

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Continuing Professional Development or CPD refers to the work-related learning and development that is undertaken throughout your career.

CPD is one of the key mechanisms by which high standards of professional practice, relevance and currency of qualifications and experience are maintained.

Professionals in some fields must also complete mandatory CPD requirements in order to maintain their registration. For others it is entirely discretionary but no less important and individuals should find that CPD extends knowledge or expertise in their area of practice.

CPD can also be considered as an investment by you in your career and an investment in your development as a professional by your employer.

CCAA Courses

CCAA is committed to providing the very best opportunities for industry education, training and knowledge sharing.

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The CCAA encourages professionals to develop knowledge in concrete technology following a structured learning approach.

To support this commitment, we have been actively reviewing and updating our suite of concrete training courses which address different levels of technical proficiency and offer a flexible, more robust approach to meeting the needs of the Australian construction industry.

Each CCAA course is structured and:

- provides an overview,
- defines the target audience,
- specifies the learning objective,
- states the delivery method,
- lists the prerequisites and
- describes the assessment process.

Successful completion of a CCAA course results in a Certificate of Completion being awarded.

Participants in CCAA courses may be able to claim CPD hours or points. While each association should be contacted to confirm the following lists a number of associations for which the CCAA courses meet their CPD requirements.

Engineers Australia

Engineers Australia (EA) require CPD to be documented to demonstrate a minimum of 150 hours of structured CPD over a three-year period.

According to EA, CPD is “anything that helps you expand your knowledge, maintain up-to-date technical skills and progress your engineering career”.

CPD activities need to be one of the eight approved types of CPD. There are also limits on some of the types of approved CPD that need to be taken into consideration when compiling an individual’s CPD record.

The CCAA courses meet the requirements for CPD Type II. There is also no limit on the maximum number of hours that you can claim over a three-year period for these courses.

Information on the CPD meeting EA requirement is provided on the webpage for each CCAA course.

Materials Australia

According to Materials Australia (MA) CPD of at least 30 points in a three year period must for undertaken to maintain Certified Materials Professional (CMatP) accreditation.

The activities that qualify as CPD for MA are provided in the CMatP Handbook.

The CCAA courses meet the requirements CPD as they are considered to meet the Registered Participant at a MA or other engineering training course with 2 Points per half day.

Information on the CPD meeting MA requirement is provided on the webpage for each CCAA course.

Australia Institute of Building

According to Australian Institute of Building (AIB) supports its members to undertake CPD with members required to undertake a minimum of 70 hours CPD over a three-year period with a minimal annual requirement of 20 hours. CPD points are accredited at one point for hour of CPD.

AIB list the themes, CD activities, credits per activity and maximum credits per year in the AIB Policy on Continuing Professional Development.

The CCAA courses meet the theme of Short Courses and Workshops with a maximum of 5 credits per year.

Information on the CPD meeting AIB requirement is provided on the webpage for each CCAA course.

Australian Institute of Australia and Architects Accreditation Council of Australia

According to Australian Institute of Australia (AIA) recommend that members complete 20 hours of CPD per annum of which a minimum of 10 hours must be formal CPD (learning activity with stated outcomes that is formally assessed or has significant interaction between presenter and learner). CPD is also compulsory for Architects in most states of Australia.

Activities that meet the requirements of the framework for CPD are outlined in the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA)/Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA) Joint Policy on CPD for Architects. An effective CPD activity shall have as its basis the National Competency Standards in Architecture (NSCA).

The CCAA Courses meet the requirements for Formal CPD given that the learning activities have stated outcomes and are formally assessed. As a provider of Formal CPD the CCAA will also keep records of CPD activities, provide an outline of the learning activities (mapped to NSCA), have courses developed and presented by appropriate technical experts, provide certificate of completion and provide evidence of the assessment tasks.

The CCAA Concrete Basics Course (CBC) and Concrete Practice Course (CPC) can be considered to meet some of the NSCA requirements including:

- Unit A Design, Element 3 Conceptual Design and Performance Criteria 3.7 Construction Systems and Materials
- Unit B Documentation, Element 5 Detailed Design and Performance Criteria 5.5 Integration of Materials and Processes
- Unit B Documentation, Element 6 Documentation and Performance Criteria 6.5 Materials Quality and Performance Standards
- Unit C Project Delivery, Element 8 Construction Stage and Performance Criteria 8.4 Construction Progress and Quality

Information on the CPD meeting AIA requirement is provided on the webpage for each CCAA course.

Building Designers Association of Australia

According to Building Designers Association of Australia (BDAA) members must attain a minimum of 25 points per year of CPD. CPD points are calculated on the basis of 1 CPD point per hour with a maximum of 6 CPD points per day.

The CCAA courses meet the requirements for Activity G Industry Specific Training with 1 point per hour and a maximum of 3 points per course.

Information on the CPD meeting BDAA requirement is provided on the webpage for each CCAA course.

Asset Management Council

Asset Management Council (AMC) require CPD to be documented to demonstrate a minimum of 75 or 150 hours (depending upon level of certification) of structured CPD over a three-year period.

AMC lists the types and conditions of CPD that can be undertaken in the Guide to Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

CPD activities do not need to be accredited by AMC but need to be one of the eight approved types of CPD. There are also limits on some of the types of approved CPD that need to be taken into consideration when compiling an individual's CPD record.

The CCAA courses meet the requirements for CPD Type 2. There is also no limit on the maximum number of hours that you can claim over a three-year period for these courses.

Information on the CPD meeting AMC requirement is provided on the webpage for each CCAA course.