

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

This standard sets out the requirements for continuing professional development (CPD) for all registered osteopaths. All registered practitioners must undertake CPD as specified in this standard to maintain their competence to practice.

Scope of application

This standard applies to all registered practitioners. It does not apply to students or osteopaths with nonpractising registration.

Requirements

1. To maintain their competence to practice, all registered osteopaths (except those with nonpractising registration) must:
 - a) undertake 25 hours of CPD annually, which includes a mandatory CPD activity approved by the Board; and
 - b) maintain a current first aid certificate at the minimum standard of a Senior First Aid (level 2) certificate or equivalent.
2. Applicants who are registered part-way through a registration period must complete six hours of CPD for every three months of registration remaining in the registration period plus the first aid requirements specified in 1(b) above.)
3. CPD should be relevant to the practitioner's area of professional practice and have clear learning aims and objectives that meet the individual's requirements. CPD activities should also have a focus on the clinical aspects of practice, including diagnosis, evidence-based practice and patient safety. Guidelines issued by the Board will assist registered osteopaths to undertake a program of CPD activities that will meet this standard.
4. Practitioners will be required to sign a declaration each year while renewing their registration that confirms that they are complying with this standard.
5. Every year, the Board will audit a percentage of practitioners for compliance with this standard. A percentage of practitioners will be required to submit

to the Board evidence of their compliance with this standard in one or more of the following forms:

- a) a CPD record issued by a recognised body within the past six months from the date of audit
 - b) an interim or final report from a recognised body that may provide evidence of partial compliance with the CPD standard. This document will need to be supported by additional information demonstrating that the requirements have been met
 - c) evidence of assessment by a recognised body of self-directed CPD to a level required to meet the standard
 - d) a professional portfolio that provides evidence of self-directed CPD undertaken.
6. Applicants who apply for registration or renewal of registration between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011 will have until 30 June 2012 to meet the requirements of this standard.

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.

Review

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