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I am a registered architect. To maintain my registration, I have to pay \$300 a year to renew my registration plus fees for courses that will give me sufficient formal CPD points. That can vary from hundreds to a thousand dollars a year. The time to attend the courses can vary from a couple hours for 1 point to day course for 3 points. A total 10 points are required.

The requirements for renewal of registration are excessive in my opinion, or the cost of the renewal should be helped by the government. As architects we always have to keep up with the new technology and materials by communicating with suppliers. New regulations should be sent out by the board to individuals or provide free seminars to explain the changes.

I would like to suggest that the registration fees should include some sort of support towards obtaining formal CPD points, such as free online courses. It will help to reduce individual financial burden significantly. It will provide the flexibilities for architects to study at home and not to take time out from work which will affect their business a lot.

Just on another note, architecture is one of the lowest paid professions and has the longest study terms in university. After more than 10 years practice, our pay is much less than most of the engineers in any fields. I am hoping the government will understand our situation and provide some relieve to the registered architects.