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MAHARASHTRA NURSING COUNCIL
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CIRCULAR

Sub: Renewal of Registration Cycle 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2027 under the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Credit System.

Ref : 1. Indian Nursing Council Gazette Notification dated 15.05.2015.
2. Order of the Hon'ble Bombay High Court (Aurangabad Bench) in Writ Petition No. 4151/2018 dated 25.11.2019.
3. Letter of the Medical Education and Drugs Department, Government of Maharashtra dated 13.11.2019.
4 Resolution No. 19 of the Executive Committee of the Maharashtra Nursing Council dated 12.06.2025.

1. Background

As per the provisions of the Maharashtra Nursing Council Rules, 1971, the registration of Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives is renewed every five years. To promote lifelong learning, maintain professional competence, and ensure the delivery of quality nursing care, every Registered Nurse and Registered Midwife is required to obtain the prescribed Continuing Nursing Education (CNE)/Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Credit Hours during each registration renewal cycle.

2. Mandatory CNE/CPD Credit Requirement

For the registration renewal cycle covering the period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2027, every Registered Nurse and Registered Midwife shall obtain a minimum of 150 CNE/CPD Credit Hours, as prescribed by the Maharashtra Nursing Council. Completion of the prescribed 150 CNE/CPD Credit Hours shall ordinarily be mandatory for renewal of registration.

3. One-Time Transitional Relaxation

Considering that the CNE/CPD Credit System is in its last year of renewal cycle and taking into account the representations received from various nursing institutions and professional nursing associations, the Maharashtra Nursing Council has decided to grant a one-time transitional relaxation exclusively for the registration renewal cycle ending 31 March 2027.

Accordingly, the following provisions shall apply:

3.1 Registered Nurses with Partial Credit Hours

Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives who have earned CNE/CPD Credit Hours during the current registration renewal cycle but have not completed the mandatory 150 CNE/CPD Credit Hours shall be eligible for renewal of their registration, provided they obtain a minimum of 30 CNE/CPD Credit **Hours** on or before 31 March 2027.

Such candidates shall complete the balance CNE/CPD Credit Hours required to fulfill the mandatory 150 CNE/CPD Credit Hours during the subsequent registration renewal cycle. The balance Credit Hours shall be over and above, and shall not be adjusted against or counted towards, the mandatory CNE/CPD Credit Hours prescribed for the subsequent registration renewal cycle.

3.2 Registered Nurses with Zero Credit Hours

As a **one-time transitional measure**, Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives who have not earned any CNE/CPD Credit Hours as on the date of issuance of this Circular shall be eligible for renewal of their registration, provided they obtain a minimum of 50 CNE/CPD Credit Hours on or before 31 March 2027.

At the time of renewal, such applicants shall execute and submit an **Undertaking**, in the prescribed format, declaring that they shall complete the balance CNE/CPD Credit Hours required to fulfill the mandatory 150 CNE/CPD Credit Hours during the subsequent registration renewal cycle. The balance Credit Hours shall be over and above, and shall not be adjusted against or counted towards, the mandatory CNE/CPD Credit Hours prescribed for the subsequent registration renewal cycle.

Failure to comply with the undertaking shall constitute a breach of the conditions of registration renewal and may render the applicant ineligible for renewal of registration in the subsequent registration renewal cycle, without prejudice to any other action permissible under the Maharashtra Nursing Council Rules, 1971.

3.3 Nature of the Relaxation

The above relaxation is granted purely as a one-time transitional measure applicable only to the registration renewal cycle ending 31 March 2027. It shall not be construed as a precedent and shall not be extended or repeated in any future registration renewal cycle.

3.4 Interpretation:

In case of any doubt regarding the interpretation or implementation of this Circular, the decision of the Maharashtra Nursing Council shall be final and binding.

4. CNE/CPD Credit Requirement for Newly Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives

Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives whose names are entered in the Register of the Maharashtra Nursing Council for the first time on or after 1 April 2022 shall be required to earn CNE/CPD Credit Hours proportionately for the period commencing from the date of their initial registration up to 31 March 2027.

Accordingly, such newly registered nurses shall earn 30 CNE/CPD Credit Hours for each completed year or part thereof falling within the registration renewal cycle ending on **31 March 2027**, as applicable.

Illustratively:

Date of First Registration	**Minimum CNE/CPD Credit Hours Required up to 31 March 2027**
Between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	150 Credit Hours
Between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	120 Credit Hours
Between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	90 Credit Hours
Between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026	60 Credit Hours
Between 1 April 2026 and 31 March 2027	30 Credit Hours

The above Credit Hours shall be mandatory for renewal of registration due on **31 March 2027**.

5. Mode of Earning CNE/CPD Credit Hours

To ensure an appropriate balance between practical skill development through physical participation and accessibility through digital learning, the following provisions shall apply for earning CNE/CPD Credit Hours during the registration renewal cycle:

5.1 Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives ordinarily residing in the State of Maharashtra

a. A minimum of 60% of the prescribed CNE/CPD Credit Hours shall be earned through offline (physical/in-person) participation in CNE/CPD programmes approved by the Maharashtra Nursing Council.

b. The remaining up to 40% of the prescribed CNE/CPD Credit Hours may be earned through online CNE/CPD programmes approved by the Maharashtra Nursing Council.

c. Nothing contained in this clause shall prevent a Registered Nurse or Registered Midwife from earning up to 100% of the prescribed CNE/CPD Credit Hours through offline (physical) programmes approved by the Maharashtra Nursing Council.

