

ADJUSTMENTS TO COMPULSORY CME REQUIREMENTS

In view of the cancellation/postponement of many CME events since March 2003 by CME Providers due to the current SARS outbreak, doctors have expressed concerns that they will not be able to meet the compulsory CME requirements for renewal of their practising certificates (PC) in 2005.

The SMC has made some adjustments to the compulsory CME requirements for fully and conditionally registered medical practitioners.

Currently, doctors are allowed to earn up to 10 CME points within a 2-year qualifying period, or 5 CME points within a 1-year qualifying period, through self study activities (Category 3A), such as the reading of articles from accredited medical journals and clinical practice guidelines.

With immediate effect, doctors will be allowed to earn up to 20 CME points through self-study activities under Category 3A for calendar year 2003. Therefore, doctors whose CME qualifying period is from 1 Jan 2003 to 31 Dec 2004 may earn up to 25 points (20 for 2003, 5 for 2004) from self-study activities out of the required total of 50 points.

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