
Important Changes to CPD Program

Audiology Australia continues to strive towards meeting the rigorous standards required for membership in the National Alliance of Self-Regulating Health Professions (NASRHP). The NASRHP Standards ensure the highest professional standards of practice. These include standards that Audiology Australia has already introduced, such as mandatory declarations associated with the Code of Conduct, and accreditation of university audiology programs; however, there are other standards that Audiology Australia will need to either adapt, vary or develop to meet NASRHP requirements.

One of the big changes for Audiology Australia in meeting NASRHP requirements is the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program. From 1 July 2017, Audiology Australia will move to an annual CPD cycle. However, rather than requiring 50 CPD points over a two-year cycle, members will only need to attain 20 points each annual cycle, thus reducing the average number of points required per annum.

As the current cycle is due to finish on 31 March 2017 and the new cycle will not begin until 1 July, there will be a

three-month hiatus in which members can gain points for endorsed activities and choose which cycle they would like to place them against. For example, if a member does not quite have the 50 points required for the current cycle, they could continue to earn points up to 30 June to meet CPD requirements. Alternatively, if a member already has 50 points in the current cycle, they could choose to begin earning points for the next cycle from 1 April, effectively giving them 15 months to attain 20 points rather than 12 months.

Audiology Australia will continue to work hard to ensure members have a range of activities available to them in terms of acquiring CPD points, and invest in technologies (such as webinars and webcasting) to provide members with flexible options.

As we develop our policies and programs to meet NASRHP requirements over the coming months, we will be sure to inform members of the changes and the improvements that will be made to self-regulating standards.

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