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(CPD)**

GUIDELINES FOR PROFESSIONAL HYDROLOGISTS

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Abbreviations and acronyms

HRB	Hydrologists Registration Board.
PHD	Doctor of Philosophy
PLWDS	People Living With Disabilities
CPD	Continuous Professional Development
TWG	Technical Working Group
Board	Hydrologists Registration Board

DEFINITIONS

“Hydrology” means the science that deals with the study of the occurrence of water, its distribution, properties and circulation of water on earth and other planets including water resources, water cycle and watershed sustainability. It is the science that encompasses the study of water on Earth's surface and underneath the Earth surface, the occurrence and circulation of water, the physical and chemical properties of water, and its relationship with the human and material components of the environment.

“Hydrology Professional” means a member with a valid practicing license issued by the board

“Consultant hydrologist” means a person or firm registered under the hydrologists act as a consultant hydrologist and who holds a valid license issued by the board

“Register” means any of the registers required to be kept under section 13 of the hydrologists act

“Board” means the Hydrologists Registration Board established by the Hydrologists Act.

“Works” means hydrological studies, activity, task, project or other situation in which a registered hydrology professional is engaged in providing professional services

“Annual License” means license issued under section 20 of the hydrologists regulations

“Continuous Professional Development” means systematic maintenance, improvement and broadening of knowledge and skills, and the development of personal qualities necessary for the execution of technical and professional duties throughout one's working life.

“Work-related activities” means all activities undertaken as part of hydrologists daily tasks and relates to hydrology profession

“Conferences” a formal meeting of people with a shared interest, typically one that takes place over several days and usually at regional or international level.

“Seminars” means events designed to pass along information, knowledge, or practices that are beneficial to the audience.

“Workshop” a meeting at which a group of people engage in intensive discussion and activity on a particular subject or project.

1. Introduction

Continuous Professional Development (CPD) policy is meant to develop the capacity of professionals practicing in the field of hydrology by upgrading their skills and knowledge to ensure that they deliver effective and efficient hydrological services in the country. The Hydrologists Act 2017 has provided the Board with the mandate of ensuring development of its professionals through offering/developing a CPD policy which guides the overall process of capacity building the professionals.

Pursuant to Section 4(a) and (b) of the Act, the Board shall develop and implement continuous professional development (CPD) courses for hydrologists.

1.1. Objectives

The objective of the CPD policy is to:

- i. Improve professional competence of hydrology professionals
- ii. Keep abreast of changing procedures and standards.
- iii. Improve established processes and procedures for hydrological work
- iv. Identify mechanisms to improve and promote quality, apply feedback to improve performance
- v. Understand and apply advances in technology, job skills and knowledge.
- vi. Better serve the hydrology professionals, community and environment.
- vii. Assist graduate hydrologists to increase capacity for learning so as to be more capable, confident and adaptable when faced with change.
- viii. Broaden into related fields, such as those covering management, financial or legal aspects in order to improve work performance and enhance career prospects.
- ix. Maintain, improve or expand technical skills and knowledge. It is generally accepted that a person's ability to maintain high levels of professional competence is achieved by continually upgrading his/her skills and knowledge.

1.2. Significance

The Continuous Professional Development policy has the following benefits;

- i. Fosters excellence in the professions.
- ii. Provides a mechanism through which hydrology professionals are accountable for remaining current in their practice thus improving the hydrology profession's credibility with the public.
- iii. Enhances and/or expands the domain of practice.
- iv. Enhances professional image.
- v. Facilitates practice mobility.
- vi. Facilitates upward movement in the value chain to clients and employers.
- vii. Improves marketability.

2. General Requirements

- i. Every practicing hydrology professional shall obtain a maximum of one hundred (100 No.) professional development points in a period of 2 calendar years, subject to a minimum of 30 points within the first year.
- ii. Where a hydrology professional exceeds the annual requirement of fifty (50) professional development points in the years under review, a maximum of fifteen (15) excess professional development points may be carried forward into the following years.
- iii. A hydrology professional who has not obtained sufficient professional development points in the years under review shall not be allowed to renew his/her annual practicing license.
- iv. Where a hydrology professional has failed to meet the prescribed professional development point's requirements or has not submitted returns for two consecutive years, the Board shall notify the hydrology professional to comply within a certain period and it will be the Board's discretion to administer a punitive measure as set out in the Hydrologists Regulations.
- v. A hydrology professional whose name has been removed from the register under this paragraph shall be required to fulfill all other conditions required for inclusion in the

register under the Hydrologists Act, 2017 and the regulations thereof, before reinstatement.

