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Dear Jennifer

We understand that COVID-19 has affected many practitioners trying to complete their continuing professional development (CPD) points obligation, due to the wholesale state-wide cancellation of face-to-face conferences and events, ahead of the 31 March 2020 deadline.

To address this challenge QLS Council, yesterday afternoon, resolved to grant practitioners an extension of time to comply with continuing professional development requirements under part 6 of the *Queensland Law Society Administration Rule 2005*.

What this means

Practitioners now have up until **30 June 2020** to complete continuing professional development (CPD).

What do I need to do?

You will be asked, during the renewals process, if you have met your minimum CPD requirements. If you have, there is nothing more you need to do.

If you have not yet completed your minimum requirements please make sure that, once they are completed, you notify us. We cannot issue a practising certificate to you if the minimum CPD points are not complete by 30 June 2020.

When does the new CPD year start?

The new CPD year will still commence on 1 April 2020.

Any CPD points obtained between 1 January 2020 and 30 June 2020 can be attributed to either the 2019/20 or 2020/21 year.

How do I get my required points before 30 June 2020?

We have a variety of on-demand CPD resources available in our [QLS Shop](#) to help you with your professional development.

What else are we doing to assist members?

Our CPD year extension measure is the first of a number of measures that QLS Council is considering and we will introduce these in due course.

To assist you to stay informed about practice in the evolving COVID-19 landscape, we will run Livecast (webinar) updates such as the upcoming [Criminal Law – Magistrates, District and Supreme Court procedures update in the light of COVID 19](#) on Monday 23 March at 12pm.

We will also run regular Facebook live events and offer topical on-demand recordings that deal with issues you may face in the coming weeks and months as you navigate the current environment.

In the meantime, please visit our [dedicated COVID-19 resources area](#) where you can get the latest courts, commissions and tribunal changes, industry notices, changes to QLS services and find out more about any [financial assistance for which you may be eligible](#).

QLS Solicitor Support aka the QLS Ethics and Practice Centre remains open to provide ethical and practice support and guidance to our members. We will continue to offer bespoke presentations utilising Skype for Business to assist our members.

Finally, please remember that [LawCare is here to help you in these uncertain times](#). Face-to-face appointments are not currently available but the rest of the service is available as per normal.

Thank you for your ongoing support under these extraordinary circumstances.

Please stay safe and well.

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