

Maharashtra Council Of Indian Medicine: New Policy for CPDs / Credit Points

P Introduction and Background of the Scheme

Ayurveda & Unani offers a wide range of holistic treatments covering preventive, promotive, curative, rehabilitative, and rejuvenatory needs.

These systems of medicine are generally cost-effective and valuable and attracting increasing attention globally. AYUSH systems of medicine are being used for centuries and have continuous traditions of acceptance and practice. There is a need for spreading the knowledge; benefits of AYUSH system of medicines to the large section of the peoples across the globe.

The Ministry of Ayush has introduced schemes for the promotion of AYUSH's education and Research. "AYURGYAN Scheme" to support Education, Research under which importance of continuous professional development has been emphasized

Medical Science is dynamic and it is essential for doctors to stay updated with advances in medicine, emphasizing the concept of Continuing Professional Development (CPD). The importance of credit hours and knowledge updates has been globally accepted, ensuring that doctors provide the best possible care to patients.

National commission for Indian system of medicine, vide Notification dated 28.12.2023 has introduced concept of continuous professional development and stating that:

Continuous Medical Education (CME) credit points are allocated to practitioners for attending CME programs, including conferences, seminars, workshops, hands-on training, or publication in peer-reviewed journals indexed in Scopus and Web of Science, or for having a registered patent in their name related to subjects of the Indian System of Medicine or subjects pre-approved by the Commission, Board, and State Councils.

P Online Continuing Medical Education (CME) Credit Points

Online Continuing Medical Education (CME) programs are essential for keeping medical professionals updated with the latest advancements in medical science. The Maharashtra Council Of Indian Medicine (MCIM) recognizes the importance of online CME and has established guidelines for awarding credit points to ensure quality and relevance.

Guidelines for online CME credit points through MCIM-affiliated platform

1. Residency criteria:

- ⇒ National commission for Indian system of medicine, section 7 vide Notification dated 28.12.2023 has informed that:
“A Practitioner shall not be eligible for the renewal of his registration unless he has secured not less than fifty credit points of Continuous Medical Education, within a period of five years before each renewal of his registration.”
- ⇒ RMP's registered under MCIM need to earn minimum 30 out of 50 of their total required credit points (up to 100%) through the MCIM -affiliated online CME platform in a five-year cycle (maximum 50 points in five years).

2. Login Process:

- ⇒ RMP's need to go to MCIM website for the link to the MCIM-affiliated platform.
- ⇒ RMP's will go to the MCIM-affiliated platform and login with their medical registration ID.
- ⇒ Post login RMP will be able to access CME content to earn credit points.

3. CME certificate and credit points allocation:

- ⇒ Certificates should be awarded only after successful completion of the CME program and post approval by MCIM.
- ⇒ Credit points will be directly deposited into the participant's MCIM registration record, visible on the MCIM-affiliated platform.

4. Credit Points Calculation through the MCIM-affiliated CME platform:

- ⇒ 0.5 credit points for watching the online CME video of 15 to 30 minutes.
- ⇒ 1 credit point for watching the online CME video of 30 to 60 minutes.