



# ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGEONS

## CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Members and Fellows can exercise their own judgement as to appropriate general CPD. However, you should expect to undertake 60 hours CPD in a year and 300 hours of CPD over 5 years, made up of:

- 100 hours of verifiable CPD, and
- 200 hours of general CPD.

### **Verifiable CPD**

Verifiable CPD will involve activities which meet the following criteria:

- concise educational aims and objectives – the activity should have a clear purpose or goal;
- clear anticipated outcomes – you should know what you can expect to gain as a result of taking part in the activity;
- quality control – you should have an opportunity to comment, with a view to improving quality; and
- unit audit.

Members and Fellows must be able to show that they have attended or been involved in verifiable CPD by, for example, keeping certificates or course registration documents.

### **Types of activity that will count as verifiable CPD include:**

- attendance at RACDS Convocation and Regional Scientific Meetings;
- participation in RACDS courses and workshops;
- attendance at University Dental School Continuing Dental Education Programs;
- attendance at National Dental Association Biennial Conference;
- attendance at National Dental Association Branch Scientific Meetings;
- attendance at National Dental Association Affiliated Society Scientific Meetings.

### **Consideration may be given to meetings under the auspices of:**

- colleges affiliated with the RACDS eg. RCS Eng., RACS, RCS Ed. and
- international specialist academies eg. American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthodontics.

### **General CPD**

General CPD will involve a wide range of activities that are professionally beneficial. It will be your responsibility to exercise your own judgement as to what you think constitutes useful general CPD.

Types of activity that could be suitable as general CPD include:

- Independent study of professional literature,
- multimedia learning,
- staff training,
- background research and
- private practice audit.

### **RACDS CPD is designed to be flexible**

You should aim to complete 60 hours CPD each year, including 20 hours of verifiable CPD. You may choose, because of personal circumstances, to vary the hours from year to year.

### **Log your CPD via the web [www.racds.org](http://www.racds.org) and choose the CPD link.**

You will need to enter your email address. When entering your email address for the first time, the system will automatically generate an eight-digit pin code that is randomly selected. The pin will be emailed to you.

You can opt to change your email at any time and you will be issued with a new randomly generated eight-digit pin code.