

LAS PDS ANNOUNCEMENT - Dec 2009

LAST ASSESSMENT FOR INAUGURAL IMPLEMENTATION

The inaugural implementation of the PDS where the duration of accumulating points was reduced to 1 year instead of 2 will end in the next submission quarter in Jan 2009. This will be the last chance for applicants to submit their activities accumulated in a one-year period in any of the periods listed below:

1. Nov 2008 – Oct 2009 (1-year activities, 2009Q4)
2. Dec 2008 – Nov 2009 (1-year activities, 2009Q4)
3. Jan 2009 – Dec 2009 (1-year activities, 2009Q4)

After this, the scheme will revert to normal mode where the qualifying period is 2 years with a minimum accumulation of 1,000 PDS points.

However as the scheme was introduced retrospectively from Jan 2008, members can also submit applications with 1,000 points cumulated in the 2 year qualification period from Jan 2008 to Dec 2009 for assessment in the Jan 2009 award submission.

The closing date for this submission is **14 Jan 2010**.

Note: Please use the appropriate (PAR) application forms:

Use PDS-Form-2009 if you are submitting qualifying periods (Nov-08 to Oct 09), (Dec-08 to Nov-09) or (Jan-09 to Dec-09)

Use PDS-Form-2010 if you are submitting qualifying periods (Jan-08 to Dec-09)

Refer to PDS webpage -- <http://sites.google.com/site/laspds09/download>

CHANGE IN AWARD SUBMISSION PERIOD

From 2010 onwards, there will only be 2 submission award periods – in July and January of each year. This is due in part to the success of the scheme where a high number of eligible members have already attained the PP status in the past year. Members who are now PP will need to re-apply to maintain their status when their validity period expires.

To synchronize with the new award period, they can include activities that they have already used before in the period that overlaps with the new 2-year period. For example, let say that your PP expires in March 2011. This means that you qualified based on activities engaged in the period Apr 2008 to Mar 2009 during the inaugural implementation. To renew your status after Mar 2009, you will need to apply for renewal in Jan 2011 instead of Mar. Your renewal will be based on activities accumulated in the period Jan 2009 to Dec 2010. This means that you can “reuse” activities from Jan to Mar 2009 which you have used in your first qualification period. The diagram below illustrate this scenario.

