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To: All registered / enrolled nurses

Dear Sir / Madam,

Implementation of Continuing Nursing Education on a Voluntary Basis


The Nursing Council ("the Council" hereafter) is going to implement the Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) system on a voluntary basis with effect from 1 November 2006, prior to the implementation of a mandatory CNE system.

Starting from 2010, all registered / enrolled nurses can voluntarily declare to the Council that they have obtained the CNE points as prescribed (a minimum of 45 CNE points for a registered nurse and a minimum of 30 CNE points for an enrolled nurse) in the past 3-year CNE cycle when applying for renewal of their practising certificates. A practising certificate is normally valid for 3 years from 1 January of the first year to 31 December of the third year. A CNE cycle starts on 1 November, i.e., two months before issue of the practising certificate and ends on 31 October of the third year, i.e., two months before the practising certificate expires. For nurses who are newly registered/enrolled and whose first ever practising certificates are valid for less than 3 years, they may be allowed a pro rata reduction in the number of CNE points.

You are invited to visit the Council's homepage at <http://www.nchk.org.hk> for the "Manual for Continuing Nursing Education System" for the implementation details of the voluntary CNE system. Please also note that the declaration form on compliance with the CNE requirement is attached at Annex B to the Manual. Starting from 2010, completed declaration form should be sent to the Central Registration Office, Department of Health, 17/F, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

For enquiries, please feel free to contact the Council Secretariat at 2527 8325 or 2527 8351.

Yours sincerely,


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