- vi. Further to subsection 2(iv), a hydrology professional whose name has been removed from the register under this paragraph shall also be required to obtain sixty (60) professional development points within one year before reinstatement.
- vii. Further to subsection 2(iv), a hydrology professional whose name has been removed from the register under this paragraph shall also be required to pay such penalty as provided for in the Hydrologists Regulations.
- viii. A hydrology professional may be exempted from continuous professional development requirements if he experiences disabilities, prolonged illness or other extenuating circumstances which prevent him from practicing subject to providing supporting evidence.

3. Records

- i. Every hydrology professional shall submit to the Board their annual CPD activities in the format provided in Form HRB01 not later than 31st December of each year, for assessment.
- ii. Failure to submit the CPD record sheet as stipulated annually shall result in the removal from the register.

4. Activities

The Board shall recognize the following activities as contributing to the professional development of practicing hydrologists as prescribed by the Board from time to time:

Table 1: Details of CPD Activities and CPD Points

S/No	CPD Activity	CPD Points	Maximum CPD points per year	Description
1	Conferences	2 per conference	5	Conference to discuss a topic, where the participant is part of the audience and makes a presentation. Only applicable at regional, national and international levels.
2	Annual HRB delegates conference	2 per day. 2 per presentation of research paper, findings, thesis, scientific paper.	6 4	For attendance of annual delegates conference. For presentation of research paper, findings, thesis, scientific paper at the annual delegates conference.
3	Day to day activities for hydrology professionals	1 per activity as per approved schedule of duties.	5	This refers to hydrologists working as technical staff in HRB. Also for lecturers teaching subjects, courses recognized under the Hydrologists Act, 2017.
4	Seminars, Symposia, Trainings, Technical presentations, and Workshops.	5 per day for physical activities. 1 per day for online participation.	5	A scheduled meeting to discuss a specific topic or area of interest.
5	Lectures	1 per activity	3	Attendance of a special lecture lasting at least 45 minutes.

6	Keynote speaker in conferences, seminars, symposia, workshops, lectures.	2 per activity	2	An invited speaker in a conference, symposium or workshop who presents for at least 45 minutes and is the highlight of that particular activity.
	Presenter in conferences, seminars, symposia, workshops, lectures.	2 per activity	2	A presenter is a person who makes a presentation lasting 30 minutes.
	Resource person in conferences, seminars, symposia, workshops, lectures.	1 per every hour of activity	2	This is a person who provides assistance, guidance or supervision during such activities.
	Facilitator, coordinator, organizer, session chair and rapporteur in conferences, seminars, symposia, workshops, lectures.	2 per activity	5	The event must be at least 2 hours long.
7	Participation in Committees, Task Forces.	5 per activity	10	Membership of a committee or task force to investigate and report on an issue.
8	Technical Working Group	5 per activity. 2 per working period of below 1 month. 3 per working period lasting more than 1 month.	5	Selected group of experts appointed to accomplish an assigned task to completion.

9	Day to day activities of private practitioners	1 per activity as per approved schedule of duties.	5	This refers to a registered hydrology professional or one employed by or working under a licensed consultant hydrologist or a consulting hydrology firm.
10.	Short courses	1 per course	3	Courses with a curriculum offered by an accredited CPD provider, government or international agency lasting a minimum of three days and maximum of 1 week.
11.	Certificate courses	5 per course	10	Courses with a curriculum offered by an accredited CPD provider or government or international agency lasting from a minimum of one week to a maximum of 3 months.
	Diploma courses	10 per course	10	Courses with a curriculum offered by an accredited CPD provider or government or international agency.
		15 per HND course	15	For Higher National Diploma courses.
12.	Post-graduate courses.	20 points per year for Masters and PhD courses.	20	This includes post-graduate certificate, diploma, masters' programs in hydrological sciences and related fields, fellowships, and PhDs. Subject to a maximum timeline of 2 years for Masters programs and 5 years for PhD programs.
13	Principal author of a peer-reviewed publication.	5 per publication	5	The main author of a peer reviewed publication.
	Co-author of a peer-reviewed publication.	3 per publication	3	A collaborating author of a peer reviewed publication.
	Author of a	10 per book	10	The principal or main author

