



# SAPC e-Note



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Dear Pharmacists/Tutors/Responsible Pharmacists,

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The Office of the Registrar would like to remind pharmacists of their obligation to participate in Continuing Professional Development (CPD) through the online submission of six (6) CPD entries on an annual basis.

In 2021, Practising Pharmacists who failed to submit six CPD entries were designated non-practising while pharmacists with secondary roles of Responsible Pharmacists (RP) and tutors were referred to Professional Conduct (PC) for implementation of disciplinary processes. These pharmacists were required to pay a penalty fee to change their designation from non-practising to practising. Figure 1 depicts statistics of 2021 pharmacists, tutors and RP who met CPD requirements, those designated as non-practising and those referred to the Professional Conduct Department to institute disciplinary action against them.

**Figure 1: 2021 Pharmacists' CPD compliance status and consequences**



The Office of the Registrar is concerned about the status of CPD submission for the current year of compliance (i.e., 2022) and would like to encourage pharmacists who have not yet submitted at least six (6) CPD entries, to submit CPD entries by the submission deadline of 31 December 2022. Pharmacists should note that delaying the submission of CPD entries until the grace period will expose them to unnecessary pressure as they will be expected to submit more CPD entries in 2023 to meet both the 2022 and 2023 CPD requirements. Table 1 below depicts the 2022 CPD compliance statistics as at 15 December 2022.

**Table 1: Pharmacists' CPD compliance statistics for 2022**

Category	Compliant	Non-compliant
Practising pharmacists (n=16 162)	6 420 (39,72%)	9 742 (60,28%)

Responsible pharmacists (n=3 832)	1 608 (41,96%)	2 224 (58,04%)
Tutors (n=5 124)	2 127 (41,51%)	2 997 (58,49%)

Most pharmacists are not yet CPD-compliant and, therefore, run the risk of being designated non-practising or being referred for disciplinary action. It is important to note that a change of designation from non-practising to practising will require the submission of outstanding CPD entries for the year of non-compliance and payment of a penalty fee. These requirements can be avoided by complying with 2022 CPD requirements. Pharmacists are encouraged to submit at least six (6) CPD activities by 31 December 2022.

**The Office of the Registrar would like to congratulate all pharmacists who complied with the 2022 CPD requirements in advance.**

Please feel free to contact the SAPC at [PharmacistCPD@sapc.za.org](mailto:PharmacistCPD@sapc.za.org) or [customercare@sapc.za.org](mailto:customercare@sapc.za.org) should you require assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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