

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

## **1 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 attract increasing attention globally. AYUSH systems of medicine have been used for centuries and have continuous traditions of acceptance and practice. There is a need to spread the knowledge; and benefits of the AYUSH system of medicines to a large section of the people across the globe.

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

Medical Science is dynamic and doctors need 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 the concept of continuous professional development and stated 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.

## **1 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.”
- ⇒ RMPs registered under MCIM need to earn a minimum of 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 of 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.

**Corrigendum –**  
**With reference to the guidelines published on the 25<sup>th</sup> of July, 2024**

**Instructions for Gaining CME Points (Outlined by MCIM):**

Regarding Section 7 of the notification dated 28.12.2023, issued by The National Commission for Indian System of Medicine, MCIM hereby mandates the following:

1. A practitioner shall not be eligible for the renewal of their registration unless they have secured not less than fifty credit points of Continuous Medical Education (CME) within the five years preceding each renewal.
2. Practitioners registered under MCIM must earn a minimum of 30 out of the total 50 required credit points (up to 100%) through the MCIM-affiliated online CME platform within a five-year cycle. The remaining points can be obtained from other sources.
3. Every registered medical practitioner is required to attain 6 CME points through the MCIM-affiliated online CME platform per year.

**CME Certificate and Credit Points Allocation:**

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

Ensure to comply with these requirements to maintain your registration status effectively.