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To All Registered Architects

UPDATE ON CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) REQUIREMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2021

With the gradual relaxation of restrictions on events as our nation moves toward Phase 3 of the Circuit Breaker, we would like to update our architects on the revised continuing professional development (CPD) requirements for the year 2021.

CPD Requirements for Year 2021

In April 2020, BOA announced a one-off special waiver of the CPD requirements for the year 2020 to help the fraternity tide over the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of our continued efforts to support our architects in this difficult time, we would like to announce that the CPD requirements will be halved in the year 2021. Please refer to the table below for more information.

Age Range	Points required for renewal	
	Original	2021
Below 60	20	10
Between 60 to 70	15	8
70 and above	10	5

Allocation of CPD points for courses & seminars

The waiver of CPD points and courses will be extended to 30 Jun 2021. However, to encourage the architects to continue to upgrade themselves and keep up to date with the regulatory requirements, BOA will work with the Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA) to award CPD points only for selected core courses to be held in the first half of 2021, i.e. from 1 Jan 2021 to 30 Jun 2021.

These core courses include those organized by the building regulatory bodies such as the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) and Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) regarding regulatory changes which have an impact on practice.

We will also continue to work with SIA to resume the accreditation of all courses (both core and non-core courses) in the second half of 2021, i.e. from 1 Jul 2021 onwards.

We strongly encourage all architects to continue to attend CPD courses and seminars to upgrade themselves and gain valuable knowledge to help them cope with the changes in the workplaces and industry brought about by the pandemic.

Yours sincerely



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Appendix A - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

i) What will happen to the excess CPD points which I have accumulated in 2019 and prior to April 2020?

Architects will be allowed to carry forward any excess CPD points which they have accumulated in 2019 and prior to the announcement of the waiver in April 2020 (between 1 Jan 2020 to 31 Mar 2020) to the year 2021.

Architects can use the excess CPD points which they have accumulated in 2019 and early 2020 to meet the CPD requirement for the renewal in 2022.

ii) I have a shortfall of CPD points in 2019 and am not able to make up for the outstanding points in 2020 due to the cancellation of CPD courses and in view that no CPD point was awarded from April 2020 onwards. Can I make up for the shortfall in 2021?

The outstanding CPD points that the architects owe for their renewal in the previous years will be carried forward to 2021.

Architects are required to attend courses in 2021 to accumulate CPD points to make up for the shortfall of points in order to be eligible to apply for the renewal in 2022.

iii) Am I eligible for the one-off CPD point waiver in 2020 if I do not have a valid practising certificate (PC) in 2020?

Architects who do not have a valid PC in 2020 are not eligible for the waiver of CPD points for 2020 which was announced in April 2020. The special waiver is intended to help practising architects to renew their PC for 2021.

Architects who have allowed their PCs to lapse are required to attend CPD courses to accumulate the requisite points for their renewal in 2021. This is to ensure that their knowledge and skills are kept relevant and up to date.

iv) Am I eligible for the discounted CPD point requirement in 2021 if I do not have a valid PC in 2021?

Architects who do not have a valid PC in 2021 will not enjoy the discounted CPD point requirement for 2021 which was announced in December 2020. Similarly, this incentive is intended to help practising architects to renew their PC for 2022.

Architects who have allowed their PCs to lapse are required to attend CPD courses to accumulate the requisite points (based on the original CPD point requirement) for their renewal in 2022. This is to ensure that their knowledge and skills are kept relevant and up to date.