

Continuing Professional Development - Building Accredited Professionals (Levels 1 to 4)

What is Continuing Professional Development (CPD)?

CPD is activity undertaken by a professional to maintain, improve and enhance their professional knowledge, expertise, and qualities throughout their professional careers.

What CPD am I required to do?

CPD is a mandatory requirement for all Accredited Professionals under the *Planning Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (the Act).

Building Accredited Professionals (Levels 1 to 4) must complete the prescribed amount of CPD for each accreditation period.

Completing CPD requirements is a requirement for the continuation of your accreditation.

How many units / hours am I required to do?

Building Levels 1 to 3	Building Level 4
20 CPD units per accreditation period	10 CPD units per accreditation period
9 units must be in the 5 professional competencies below (2 units each, except ethics in development (1 unit))	4 units must be in the 4 professional competencies below marked with ^ (1 unit each)

1 CPD Unit = 1 hour of CPD activity

What activities count as CPD?

CPD comprises:



Attendance at, or presenting material for, a lecture, seminar, conference, workshop, educational program or course





Viewing or listening to material presented as part of a multi-media, web-based or recorded program.



Preparing material for any lecture, seminar, conference, workshop, educational program or course; or for any multi-media, web-based or recorded program.

Examples:

Professional Competency	Acceptable CPD 	Non-acceptable CPD 
Construction practices and principles ^	Attendance at a seminar on new construction practices for infill development	Building a shed at your home
Application of performance-based building code matters ^	Training session on the use and documentation of performance solutions under the Building Code	Googling performance base code matters and general reading about buildings
Decision making in development assessment	Preparing and presenting at a workshop on a development assessment issue - e.g. farm buildings	Undertaking development assessment as part of day-to-day job
Legislative compliance ^	Web-based seminar or training on legislative requirements	Downloading the PDI Act and reading sections
Ethics development ^	Educational program on ethical practices in the construction sector	Time spent debating ethical issues at the workplace

How do I record my activity?

Accredited Professionals must record their CPD activity in line with requirements set by the Act.

An Activity Log template is available on the PlanSA portal. The Accreditation Authority requires independent audits of the CPD activities every five years, and members are expected to be able to produce written records for this purpose.

I need further info / I have a query, where do I go?

For further information please refer to the Guide to the Accredited Professionals Scheme. If you have any further queries, please email DTI.APSQueries@sa.gov.au.