Public consultation on registration standard: Continuing professional development

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Responses to consultation questions

**Please provide your confidential feedback as a Word document by email to** [**paramedicine@ahpra.gov.au**](mailto:paramedicine@ahpra.gov.au)**by close of business on 8 February 2018.**

Stakeholder Details

*If you wish to include background information about your organisation please provide this as a separate Word document (not PDF).*

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| **Organisation name** |
| Australian Paramedics Association (NSW) |
| **Contact information**  *(please include contact person’s name and email address)* |
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| **Registration standard: Continuing professional development**  *Please provide your responses to any or all questions in the blank boxes to the right of the question* | |
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| 1. From your perspective, does the proposed standard adequately fulfil the Board’s requirements to set a standard in relation to the requirements for continuing professional development (CPD) for the paramedicine profession? | Yes. |
| 1. Is the content and structure of the proposed CPD registration standard helpful, clear, relevant and workable? | Yes. |
| 1. Should the standard state that CPD should contribute to keeping practitioners up to date in the setting in which they work or does the statement ‘keeping you up to date in your chosen scope’ practice incorporate setting adequately? | No, the statement ‘keeping you up to date in your chosen scope’ is adequate. |
| 1. Is there any content that needs to be changed or deleted in the proposed CPD registration standard? | The requirement to keep records of CPD for up to five years is too onerous if a paramedic has already had to prove their CPD for re-registration. For paramedics who work for NSWA, the nature of the work requires regular redeployments throughout the NSW. Records relating to CPD are primarily kept at NSW Ambulance stations and as such trying to collect this information for five years retrospectively is onerous. |
| 1. Is there anything missing that needs to be added to the proposed CPD registration standard? | No. |
| 1. Is the content and structure of the proposed CPD guidelines helpful, clear and is it a useful addition to the proposed CPD registration standard? | Yes. |
| 1. Is there any content that needs to be changed or deleted in the proposed CPD guidelines? | The minimum requirement of eight hours’ CPD in an interactive setting may be difficult to fulfil and it is unnecessarily restrictive to specify this. It may be difficult in rural/remote settings. In addition participation may require prohibitive time and cost due to travel requirements. More flexibility would be preferable. |
| 1. Is there additional clarification of the proposed CPD registration standard that needs to be added to the proposed CPD guidelines? | No. |