

The MMC-CPD Grading System (effective 1st July 2026)

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) involves not only educational activities to enhance medical competence in medical knowledge and skills, but also in administrative and managerial skills, team building abilities, leadership qualities, and communication and interpersonal skills, which are essential for evolving changes in the delivery of medical services.

CPD includes all activities that doctors undertake, formally and informally, in order to maintain, update, develop and enhance their knowledge, skills, and attitudes in response to the needs of their patients. CPD is inclusive of formal learning activities (e.g, attending seminars, lectures, courses, conferences, workshops) and informal learning relevant to the role and scope of practice (e.g, reflection on practice, reading journals, work-based learning, scholarly activities, journal clubs, self-directed learning).

The revised 2026 MMC-CPD Grading System aims to categorise CPD activities into 5 main domains. Doctors are encouraged to demonstrate a mixture of learning activities relevant to current or future practice.

A. Formal educational activities

Formal educational activities (physical or online) which include participation in activities related to medical practice to update knowledge and skills, such as attending lectures, seminars, scientific meetings, conferences, workshops, and skills training. These include activities organised by CPD providers for own institution. Undergraduate and postgraduate curriculum and clinical attachments do not accrue CPD points. Organising committee can claim CPD points under Category C.

B. Work-based learning

Work-based learning is professional development that takes place within the work environment in the medical practitioner's primary role or job description. Work-based learning includes learning activities and development opportunities such as journal club meetings, audits, morbidity and mortality meetings, interdepartmental meetings, grand ward rounds as well as programmes organised by the workplace or work-related departments. Each session should be a minimum of 1 hour. Hands-on workshops and full day seminars can be considered under the A2 category.

C. Scholarly activities

Scholarly activity is work that enhances educational development and includes, discovery of new knowledge skills and technology. It also includes dissemination of knowledge, external supervision of training and participation in assessments. Any activity that is part of your routine duties should not be eligible for CPD points.

D. Self-directed learning

Self-directed learning takes place when the individual takes the initiative in diagnosing learning needs, formulating learning goals, designing learning experiences, identifying and using available resources, and evaluating learning outcomes using non-repetitive modules. Self-directed learning includes completing online learning modules e.g. MMA Online Modules, MIMS, Docquity etc.

E. Professional activities

Professional activities involve participation in activities that apply scientific expertise for the benefit of the wider community and activities that support professional development such as participating in the activities of a professional bodies, and learned societies, leadership role in medical societies and NGOs, serving in international, national, state and institutional level committees. Institutional level committees are committees that represent the institution at the hospital or university or faculty level. Participation in professionalism–enhancing training programmes such as leadership, management, and communication skills also fall under this category.

Category	CPD Activity		CPD Points allocated	Evidence
A	FORMAL EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES			
A1	Scientific meetings or conferences			
	a.	One full day**	8 points	Certificate of attendance to be issued by CPD Provider
	b.	One and a half days	12 points	
	c.	Two full days	16 points	
	d.	More than two days	20 points (max)	
A2	Seminars or Workshops or Courses or Skill Courses			
	a.	Half day*	4 points	Certificate of participation or documentation from activity supervisor or CPD provider
	b.	One full day**	8 points	
	c.	Two full days	16 points	
	d.	More than two days	20 points (max)	
B	WORK BASED LEARNING			
B1	Work related activities – Primary Workplace or Local Organiser			
	a.	Hospital or department CME or Journal Club Meeting or Online case discussions	1 point/session	Certificate of participation or documentation from activity supervisor or CPD provider
	b.	Inter-department clinical meeting (e.g. MDAC or MDT) or epidemiological review or Small group case discussions	1 point/session	
B2	Quality Improvement or Assurance Activities – Primary Workplace or Local Organiser			
	a.	Morbidity and mortality reviews – Clinic, Department or Hospital	1 point/session	Certificate of participation from activity supervisor or provider
	b.	Audit meetings or accreditation exercise or quality assurance (QA) activities – Clinic, Department or Hospital	1 point/session	
	c.	Formal grand ward rounds	1 point/session	
B3	Quality Improvement or Assurance Activities– District or Cluster or State or National or International			
	a.	External CME (physical or online)	1 point/activity	Certificate of participation from activity supervisor or provider
	b.	Clinical related or quality assurance (QA) activities	4 points/activity	
	c.	Morbidity and mortality reviews – State or National or International	4 points/activity	
C	SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES			
C1	Training or Presentation			
	a.	Organising chairperson or committee member for a scientific meeting, workshop, or conference	5 points/activity	Certificate of appreciation, letter of participation from event organizer
	b.	External examiner for all professional undergraduate examinations	5 points/activity	
	c.	All examiners for postgraduate examinations	5 points/activity	

	d.	External or invited trainer or facilitator for a workshop	5 points/activity	Certificate of appreciation, letter of participation from event organiser
	e.	Presentation of lectures or oral papers or posters at scientific meetings or plenary or keynote lecture	5 points/activity	
	f.	Presentation at other hospital or departmental meetings and external lecture or topic seminar	5 points/activity	
C2	Research or Publication			
	a.	Principal or co-investigator in a clinical trial or research or special taskforce or publication	5 points/activity	Citation for publication(s) certificate of appreciation or letter of participation
	b.	Author of a published journal article	5 points/activity	
	c.	Author of a textbook or book chapter	5 points/activity	
	d.	Chief editor or member of a journal editorial board	5 points/activity	
	e.	Reviewer of a journal article or textbook	5 points/article/textbook	
	f.	External supervisor for postgraduate research project	5 points/appointment	
	g.	External reviewer or examiner of research thesis	5 points/appointment	
	h.	Preparation of reports, member of reports committee e.g. technical reports, working papers etc.	5 points/activity	
	i.	Member of clinical guidelines or consensus guidelines (national or international)	5 points/activity	
D	SELF DIRECTED LEARNING			
	a.	Medical-based online modules	1 point/session	Certificate of Completion
E	PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (maximum 5 claimable points per CPD Cycle)			
E1	Leadership role			
	a.	Organisational leadership role in registered medical societies or institution (executive committee member, council member, committee member) at international, national, or state level.	5 points/appointment	Letter or documentation on appointment
	b.	Organisational leadership role in registered medical societies or institution (EXCO member, council member, committee member, head of department) at institutional, or department level	3 points/appointment	Letter or documentation on appointment

E2	Professionalism–enhancing courses			
	e.g. IT courses, business management, administrative skills, leadership skills, financial courses, communication skill, self-motivation			
	a.	Half day*	1 point	Certificate of attendance or documentation from provider
	b.	One Full day**	2 points	
	c.	Two full days	4 points	
d.	More than two days	5 points		
E3	Participation in community activities			
	a.	Half day*	1 point	Certificate of attendance or documentation from provider
	b.	One Full day**	2 points	
	c.	Two full days	4 points	
	d.	More than two days	5 points	
E4	Innovation or quality project award		5 points	Certificate of innovation award

* Half day constitutes a minimum of 3 hours

** One full day constitutes a minimum of 5 hours

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