



SAPC e-Note



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Dear Pharmacist,

According to Section 9(g) of the Guidance document for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for persons registered with the South African Pharmacy Council (CPD guidance document), Council may determine and prescribe the grace period for compliance with CPD requirements. On 13 December 2024, Council published an amendment to Section 9(g) of the CPD guidance document amending the grace period from “**30 April**” to “**the last day of February** (i.e. 28 or 29 February)” each year in [Board Notice 706 of 2024](#) for implementation. This means that the grace period to comply with 2024 CPD requirements will end on **28 February 2025**.

Failure to comply with CPD requirements will result in your name being designated as non-practising in the register of Council. The implication of a change in designation to non-practising is that you will no longer be entitled to practice as a pharmacist or be permitted to perform any act which you in your capacity as a registered pharmacist were entitled to perform.

If you are a Responsible Pharmacist or Tutor, disciplinary action may be instituted against you, and this may also place your registration as a Responsible Pharmacist and/or a Tutor in jeopardy.

You are encouraged to submit your CPD entries early to avoid system-related challenges and errors associated with the last-minute CPD submission rush due to a substantial increase in the number of pharmacists submitting CPD entries on the last day of the grace period.

If you have already submitted at least 6 CPD entries for 2024, kindly disregard this communication.

Please feel free to contact us contact us on 0861 7272 00 or email pharmacistcpd@sapc.za.org should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,
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