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To: All registered physiotherapists

Dear Registrants,

List of Quotable Qualifications

This letter is to inform you that the Physiotherapists Board (“the Board”) has updated the List of Quotable Qualifications (“the List”) for registered physiotherapists.

Following a recent review, the Board has included 129 new qualifications in the List. Registered physiotherapists may quote the listed qualifications on their signboards, stationery, etc., provided that they are a holder of the qualifications. As for Master of Philosophy (MPhil) or doctoral degrees, no prior approval is required for quoting these qualifications if they are directly relevant to the physiotherapy profession as conferred by a recognized academic institution. Registered physiotherapists will however need to provide documentary evidence to prove that their MPhil or doctoral degrees are directly relevant to the profession in case of complaints. The English abbreviations and Chinese translation of the listed qualifications should be quoted in the forms as approved by the respective issuing institutions.

The Board has also promulgated guidelines for inclusion of quotable qualifications. Apart from basic physiotherapy qualifications recognized for registration, other post-graduate qualifications may also be approved by the Board as quotable qualifications if its programme has fulfilled the following requirements -

- (a) directly related to physiotherapy practice;
- (b) of a standard accepted by the Board;
- (c) of at least 6 months of full-time structured and supervised training or study (part-time or distance learning courses may be accepted if in the opinion of the Board the duration and quality of the training are equivalent to a 6 month full-time course); and
- (d) the qualification is acquired after formal assessment by a recognized physiotherapy body.

Registered physiotherapists should submit the application to the Board for including other qualifications to the List by completing a standard application form. Application will only be accepted after the completion of the programme leading to the qualification.

A copy of the updated List (effective from 1 April 2010), the guidelines for inclusion of quotable qualifications and application form are published in the Board's website (http://www.smp-council.org.hk/pt/english/index_lqq.htm). The Board will update the List from time to time. Please visit the Board's website regularly for updated information.

Opportunity is also taken to remind all registered physiotherapists that only those qualifications approved by the Board as included in the List can be quoted by physiotherapists (section 9 of Part III of the Code of Practice).

If you wish to have a copy of the List by post, please contact the Secretariat by phone 2527 8369 or by e-mail info@smp-council.org.hk .

Yours faithfully,



(Blanche LIN)

Secretary, Physiotherapists Board