5.2 Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives ordinarily residing outside the State of Maharashtra or residing outside India

Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives whose ordinary place of residence is outside the State of Maharashtra or outside India shall be permitted to earn up to 100% of the prescribed CNE/CPD Credit Hours through online CNE/CPD programmes approved by the Maharashtra Nursing Council.

5.3 Verification

For the purpose of this Circular, the ordinary place of residence shall be determined on the basis of the address and supporting documents furnished by the applicant at the time of renewal of registration. The Maharashtra Nursing Council reserves the right to verify the residential status of the applicant and call for additional documentary evidence, wherever considered necessary.

6. Special Provisions for Government Institutions and Government Employees

Recognising the importance of structured in-service training programmes conducted by Government Health Departments and Institutions under various National and State Health Programmes, the Maharashtra Nursing Council hereby prescribes the following provisions:

6.1 Eligibility

Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives serving under the following Government organizations shall be eligible to earn CNE/CPD Credit Hours through approved in-house training programmes:

a. Directorate of Health Services (DHS), Maharashtra;
b. Directorate of Medical Education and Research (DMER), Maharashtra;
c. Zilla Parishads (ZP);
d. Government Medical Colleges;
e. Government Hospitals;
f. Municipal Corporations and Municipal Councils;
g. National Health Mission (NHM); and
h. Any other Government Health Institution recognized by the Maharashtra Nursing Council.

6.2 In-house CNE/CPD Programmes

The Maharashtra Nursing Council shall provide a dedicated "Government In-house CNE/CPD Programme" module/tab in the online CPD Portal for registration and approval of in-house CNE/CPD programmes conducted by Government Departments and Institutions.

6.3 Prior Intimation

The concerned Government Department or Institution shall submit the details of every proposed in-house CNE/CPD programme through the Maharashtra Nursing Council CPD Portal before commencement of the programme, including:

- Title of the programme;
- Date, duration and venue;
- Programme schedule;
- Learning objectives;
- Details of resource persons;
- Target participants;
- Expected number of Credit Hours; and
- Any other information as prescribed by the Council.

The programme shall be eligible for award of CNE/CPD Credit Hours only after approval by the Maharashtra Nursing Council.

6.4 Recognition of National and State Health Programmes

Certificates issued to Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives for participation in National Health Programmes, State Health Programmes, and other Government-approved in-service training programmes shall be considered for award of CNE/CPD Credit Hours, subject to approval by the Maharashtra Nursing Council.

6.5 Submission of Programme Completion Details

Within the prescribed period after completion of the programme, the organizing Government Department or Institution shall upload the following documents through the CPD Portal:

- Attendance records;
- Programme report;
- Participant-wise list;
- Copies of certificates issued;
- Photographic evidence, wherever applicable; and
- Any other document required by the Maharashtra Nursing Council.

6.6 Award of Credit Hours

CNE/CPD Credit Hours shall be awarded only after verification and approval by the Maharashtra Nursing Council. Participation certificates issued by Government Departments shall not automatically qualify for CNE/CPD Credit Hours unless:

1. the programme has been approved by the Maharashtra Nursing Council;
2. prior intimation has been submitted through the CPD Portal;
3. the programme complies with the prescribed CNE/CPD guidelines; and
4. The Council has approved the award of Credit Hours.

7. Revision of Credit Allocation for Approved CNE/CPD Programmes

The Maharashtra Nursing Council has received representations requesting reduction of the mandatory requirement from 150 CNE/CPD Credit Hours to 75 CNE/CPD Credit Hours.

After careful consideration, the Executive Committee has resolved as follows:

1. The mandatory requirement of 150 CNE/CPD Credit Hours shall remain unchanged, as it is consistent with the regulatory framework prescribed by the Indian Nursing Council and the Maharashtra Nursing Council Rules.

2. However, in order to facilitate compliance with the prescribed Credit Hour requirement, the Credit Hours awarded for each CNE/CPD programme approved by the Maharashtra Nursing Council are hereby revised as follows:

Earlier	**Revised**
5 Credit Hours	**10 Credit Hours**

This revised Credit Hour allocation shall be applicable only to CNE/CPD programmes approved by the Maharashtra Nursing Council and conducted up to 31 March 2027, unless modified by a subsequent order of the Council.

8. Applicability

This Circular shall apply to all Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives registered with the Maharashtra Nursing Council whose registration falls due for renewal during the registration cycle ending **31 March 2027**.

9. Effective Date

This Circular shall come into force with **immediate effect**.

The provisions contained in this Circular have been approved by the Executive Committee of the Maharashtra Nursing Council vide Resolution No. 19 dated 12.06.2025 and shall remain in force until modified or withdrawn by a subsequent order of the Council.

10. Directions

All Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives, Nursing Educational Institutions, Hospitals, CNE/CPD providers, and other stakeholders shall ensure strict compliance with the provisions of this Circular.

The Registrars/Principals of Nursing Educational Institutions, Heads of Nursing Services, and organizers of Maharashtra Nursing Council-approved CNE/CPD programmes shall disseminate the contents of this Circular among all concerned and extend necessary assistance to facilitate compliance.

THE MAHARASHTRA NURSING COUNCIL MUMBAI

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