

CPD is changing for doctors across Australia

As of 2023, the continuing professional development (CPD) is changing for not only GPs, but doctors of every speciality across Australia. The Medical Board of Australia (MBA) has outlined new annual CPD requirements.

As of 1 January 2023, the new MBA requirements require GPs to log 50 hours of CPD every year, complete a professional development plan and refresh your skills with one CPR course in the triennium.

The focus of the new changes is on regular performance feedback, collaboration with peers, self-reflection, and reviewing patient outcomes – things that GPs are already doing, and RACGP can help capture. All these activities are aimed at improving practitioner performance and patient care.

A new-look CPD program for GPs

50 CPD hours

Each calendar year GPs will need to record 50 hours of CPD across different activity types.

Activity type	Hours (minimum)
Educational Activities (EA)	12.5
Reviewing Performance (RP) and/or Measuring Outcomes (MO)	25 (with a minimum of 5 hours in RP and a minimum of 5 hours in MO)
Any Activity Type (EA, RP and MO)	12.5
Total	50

Professional development plan (PDP)

As a requirement of the Medical Board, GPs will also need to complete a Professional Development Plan (PDP) each year.

CPR course

Each triennium, GPs will need to complete a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course (Providing CPR HLTAID009). While the other tasks are annual, GPs will have three years to update their skills. This is an RACGP high level requirement, not mandated by the MBA. RACGP will also accept other courses that meet the requirements of HLTAID009 such as Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) courses which include CPR.

For more information, please visit the RACGP website via the following [link](#).

