

CPD FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Compliance with certain conditions relating to continuing professional development as prerequisite for continued registration

The council may, after consultation with a professional board, make rules which-

- (a) determine conditions relating to continuing professional development to be undertaken by persons registered in terms of this Act in order to retain such registration;
- (b) determine the nature and extent of continuing professional development to be undertaken by persons registered in terms of this Act;
- (c) relate to the criteria for recognition by the professional board of continuing professional development activities and of providers offering such activities; and
- (d) relate to offences in respect of, and penalties for, non-compliance with this section.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

What is CPD

CPD is an acronym that stands for Continuing Professional Development. Professionals must continually upskill and keep abreast in terms of knowledge and latest developments.

What is a CEU?

Continuing education unit

How many continuing education units (CEUs) should I have per year?

The number of CEUs to be obtained per year by health care professionals who are actively registered differs per profession (e.g. Medical practitioners 30 CEUs and Basic Ambulance Assistants 15 CEUs) (Refer to the guidelines for requirements for your profession).

How do I earn continuing education units CEUs?

CEUs can be earned by participating in online courses/workshops/conferences/symposiums accredited by an Accreditor appointed by the relevant Professional Board.

Does HPCSA accept international CEU's?

Yes, if the course/conference/workshop was approved abroad for continuing development purposes.

Does HPCSA offer CEU's?

The HPCSA offer CEUs at Roadshows and Symposia, and that events will be advertised on our website. CEUs can be earned if practitioners attend these events and fulfill the requirements to earn the CEUs on offer.

REGISTERED AND NOT PRACTISING PROFESSION

(e.g. maternity leave, academic, manager, retired, working abroad, etc)

All actively registered practitioners must comply with continuing professional development requirements even if you are not practising currently.

REGISTERED IN THE CATEGORY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Health practitioners in community service do not have to comply with CPD during community service but are encouraged to attend and may accrue CEUs, which will be to their credit for the full 24 months from date of accrual.

DUAL REGISTRATION/REGISTERED IN TWO OR MORE CATEGORIES

Health practitioners who are registered in two different professions or categories must meet the requirements of the boards that are applicable. Health practitioners registered in more than one category **within the same professional board** should accrue thirty CEUs per profession with the five CEUs for ethics, human rights and health law per twelve-month period applicable to both professions.

FURTHER EDUCATION

If your studies are relevant to your scope of practice it will be accepted for CPD purposes.

NOT PRACTISING AND CANNOT COMPLY – OPTIONS

if you are registered you will have to comply or alternatively –

- a. apply for voluntary erasure (no annual fees payable and you do not have to comply with the CPD requirements, **however conditions will apply for restoration**)
- b. request to put your name on the non-clinical register (pay the **full annual fee** and you do not have to comply with CPD requirements, **however conditions will apply to revert to the clinical category**).

CPD ACCREDITATION FOR ACTIVITIES

Accreditation for activities can be obtained from approved Accreditors appointed by the relevant Professional Boards. A list of the Accreditors per Professional Board is available on the website.