

# CPD Credit Point System

Participation in CPD activity will be linked to a credit point system. Credit points will be accumulated from each activity the participant attended or was involved in as speaker, moderator, or facilitator. Depending on the specialty, all health care providers have a minimum set of credit point requirement to maintain their CPD as outlined in Table 1 from category I & II.

There are specific numbers of credit point requirements for each specialty:

- Participants must have a minimum credit points from Category I and II within each **year**.
- Participants must have a minimum credit points from Category I and II within each **cycle** (3 years).
- Participants must fulfill both of the above requirements in order to satisfy the OMSB-CPD guidelines.

***OMSB-CPD Credit Point System is based on a 3-year cycle. Participants are required for a minimum of credit points from Category I and Category II.***

## OMSB-CPD Program

When health care professionals register into the OMSB-CPD program, they are automatically registered into a CPD cycle. Each program is based on a 3 year cycle starting from the year 2013.

At the end of cycle, participants will receive a certificate of completion from the OMSB-CPD program. At any time, a print of status report can be obtained from the CPD website.

## OMSB-CPD program credit point requirements for health care professionals in Oman

Health Care Professionals	Number of CPD per year	Length of each cycle	Number of CPD credits/cycle	Minimum number of total CPD credits/cycle
Physicians	25 Category I 15 Category II	3 years	75 Category I 45 Category II	120
Dentists	25 Category I 15 Category II	3 years	75 Category I 45 Category II	120
Pharmacists	20 Category I 10 Category II	3 years	60 Category I 30 Category II	90
Nurses	15 Category I 5 Category II	3 years	45 Category I 15 Category II	60
Allied health professionals	12 Category I 8 Category II	3 years	36 Category I 24 Category II	60
Technicians	6 Category I 4 Category II	3 years	18 Category I 12 Category II	30

**Allied health care professionals** include assistant pharmacist, radiographer, physiotherapist, occupational therapist.

**Technicians** include laboratory technicians, other technical staff, medical/ health assistants, paramedical staff and other support staff.

Medical records personnel, IT technicians, engineers, medical orderlies, health administrators and finance personnel are not included within in the scope of OMSB CPD program. However, the OMSB values the importance of maintaining their continuing professional development.



# CATEGORY I

There is a *minimum* number of credits that can be claimed for Category I for each year and for each cycle as shown in Table 3.

Participants are encouraged to participate in as many activities as possible as there is no *maximum* number of credits that they can claim for Category I.

If participants claim for more credits than what is required for in a year, the extra credits will be included in the current cycle only, but cannot be carried forward into the next cycle.



**Table 3: Minimum number of credit points for Category I according to profession**

Health Care Professionals	Number of CPD credits/year	Number of CPD credits/cycle	Length of each cycle
Physicians	25	75	3 years
Dentists	25	75	3 years
Pharmacists	20	60	3 years
Nurses and Midwives	15	45	3 years
Allied health professionals	12	36	3 years
Technicians	6	18	3 years

## CATEGORY 2

There is a *minimum* number of credits that can be claimed for Category II for each year and for each cycle as shown in Table 4.

Participants are encouraged to participate in as many activities as possible as there is no *maximum* number of credits that they can claim for Category II.

If participants claim for more credits than what is required for in a year, the extra credits will be included in the current cycle only, but cannot be carried forward into the next cycle.



Table 4: Minimum number of credit points for Category II according to profession

Health Care Professionals	Number of CPD credits/year	Number of CPD credits/cycle	Length of each cycle
Physicians	15	45	3 years
Dentists	15	45	3 years
Pharmacists	10	30	3 years
Nurses and Midwives	5	15	3 years
Allied health professionals	8	24	3 years
Technicians	4	12	3 years