

Standards for continuing professional development

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The General Pharmaceutical Council is the regulator for pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and registered pharmacy premises in England, Scotland and Wales.

Introduction

This document sets out the standards for Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

It is important that you meet our standards and that you are able to practise safely and effectively.

The CPD requirements apply equally to all pharmacy professionals. They are not changed by factors such as part-time employment, or working in a position of authority. You are expected to cover the full scope of your practice in your CPD record, including responsibilities such as superintendent or pharmacist prescriber and roles in different settings such as industry and community pharmacy.

Your conduct will be judged against the standards and failure to comply could put your registration at risk. If someone raises concerns about you we will consider these standards when deciding if we need to take any action.

To help you to understand these standards, we have published a glossary of terms. We will also publish guidance to advise you on what you will need to do to meet these standards.

The glossary and our guidance can be found on our website at www.pharmacyregulation.org

Standards

Patients, the public and government expect that every pharmacy professional maintains their professional capability throughout their career. Keeping a record of your CPD enables you to confirm that you are meeting these expectations. It also helps you to retain and build your confidence as a professional and it will provide evidence that you meet our CPD requirement.

- 1.1 Keep a record of your CPD that is legible, either electronically online at the website www.uptodate.org.uk, on another computer, or as hard copy on paper and in a format published or approved by us and carrying the CPD approved logo.
- 1.2 Make a minimum of nine CPD entries per year which reflect the context and scope of your practice as a pharmacist or pharmacy technician.
- 1.3 Keep a record of your CPD that complies with the good practice criteria for CPD recording published in Plan and Record by us (www.uptodate.co.uk).
- 1.4 Record how your CPD has contributed to the quality or development of your practice using our CPD framework.
- 1.5 Submit your CPD record to us on request.



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