	book.			of a book.
	Co-author of a book.	5 per book	5	A collaborating author of a book.
	Author of a book chapter.	1 per chapter	3	The practitioner's name must appear as a contributing author
	Publication of articles, features, blogs via print and electronic media.	1per publication	3	The author's name must be clearly associated with the article, feature, and blog.
14.	Peer review activity.	1 per activity	5	A practitioner, after Board invitation, assesses other practitioner's credentials and files for purposes of a Board inquiry.
15.	External examiner, supervisor.	1 per activity	5	External examiner and supervisor appointed from an accredited college or university program.
16.	Community Social Responsibility.	1 per activity	5	The practitioner is responsible for developing and implementing to completion functional and sustainable CSR activities and projects. Subject to relevant approvals and quantification of work done together with evidence where applicable.
17.	Accredited provider of CPD courses	10 per activity	20	The provider is properly certified with all relevant approvals.
18.	Recognition award	5 per award	10	Recognition by the State, professional bodies and academic institutions for work related to the Hydrology profession.
19.	Attendance at scheduled meetings of	1 per activity	3	The meetings should last at least four hours for one day meetings.

	professional bodies.			
20.	Whistle blowing on non-professional practices among members.	5 per case	10	5 points for each verified case of non-professional activities or practices among members.
21.	Mentoring, guiding, supervising interns and staff.	1 per intern. 2 per for hydrology professional and staff.	3 4	Practitioner should demonstrate responsibility in mentoring, guiding or supervising interns and staff.
22.	Completed hydrological reports for implementation of hydraulic works.	10 per report	20	Proof or sufficient evidence to be provided e.g. Letters of appointment, completion certificates.

- All CPD activities must be relevant to the field of Hydrology.

The records must be accompanied by relevant proof of undertaking the activity which will include, but is not be limited to:

- i. Certificate of attendance, participation or appreciation;
- ii. Curriculum/syllabus/course outlines whichever is applicable;
- iii. Invitation letter;
- iv. Program of activities;
- v. Copies of presentations (where individual was a facilitator);
- vi. Copies of memberships to professional bodies where applicable;
- vii. Payment receipt;
- viii. Attendance list/register;
- ix. Letters of appointment, deployment and duty allocation;

- x. Published article, feature, and blog with relevance to hydrology;
- xi. Online activity with internet address relevant to hydrology;
- xii. Membership certificate;
- xiii. Short course, diploma, higher national diploma, Bachelor's, Master's, PhD, fellowship certificates;
- xiv. Award, innovation, patent number;
- xv. Proof of completion of works/projects and
- xvi. Any other requirement as the Board may demand.

On exceptional cases, the Board may consider a request from a hydrologist who wishes to claim points for participating in an activity that is not provided for by the Board.

If a Hydrologist wishes to claim points for participating in an activity that is not provided by the policy, that hydrology professional shall apply in writing to the board within 2 weeks after the lapse of the activity and the Board to respond on whether the activity qualifies to be awarded and further how many points has been awarded if so. The board at its own discretion may or may not approve the application.

Form HRB01: Annual CPD Activities and Points Claimed

S/No.	C.P.D activity undertaken	Date Undertaken From: – To: (dd/mm/yyyy)	C.P.D Points Earned	Remarks (Authorized officer)
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
Sub-total CPD Points				
CPD points carried forward from previous year				
Total CPD points claimed				

NAME:

REGISTRATION NO:

PERIOD:

FROM: (DD/MM/YYYY)/...../.....

TO: (DD/MM/YY)...../...../.....

5. NOTES TO THE FILLING OF THE CPD RECORD

- i. The CPD record form must be submitted by 31st December of every year. Practicing hydrology professionals will be required to submit details of CPD activities for the current calendar year
- ii. Activities should be recorded in a chronological order, starting with the most recent.
- iii. CPD points garnered in one calendar year in the excess of the maximum allowed can be carried over to subsequent years up to a maximum of 15 CPD points.
- iv. Only activities approved by the Board for purposes of CPD shall be entered in the record form.
- v. The Board shall be at liberty to appropriately adjust the entries where in the determination of the Board the activities have been wrongly entered. The corrected record form shall be returned to the concerned hydrology professional for concurrence. The hydrology professional may appeal against the corrections giving further information. The Board shall such consider such an appeal and issue a final record form.
- vi. The Board shall have an elaborate database system for collecting all information for the award of CPD points.
- vii. The Board shall establish a standing CPD committee to help process and award the CPD points.