

PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE AND COVID-19

The Medical Council has advised if you are having difficulties in meeting your CPD requirements for 2019/20 due to the effects of COVID-19, you should [make a declaration](#) to have that situation noted.

“Due to significant workload and potential travel disruptions, arising due to COVID-19, the Medical Council appreciates that some doctors may choose not to attend European and International medical education related conferences or have difficulty in recording their CPD. If, as a result of this, you will not meet your CPD requirements can you please do the following:

1. Advise your Professional Competence Scheme by [making a declaration](#)
2. When completing the Medical Council’s Annual Retention Application Form (ARAF), tick No you are not compliant.

By doing both of these, your circumstances will be taken into consideration in the compliance monitoring process, and if your compliance with the requirements has been consistent in the past, this deviation should not cause you any great concern.”

We would also advise that you plan to log CPD and Clinical (Practice) Audit in full compliance in the 2020/21 PCS year.

LINK TO APPROVED ONLINE CPD RESOURCES: <https://www.irishpsychiatry.ie/professional-competence/cpd-diary-app/online-cpd-links/>