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South Africa

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Media statement by the Health Professions Council of SA

Contrary to some recent media reports, the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) has not scrapped the CPD point system.

The HPCSA recently announced that the current CPD programme in its entirety will be reconfigured to ensure that the objective of CPD, i.e. the enhancement of health practitioners' skills and knowledge, is achieved. In other words, the programme needs to establish whether we are improving the skills and knowledge of our practitioners through the existing system or whether we are placing more emphasis on the accumulation of points. By not evaluating the knowledge gained or skills acquired from certain activities we can not measure whether we achieve the overall objective of Continuing Professional Development. The reconfigured CPD system will address this shortcoming. You might ask what happens in the meantime – the *status quo* remains. **All practitioners registered under Boards, which are following compulsory programmes, have to continue attending CPD activities.** Council maintains that CPD is not only a statutory but also an ethical obligation of practitioners. Practitioners are urged to continue with their life-long learning process and keep their portfolios until further notice.

Council wishes to apologise most sincerely to its practitioners for the administrative and IT shortcomings of the current system and would like to ensure practitioners that the reconfigured system would be logistically sound and the viability will be investigated in detail prior to its implementation.

To investigate possible options two task teams have been appointed by the CPD Committee. The CPD Committee will also consult with the various stakeholders prior to implementation. The CPD Committee appointed will work through some of the current issues and look at some of the developments in CPD systems used elsewhere in finally making a recommendation in terms of what the new system should look like.

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