

Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia

REGISTRATION STANDARD: CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Summary

This registration standard sets out the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia's minimum requirements for continuing professional development for medical radiation practitioners.

Does this standard apply to me?

This standard applies to all registered medical radiation practitioners except those with student or non-practising registration.

What must I do?

To meet this standard, you must:

1. complete a minimum of 60 hours of CPD activities over a three-year cycle, with a minimum of 10 hours in any one year
2. ensure that at least 35 hours are substantive CPD activities, and
3. maintain evidence of CPD activities that includes reflection on activities.

When a person registers for the first time, or applies for registration 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 in its CPD guidelines.

Are there any exemptions to this standard?

The Board may grant an exemption or variation from this standard in exceptional circumstances, such as serious illness or bereavement, that result in a substantial absence from practice.

What does this mean for me?

When you apply for registration

You don't need to meet this standard when you apply for registration in Australia for the first time as a medical radiation practitioner.

At renewal of registration

When you apply to renew your registration, you are required to declare that you have complied with this standard.

During the registration period

Your compliance with this standard may be audited from time to time.

Evidence

You should maintain records of your CPD activity for five years in case you are audited.

What happens if I don't meet this standard?

The National Law establishes possible consequences if you don't meet this standard, including that:

- the Board can impose a condition or conditions on your registration, or can refuse an application for registration or renewal of registration, if you do not meet a requirement in an approved registration standard for the profession (sections 82, 83 and 112 of the National Law)
- a failure to undertake the CPD required by this standard is not an offence but may be behaviour for which health, conduct or performance action may be taken by the Board (section 128 of the National Law), and
- registration standards, codes or guidelines may be used in disciplinary proceedings against you as evidence of what constitutes appropriate practice or conduct for medical radiation practitioners (section 41 of the National Law).

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Continuing professional development guidelines for medical radiation practitioners

The *CPD guidelines* provide more information about how to meet this standard. You are expected to understand and apply these guidelines together with this registration standard.

Authority

This registration standard was approved by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council on 27 August 2015.

Registration standards are developed under section 38 of the National Law and are subject to wide- ranging consultation.

Definitions

National Law means the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory.

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

General CPD activity means those activities that relate to learning in the healthcare environment.

Substantive CPD activity means those activities that have significant intellectual or practical content primarily directed to a practitioner's practice or expansion of practice. Substantive CPD activities should account for at least 35 of the 60 hours.

Review

This registration standard will be reviewed from time to time as required. This will generally be at least every five years.

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This standard replaces the previous registration standard dated 1 July 2012.