



Public consultation on draft registration standard for continuing professional development and guidelines for continuing professional development

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Responses to consultation questions

Please provide your feedback as a word document (not PDF) by email to optomconsultation@ahpra.gov.au by close of business on 4 May 2018

Stakeholder Details

If you wish to include background information about your organisation please provide this as a separate word document (not PDF).

Organisation name
Contact information <i>(please include contact person's name and email address)</i>

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Registration standard: Continuing professional development (CPD)

Please provide your responses to any or all questions in the blank boxes to the right of the question

1. From your perspective, how is the current CPD registration standard working?	
2. From your perspective, how are the current CPD guidelines working?	
3. Which option do you prefer and why?	
4. Is the content and structure of the draft revised CPD registration standard helpful, clear, relevant and more workable than the current standard?	
5. What are the benefits or risks of simplifying the CPD requirements to a minimum of 20 CPD hours?	
6. What are the benefits or risks of simplifying the CPD requirements to one registration period (12 months)?	
7. What are the benefits or risks of the maximum of five hours of non-scientific/non-clinical CPD activities?	
8. What are the benefits or risks to the additional requirement for optometrists with an endorsement for scheduled medicines to complete an additional 10 hrs of CPD related to scheduled medicines, including a minimum of two hours CPD in an interactive setting with other practitioners?	
9. Are there any benefits or risks in removing the regulatory requirement for CPD activities to be accredited, that we have not identified? If you answer 'yes', please provide more detail.	
10. What are the benefits or risks of the proposed increased focus on reflective practice and will this concept be understood?	
11. Are there any elements of the current guidelines that the draft guidelines included here should maintain?	
12. Does this proposal clearly identify what would be acceptable CPD for optometrists?	
13. Is there any content that needs to be changed or deleted in the revised draft CPD registration standard?	
14. Is there anything missing that needs to be added to the revised draft CPD registration standard?	
15. Is the content and structure of the draft CPD guidelines helpful, clear and is it a useful addition to the draft revised CPD registration standard?	

16. Is there any content that needs to be changed or deleted in the draft CPD guidelines?	
17. Does including the statement 'The Board does not endorse/accredit CPD providers or activities but expects practitioners to select CPD activities that are consistent with the ethical and professional standards set out by the Board' add clarity to the CPD guidelines?	
18. Is there additional clarification from the draft revised CPD registration standard that needs to be added to the draft CPD guidelines?	
19. Is the draft CPD portfolio template helpful and is there anything missing that needs to be added or changed?	
20. Are there any other ways that the Board can support practitioners to best engage in CPD?	
21. Would it be helpful for the Board to recommend topics for CPD from time to time in its newsletter? (for example, CPD might be recommended on record keeping if this issue arises regularly in notifications or audit data)	
22. Is there anything else the National Board should take into account in its review of the CPD registration standard and guidelines, such as impacts on workforce or access to health services?	
23. Do you have any other comments on the revised draft CPD registration standard and guidelines?	