

# CPD Points for APC renewal – A DILEMMA



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**W**hat is expected... that should be made available to all Registered Medical Practitioners in Malaysia? The MMA has designed an efficient and user-friendly layout by means of a MOBILE APPS that is practical, uncomplicated, manageable and available to all registered medical practitioners be it members or non-members, specialists or non-specialists. Nonetheless, there seems to be great hostility to MMA being that body to provide that service of assistance that will be proficient and effortless and be beneficial in totality.

Since the Medical (amendment) Act 2012 came into force on 1 July 2017, there has been considerable confusion as there have been many rumours disseminating on the many requirements for accumulation of CPD points for APC renewal by the Malaysian Medical Council. Please be informed that the CPD points accrued is only for that CPD year that is 1 July to 30 June. No points may be carried forward or backwards. The points will be reset to zero every CPD year.

Those who attend overseas meetings or online modules not registered by MMA should use the ADHOC provision in the mobile apps. A copy of the programme and certificate of attendance will have to be sent to MMA, which will then be verified by our CPD Committee and points awarded. Subsequently, the CPD staff shall update in the apps. No local programmes/events may be uploaded to the ADHOC section. All local programmes must be through a registered provider and points awarded by MMA CPD Committee.

We have very senior and experienced CPD Committee Members from various disciplines who are dedicated, proficient and knowledgeable. All CPD providers to be and events are scrutinised thoroughly by the committee and approvals and points accorded. Regular meetings are held by the committee to improve the CPD status in MMA. In collaboration, we have the IT technical committee with our IT person in charge who attends to the mobile apps and other software issues. In MMA we strive to do the best in the interest of our profession.

The three coordinators for APC renewal and NSR are the Malaysian Medical Association for all Non-specialists, the Academy of Medicine Malaysia for Specialists and the MyCPD for all those in the Ministry of Health (MOH). Time and again there are questions like "I am not a member"? Despite having publicised that, it is for all registered medical practitioners and moreover this service is being provided at no expense to all the RMPs. Many have asked me why MMA is giving it complimentary, especially after having spent and still spending an exorbitant sum. The answer is simple "CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY".



*Technical Committee CPD Meeting on 17 July 2017*



*Mesyuarat JK Pengurusan CPD on 27 July 2017*



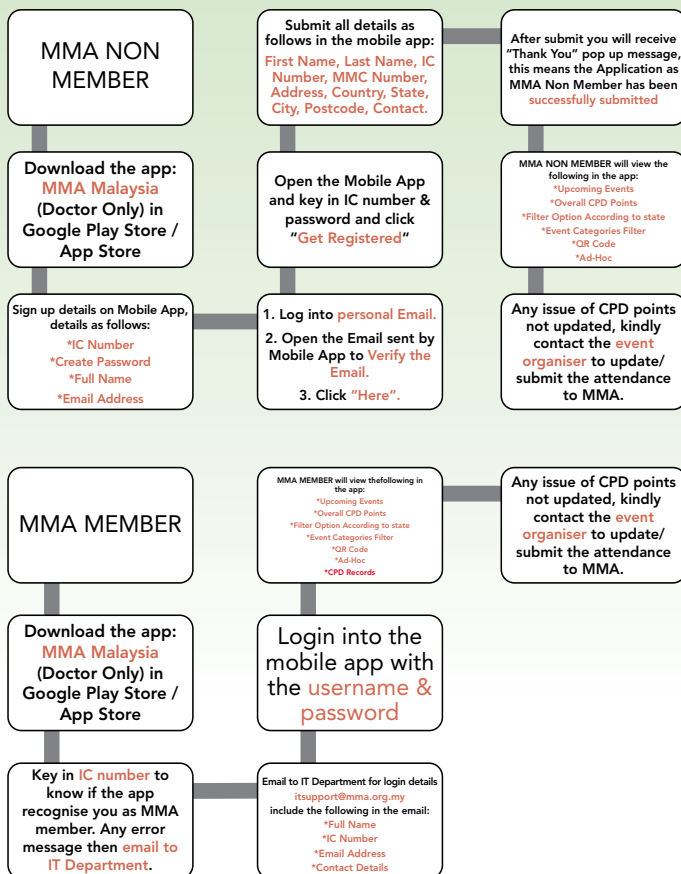
*Meeting with Academy of Medicine Malaysia, Malaysian Medical Association and MyCPD on 14 February 2018*



*Meeting JK Pengurusan CPD on 3 October 2017*

Since 2015, Dr Hooi Lai Ngoh and I have been attending the Technical meetings of MyCPD Versi 2.0 at MOH where we requested for a link with MyCPD but were told off that there were insufficient funds. Instead now

they are insisting that MMA should link with MyCPD and Academy of Medicine Malaysia. At the last meeting in MMC we from MMA have willingly and gladly agreed to link. The MOH has agreed but must establish the financial implications but Academy is still very resistant to MMA linking with AMM. Therefore, once we are linked with MyCPD, all MOH doctors can use the MMA mobile apps which will be linked to the MyCPD and the points accrued will directly be available in My CPD. There will be no need for the doctor to upload to MyCPD again.



Mobile Apps:

## How to become a CPD Provider with MMA?

- Kindly note that the system has commenced from 01/07/2017.
- Please enter your event detail(s) online and adhere to our procedure and submit by means of the system punctually for all future events organised by your company.
- Please submit complete company information and upload details of your company profile in PDF format upon registration online.
- The attendance/registration forms will need to be entered into the system by the provider/organiser manually **OR** kindly download the Mobile Apps "MMA SCANNER" to scan the Doctor's attendance using the QR code in the doctors' Mobile Apps.
- Please forward the **ATTENDANCE** sheet electronically not later than 7 working days, so doctors can view their CPD points.

- Based on our SOP all event submission must be concluded one month before the event for verification, approval and awarding of CPD points by our CPD committee.
- Please note that applications via email or courier will no longer be accepted.

## Please be informed that all CME/CPD Events management by providers should be:

1. By Doctors for Doctors
2. The applicant (person in charge) as CPD/CME provider should be a Doctor
3. Details of staff handling CPD program must be included as well (name, contact number & email)

Once accepted as a provider, only then will events be accepted for verification and approval for CPD points by the CPD Committee.

## CME EVENTS / TALKS/ PROGRAMME WHICH WILL BE REJECTED

Kindly note that providers are strictly not allowed to submit applications regarding events organised by pharma companies and medical device companies.

Those not allowed to be providers may submit their applications for events through the various MMA branches.

For further clarification, please contact cpd@mma.org.my.

## CRITERIA AS PROVIDER

Kindly note the criteria to apply to be a CPD Provider is as follows:

1. Providers must apply to MMA for registration and all applications will be vetted by the MMA CPD committee.
2. The details required to be submitted are: name, address, email address, contact number, strength of membership, type of CPD activity and mode of dissemination of information.
3. Audience for the CPD activities must be doctors.
4. Provider organisation must be run by doctors.
5. Pharmaceutical companies and device companies will not be considered for registration.

Kindly click on either one of the following links to fill the details/register through the system:

- <http://registercpdprovider.mma.org.my/>

**OR**

- [http://membership.mma.org.my/jw/web/userview/mma\\_cpd/cpd/\\_cpdp\\_reg](http://membership.mma.org.my/jw/web/userview/mma_cpd/cpd/_cpdp_reg)

If there are any problems registering the event using the above guidelines, kindly contact us for further clarification at cpd@mma.org.my

For those who are not tech savvy, fret not as we will make sure that you will not be neglected. The manual approach is still available for those who need it. Like I have mentioned earlier, we will make it as convenient and favourable to all concerned.