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## SAT endorses professional development for industry

The State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) has ordered a real estate sales representative to complete his Compulsory Professional Development (CPD) program and, in the meantime, has suspended his registration until he has fully complied with this requirement.

On 5 July 2013, the SAT suspended the registration of **Peter Alan Durward** and ordered him to complete the outstanding three mandatory and seven elective CPD points for the 2009 calendar year. The order was issued after Consumer Protection and the sales representative reached a settlement by consent.

Mr Durward's certificate of registration will be reinstated when he provides the SAT with evidence that he has fully complied with the CPD requirements.

Commissioner for Consumer Protection Anne Driscoll said that the practical effects of the SAT's Order was that Mr Durward is unable to work within the real estate industry until he has completed his CPD requirements.

The SAT's endorsement of the CPD requirements of the registration system highlights the importance of agents and sales representatives complying with this important obligation.

The CPD program is designed to increase the knowledge, skills and professionalism of those working in the real estate and business broking industries and provides the basis for maintaining high standards. Every year, real estate and business agents and sales representatives must accumulate ten points within the CPD program, including three from mandatory activities and seven from elective activities.

Failure to comply with these requirements will jeopardise the renewal of an agent's or sales representative's triennial certificate, so it is recommended that all industry participants are aware of their obligations and acquire the minimum points needed.

Information on Compulsory Professional Development requirements can be found on the Consumer Protection website:

[http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/ConsumerProtection/Content/Licences/Real\\_Estate\\_Industry/CPD/CPD.html](http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/ConsumerProtection/Content/Licences/Real_Estate_Industry/CPD/CPD.html)

For further enquiries, agents and sales representatives can email [consumer@commerce.wa.gov.au](mailto:consumer@commerce.wa.gov.au) or call **1300 30 40 54**.