

Continuing Professional Development Requirements



Members of Acupuncture NZ are required to complete a minimum of 20 Hours of approved Continuing Professional Development (CPD) every year in order to maintain the Annual Practising Certificate (APC).

Continuing professional development is not just about technical competence as a practitioner. It is also about developing the whole person, their well-being and their place in society, and the belief that a better educated practitioner will be a safer and more effective health care practitioner. It is important that a practitioner's knowledge and skills are progressively developed over time and are maintained according to contemporary standards of the profession and the broader health field. CPD is about investment in the future of the practitioner and his or her practice. It is up to each individual member to determine those activities which will best enhance their knowledge and skills for the benefit of their practice and patients.

APC's are issued from 1st April and remain valid until 31 March the following year.

At least 12 of the 20 hours must be acupuncture and/or TCM related study and up to 8 hours of other health or business related skills. A minimum of two different types of activity must be undertaken every year.

When participating in Acupuncture NZ organised lectures, seminars or workshops you will be required to sign an attendance register. This will be forwarded to the Acupuncture NZ Office by the organiser of the event. For events held by other organisations of professional bodies, you will require an attendance certificate.

According to Acupuncture NZ Rules all members must hold a current First Aid Certificate which includes the New Zealand Qualification Authority Unit Standards 6401 and 6402.

Members joining later in the year will be expected to complete a proportionate number of hours CPD for the remainder of the year.

Associate members of Acupuncture NZ are required to engage in CPD for at least two years (equivalent of 40 hours) or complete a workplace assessment prior to returning to Full membership. If a member is an Associate for one year or less, then 20 (or the proportionate number) hours CPD are required before returning to Full membership.

Please note that there is no pro rata of hours for part-time practitioners. Every practitioner who wishes to renew their APC must complete the same level of CPD activity. This is because competence does not relate to the hours a practitioner works, but to the standard of work performed. In other words, a practitioner only working twenty hours per week must be just as competent as their colleague working forty hours per week.

Please complete the CPD Attendance Form and attach copies of the attendance certificates (where required) and forward them to the Office along with payment of your fees when requested.

Annual Practising Certificates will be issued when the full 20 hours of CPD is completed and all relevant documentation is received at the Office.