

New CPD Policy of Self-Declaration

December 14, 2009

CGA Ontario is pleased to announce the implementation of a new continuing professional development (CPD) policy of self-declaration. This policy, which was approved by the board of governors in November 2009, will replace the current reporting policy as of January 1, 2010. The new policy does not change current CPD requirements. It changes the method by which CGAs report CPD to the Association.

CGAs have until March 31, 2010, to declare the fulfilment of mandatory CPD requirements for the 2009 calendar year, ending December 31, 2009. CGAs will be responsible for the tracking of CPD, including the recording of verifiable and non-verifiable hours, and the maintenance of supporting documentation. These records shall not be submitted to CGA Ontario. A random audit process of the membership will ensure compliance with mandatory requirements.

Members may declare their CPD fulfilment online as of February 1, 2010. CGA Ontario has provided a helpful tracking form to assist in the recording of CPD activities, which may be downloaded from the professional development page of CGA Ontario's website. CGA Ontario will also send declaration reminders to members prior to the deadline of March 31, 2010.

This policy, which is administratively efficient and in keeping with the best practices of professional associations, recognizes the commitment of certified general accountants to the practice of lifelong learning. If you have any questions or require more information regarding self-declaration, contact Laurel Shaw, program assistant, mandatory professional development, at Lshaw@cga-ontario.org, or by telephone at 416-322-6520 or 1-800-668-1454, ext. 8259.