

Important Changes to the CPD Practice Guideline and Committee Years

The Law Society of Tasmania has made changes to the timing of both the CPD and committee years.

Changes to the 2020-21 CPD and Committee Years

Two resolutions were passed by Council on 29 April 2020. These are:

- The date between which the CPD years run.
- The date between which the Committee years run.

Timing of the CPD Year

- The date between which the CPD years run from 2020-2021 is between 1 May and 30 April.
- The current CPD year runs from **1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021**.
- These changes are reflected in an updated [Practice Guideline 4 – Continuing Professional Development Scheme](#).
- Assignment of CPD points to the following CPD year:
 - Rule 3.7 of the [Practice Guideline](#) has changed. For upcoming practising certificate declarations, the previous version of rule 3.7 still applies in that CPD points accrued in January, February or March of 2019 can be assigned to the 2019-2020 CPD year.
 - For CPD year 2020-21 onwards, CPD points accrued in **February, March or April** may be assigned to the following year.

Timing of the Committee Year

The date between which the Committee years run has been changed to run from 1 May to the following 30 April. This change commenced on 1 May 2020.

Practising Certificate renewal and COVID-19 changes to the 2019-2020 CPD Year: Extension of time and Lifting of Cap

In March 2020, two resolutions relating to CPD were passed by the Council of the Society. When certifying compliance with CPD obligations on completing your 2020-2021 practising certificate renewal keep these following changes in mind:

- That all practitioners be granted (as part of the 2019-2020 CPD year) an extension of time within which to comply with their CPD practising certificate conditions to 30 April 2020.
- Waiver of the 5-point cap (under rule 3.3(b) of the [Practice Guideline](#)) on viewing or listening to audio-visual CPD materials until 30 April 2020.