

Authority

This standard has been approved by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council on 31 March 2010 pursuant to the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (2009)* (the National Law) with approval taking effect from 1 July 2010.

Summary

Practitioners must undertake continuing professional development (CPD) activities as a condition of registration. The minimum requirements are set out in this standard.

Scope of application

This standard applies to all applicants and all registered practitioners. It does not apply to students and practitioners who have nonpractising registration. It may not apply to those registrants with limited registration for supervised training, supervised practice and postgraduate training.

Requirements

1. Practitioners must:
 - a) complete a minimum of 60 hours of CPD activities over three years
 - 80% of the minimum 60 CPD hours must be clinically or scientifically based
 - b) make a declaration of their compliance with CPD requirements at the time of annual renewal
 - c) maintain their own records detailing their CPD activities for audit purposes
 - d) produce evidence of their CPD activities when requested to do so by the Board.

(Evidence will take the form of an electronic or paper-based logbook with details of the activities and the number of hours spent. The Board may ask for additional supporting information, such as certificates of attendance.)

2. When a person registers for the first time or has his or her registration restored after it has lapsed, the number of CPD hours to be completed will be calculated on a pro rata basis according to a formula published by the Board.

Definitions

Continuing professional development is the means by which members of the profession maintain, improve and broaden their knowledge, expertise and competence, and

develop the personal and professional qualities required throughout their professional lives.

References

Dental Board of Australia, *Guidelines for Registration Standards — Continuing Professional Development* (to be developed).

Review

This standard will commence on 1 July 2010. The Board will review this standard at least every three years.