

To whom it may concern.

I am a proprietor of five Pharmacies and have evolved over the passed 4 years to so to a non dispensing role due to the huge administration work load. I stringently run my stores with my Managers to comply all Pharmacy Board requirements, QCPP accreditation and Work Safe.

In my submission of comment , I will like to clarify CPD points needed for me to practice. My area of expertise is now in administration and supervision of all financial requirement to run a successful Pharmacy Practice.

I haven't actively dispensed for years but keep well upto date with all the regulations and awareness in accordance with the laws and guidelines. As many of my colleges of similar age and commitment to their Pharmacies , it will be increasingly difficult to obtain increasing yearly CPD points.

My proposal is that with compliance CPD points we be allowed to co appoint points with our Managers in participating in activity points accredited to them. For example QCPP accreditation , my input and participation has guided my successful Managers who can claim the points for themselves.

Can I also claim the points ?

I feel that the compulsory CPD point system now enforced will create an exodus of older Pharmacists from the profession , including Pharmacy proprietors. I agree we need CPD as a professional duty but feel , as a multiple proprietor , that we need to address and reward with equally accredited points with our Managers.

I feel my professional duty as a Pharmacist is reflected in my Managers achievements involving my participation. I regularly attend Pharmacy conferences and try to do on line CPD and external courses but feel my business commitments are not being recognised as development.

We are a profession in a retail environment with huge capital expenditure and professional duties.

This makes us unique compared to the other health professions under AHPRA. Practicing Pharmacy proprietors , including non-dispensing Pharmacists need equal recognition of their professional status as well as their business success.

I hope my view of proprietor responsibilities is in line with what you require submission on.

Yours faithfully,

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