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Statement by the Legal Practice Board of Western Australia regarding the anticipated delay of the Legal Profession Act 2008 in relation to the CPD Policy.

The Legal Practice Board advises that, despite the announced delay in the commencement of the Legal Profession Act 2008, and in anticipation of the proclamation of the Act with effect from early 2009, the Board is continuing with the implementation of its CPD Policy: see www.lpbwa.org.au.

Accordingly, practitioners will need to comply with the Policy in order to make an application for renewal of a practising certificate, with effect from 1 July 2009.

The Board reminds practitioners that they will need to complete 10 points across the three competency streams by 31 March 2009, in order to comply with the Policy and apply for a practice certificate in 2009 bearing in mind that any CPD activity that is undertaken from 1 April 2007 with a provider who becomes a QA Provider before 30 June 2009 will be able to be counted for the first year of CPD compliance.

The Board is considering administrative arrangements to ensure that the processing of QA Providers can commence in July 2008 and an announcement in relation to that should be made shortly.