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CPD/Legal Education

CIRCULAR 20-528 (SD)

19 October 2020

**GUIDANCE NOTES ON COMPLETING THE STATEMENT
OF COMPLIANCE WITH CPD AND RME REQUIREMENTS
FOR THE RENEWAL OF
THE 2021 PRACTISING CERTIFICATE**

1. The Council resolved on 28 April 2020 to grant an exemption and extension of time to solicitors such that:
 - (a) solicitors are only required to accumulate a total of 15 CPD points within a period of 24 months in the 2019/20 and 2020/21 CPD practice years by 31 October 2021; and
 - (b) solicitors who are required under rule 7 of the Legal Practitioners (RME) Rules Cap. 159Z to complete either 3 hours or 6 hours of RME elective courses (“Electives”) by 31 October 2020 are permitted to complete the relevant hours of Electives by 31 October 2021 (altogether “General Exemption”).
2. Please refer to [Circular 20-226\(SD\)](#) for details of the General Exemption.
3. The Statement of Compliance with CPD and RME Requirements for the renewal of the practising certificate for the 2021 practice year ("Statement") has been revised to reflect the General Exemption. Sample of the Statement was attached to Circular 20-226(SD).
4. Please click [here](#) for the Guidance Notes to assist Members to complete the Statement in support of their applications for renewal of the 2021 practising certificates.
5. For enquiries in completing the Statement, please contact the Standards and Development Department by email at: statement@hklawsoc.org.hk.