

12 July 2012  
Ms Debra Gillick  
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Dear Ms Gillick

**Re: Consultation Paper on Continuing Professional Development Guidelines**

We hope you will accept this late submission on the *Proposed Continuing Professional Development Guidelines*. The consultation paper has just been brought to our attention, and CHINA BOOKS is keen to contribute.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

We note there is no accreditation, approval system or even qualifying criteria for many of the examples of the formal learning activities listed. This is particularly relevant for conferences, forums, lectures, workshops and seminars. Our opinion is that for Chinese Medicine to achieve public recognition for its professional standing, minimum standards of continuing education should be adhered to.

**SPECIFIC COMMENTS**

Given that some other health professions have more stringent continuing education standards, 20 hours (14 via formal learning activities) should be the absolute minimum. Consideration should be given to standardising CPD requirements over all registered health professions

The examples included of CPD activities are somewhat vague and imprecise. It is to the benefit of Chinese medicine practitioners and the broader Chinese medicine profession if requirements are clearly known.

Yours sincerely

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