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You might be aware that the Medical Board of Australia announced that it will not take action if you cannot meet the CPD registration standard when you renew your medical registration in September this year. This important gesture has less relevance for College given we are in the early months of our new biennium.

However, it is understandable and acceptable if during 2020 you have been unable to progress CPD given the disruptions caused by the pandemic. College will not be auditing Fellows about your 2020 compliance but to avoid creating a bigger problem for 2021 it urges Fellows to aim to meet the points minimum in 2020.

Fellows are probably doing more now in CPD than they are aware. Fellows could seize on the wealth of opportunities created by COVID-19 through reading COVID-related forums, talking to colleagues or re-evaluating your clinical practice and updating processes/procedures in response to the pandemic. These are all legitimate CPD activities, so we urge you to log these. Keep a record of these or enter them.

The 200 points over the bi-ennium remains, but the CPD Committee has made points generation easier and compliance simpler by:

- Increasing in the number of 'Forum' points allowable for this year from 20 points to 40 points. Fellows can meet the minimum requirements for 2020 by doing 50 hours of personal reading (including Forums).
- Reducing the category requirements from 10 points to 5 points for the biennium.

College will make further changes as this evolving situation demands. The Committee will continue to monitor the changing situation and the advice of the Government and adapt requirements through the bi-ennium.

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