Public Republic of China.
- 4.10. The National Medical Commission (NMC) of India (FKA, the Medical Council of India (MCI)).

- 4.11. Indian State Medical Councils (SMCs) (e.g., Delhi Medical Council, Maharashtra Medical Council, etc.).
- 4.12. The Indian Dental Association (IDA) - Accredited Council for Continuing Dental Education (ACCDE).
- 4.13. The Indian Nursing Council.
- 4.14. The Optometry Council of India (OCI).
- 4.15. The Philippine Medical Association (PMA).
- 4.16. Councils (e.g., of nursing) of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) - The Republic of the Philippines.
- 4.17. Oman Medical Specialty Board (OMSB).
- 4.18. Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialization (KIMS).
- 4.19. The National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA), Bahrain.
- 4.20. The Ministry of Health and Prevention, United Arab Emirates.
- 4.21. The Department of Health (DOH), Abu Dhabi.
- 4.22. Dubai Health Authority (DHA).
- 4.23. Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, United Arab Emirates University.
- 4.24. Saudi Commission for Health Specialties.
- 4.25. The Jordan Medical Council (JMC).

## **5. International CPD Accreditation Bodies in Africa**

- 5.1. The Compulsory Egyptian Medical Training Authority (CEMTA).
- 5.2. The Egyptian Association for Continuing Medical Education Development (EACMED).
- 5.3. The Sudan Medical Council (SMC) - Sudan Continuing Medical Education Committee (SCMEC).
- 5.4. The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA).

## **List (B): International CPD Accreditation Bodies Recognized by DHP-AS for Accrediting Online Synchronous Group Learning and Assessment Activities.**

### **1. International CPD Accreditation Bodies in North America**

- 1.1. The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), USA.
- 1.2. Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education, USA.
- 1.3. The American Psychological Association (APA).
- 1.4. The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).
- 1.5. The American Medical Association (AMA).
- 1.6. The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEPs).
- 1.7. The American Society of Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS) - Professional Acknowledgment for Continuing Education (P.A.C.E.).
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- 1.18. The American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA).
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- 1.21. The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC).
- 1.22. The Committee on Accreditation of Continuing Medical Education, Canada.
- 1.23. The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC).
- 1.24. The Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists (CSRT).
- 1.25. The Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT) - Continuing Education Credit Approval Program (CECAP).
- 1.26. The Canadian Council on Continuing Education in Pharmacy (CCCEP).
- 1.27. The Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario (RCDSO), Canada.

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- 2.8. The European Board for Accreditation in Hematology (EBAH).
- 2.9. The Turkish Medical Association (TMA).
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