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Network professional development recognition

Practitioners who participate in an MHPN network can claim recognition to credit towards their continuing professional development.

Overview of the national registration and accreditation scheme

From 1 July 2010, the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme came into effect. A number of health professions are part of the Scheme. Those that participate are represented by a National Board.

Each Board's primary responsibility is to protect the public and to set their profession's registration standards. This includes identifying the number of credits, points or hours practitioners must spend each year on continuing professional development (CPD) to maintain registration.

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) is the government body that supports the National Boards. Those that may operate in mental health include:

- > Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia
- > Chinese Medicine Board of Australia
- > Medical Board of Australia
- > Pharmacy Board of Australia
- > Psychology Board of Australia
- > Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
- > Occupational Therapy Board of Australia.

If you belong to one of the above professions, visit the relevant Board's website to learn more about CPD requirements.

Broad CPD requirements

Generally speaking, across all professions who are part of the scheme, for a CPD activity to be recognised it must:

- > be relevant to the practitioner's scope of practice and serve to maintain, develop, update and enhance knowledge, skills and performance
- > clearly articulate goals and outcomes.

Practitioners must also:

- > maintain CPD records. Practitioners' records may be subject to random audits (undertaken by the relevant Board).
- > keep a record of attendance at CPD activities, as well as an account of how the activity was relevant to learning goals and outcomes.

Did you know...

MHPN helps you meet your reporting obligations by providing Certificates of Attendance if you participate in network meetings.

Professions that aren't part of the Scheme

If your profession isn't part of the Scheme, you will most likely be able to self report MHPN network participation to claim CPD recognition.

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CPD and MHPN network participation

MHPN is supported by various colleges and associations, who where relevant work with the relevant Board and AHPRA to allow practitioners who participate in MHPN networks to claim points, credits or hours of self-directed learning.

ORGANISATION	CPD RECOGNITION
The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP)	Psychiatrists who participate in MHPN networks may claim CPD hours in accordance with the Continuing Professional Development Program Guide. Contact the RANZCP for more information: cpd@ranzcp.org
Australian Psychological Society (APS)	Psychologists who participate in MHPN networks may claim CPD hours in accordance with their individual learning plans for the CPD cycle. Further information on the APS CPD requirements is available on the website. https://www.psychology.org.au/Assets/Files/CPD-requirements-detailed.pdf
Australian College of Mental Health Nurses (ACMHN)	ACMHN members who attend MHPN network meetings can earn one CPE point per hour (under category 1.7 ACMHN Continuing Professional Education). ACMHN members who formally present at, or facilitate, a MHPN network meeting can earn one CPD point per hour (under category 2.7 or 2.18 ACMHN Continuing Practice Development). NB tea breaks and administrative activities within the session do not contribute to CPE/CPD time.
The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP)	RACGP member GPs may claim QA&CPD points for participation in MHPN networks. All GPs interested in pursuing their options are encouraged to visit www.racgp.org.au or consult with their state faculty QA&CPD program coordinator.
Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW)	AASW members who participate in MHPN networks should record hours of attendance/completion of activities to be eligible for self-directed CPD recognition.
Occupational Therapy Australia (OTA)	OTA members may be able to claim up to two CPD points in Category 5 towards their Accredited Occupational Therapist Program CPD Points requirements by participating in MHPN networks. Check the CPD section of your AccOT manual for more information.
Pharmaceutical Society of Australia Ltd	Pharmacists can record two Group 2 CPD credits per hour for their participation in MHPN network meetings. Pharmacist speakers can record Group 2 CPD credits allocated at two per hour for their preparation as a guest speaker in MHPN network meetings.

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The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)	Participation in MHPN networks may contribute to your Continuing Medical Education. For more information visit www.racp.org.au .
Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM)	If members participate in MHPN networks they can receive points by providing ACRRM with a completed application form (available from ACCRM). Once approved by the accreditation committee this activity will be approved for the rest of the triennium. For more information visit www.acrrm.org.au .

Please note the above was correct at the time of publication, but to ensure you have the most recent information, please confirm CPD requirements with your professional organisation.

All other professions are encouraged to record their participation in MHPN networks as they would for any other self-directed learning activity.

Certificate of attendance

So long as the attendance data is forwarded to MHPN, within six weeks of your meeting a Certificate of Attendance will be emailed to meeting attendees.

This certificate provides evidence of participation in the event you are audited.

Need more information? Contact MHPN

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