



# CPD For Dual Fellowships

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## PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the process for Fellows with dual Fellowship and their CPD requirements with College.

## SCOPE

This policy covers the process for Fellows who have Fellowships from other colleges and their CPD requirements with College. It also covers whether or not Fellows can use CPD points from another college as part of the CPD program at College.

## DEFINITIONS/KEY WORDS/ABBREVIATIONS

ACD – Australasian College of Dermatologists

CPD – Continuing Professional Development as provided by ACD

MBA – Medical Board of Australia

Fellow – any person who has completed the ACD Dermatology, or been recognised through the IMG process as being comparable, and has been conferred with Fellowship.

## **THE POLICY**

Continuing Professional Development is the means by which members of the profession maintain, improve and broaden their knowledge, expertise and competence, and develop the personal qualities required in their professional lives.

All Fellows of College and non-member Continuing Professional Development (CPD) participants are required by the Australian Government and therefore expected by the College to participate regularly in continuing professional development in order to maintain, develop, update and enhance their knowledge, skills and performance to ensure that they deliver appropriate and safe care.

## **PARTICIPATION STANDARDS**

All College Fellows and participating members must achieve the designated number of CPD points over a cycle set by the College. This may include a requirement for minimum and maximum yearly points or compulsory activities to be considered as complying with the ACD CPD Program. Retired Fellows who hold medical registration in the public interest for occasional practice, prescribing and referral must achieve full points over the biennium.

The specific requirements, which participants in the program must satisfy in order to demonstrate compliance with College CPD program, are:

- Accumulate the minimum overall points set by College (see handbook) over each CPD cycle of the program.
- Accumulate the minimum points in any one year of the CPD cycle as determined by the College
- Accumulate no more than the maximum points per year as determined by the College.
- Each category must be addressed over the CPD period as determined by the College. See handbook for specific details of requirements.
- Record/document activities, indicating their alignment with the CPD categories.
- Submit claims for recognition to College in one of the approved/available channels.
- Claim recognition for each activity only once against one nominated CPD category.

## **DUAL FELLOWSHIP**

Fellows of College who hold membership of other accredited medical colleges:

- Are also required by College to complete the ACD CPD Program in its entirety.

- May transfer points gained from CPD activities to the ACD CPD program provided that:
  - the activities are dermatological in nature in particular those activities listed in Category 1
  - the activities fall within the descriptors associated with the various ACD Categories
  - clinical activities that fall within the descriptors of Category 1 of the CPD handbook are of a dermatological nature
  - the Fellow provides College with supporting evidence

Fellows who meet these requirements will be deemed compliant with the College's CPD program and will:

- satisfy MBA requirements for continuing registration.
- have their names listed in the Public Section of the College website as having met the requirements of the College's Continuing Professional Development Program for the preceding/current cycle.
- receive a Certificate of Compliance from College.

## **REFERENCES/REGULATIONS**

National Medical Board Regulations and Policies

Australasian College of Dermatologist Mandatory Participation Policy