

# AIS FORMAL CPD PRESENTATIONS

## What is Formal CPD?

CPD is a learning activity that enhances an architect's knowledge and skills within the profession. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is defined by the Australian Institute of Architects (AIA) as:

*"Any activity that systematically enhances an architect's professional knowledge and personal skills for the advancement of architecture, society and the environment."*

The Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA) is the national body formed by the registration authorities of each state and territory to consider matters of common concern or interest. The main objectives of the Council are to facilitate the recognition, accreditation and coordination of acceptable academic standards and registration practices in the interests of national and international professional reciprocity in architecture.

AACA is responsible for facilitating the competency-based assessment process and maintaining the National Competency Standards in Architecture (NCSA) on behalf of the profession. AACA is not itself a registration authority. Its role is the facilitation of the assessment process, which is recognised by each of the state and territory registration authorities as a prerequisite to registration. The decision to register applicants is the sole prerogative of the registration authorities.

### What is formal CPD?

Formal CPD learning must be linked to the NCSA. CPD activities in each year should relate to a minimum of two (2) of the four (4) major areas or units of competency in the NCSA:

1. Design;
2. Documentation;
3. Practice management; and
4. Project management.

A copy of the NCSA can be downloaded at the AACA website: [www.aaca.org.au/publications](http://www.aaca.org.au/publications).

Architects are encouraged to develop a CPD plan that addresses the maintenance, development and enhancement of their own professional knowledge and skills. Activities should relate to practice as an architect and be in addition to activities already undertaken in the normal course of the architect's practice or employment.

CPD legislation varies from state-to-state. The state requirements for CPD are:

STATE	STATUS	ADVISORY
QLD	Compulsory	<a href="http://www.boaq.qld.gov.au">www.boaq.qld.gov.au</a>
NSW	Compulsory	<a href="http://www.architects.nsw.gov.au">www.architects.nsw.gov.au</a>
VIC	Not compulsory	<a href="http://www.arbv.vic.gov.au">www.arbv.vic.gov.au</a> Note: Architects in VIC often see participating in CPD activity as best practice.
ACT	Not compulsory	<a href="http://www.actpla.act.gov.au">www.actpla.act.gov.au</a> Note: Most ACT architects undertake work in NSW and comply accordingly with NSW legislation
SA	Not compulsory	<a href="http://www.archboardsa.org.au">www.archboardsa.org.au</a>
WA	Compulsory	<a href="http://www.architectsboard.org.au">www.architectsboard.org.au</a>
TAS	Compulsory	<a href="http://www.wst.tas.gov.au">www.wst.tas.gov.au</a>

\*An architect residing in one state but registered in another must comply with legislation for the state in which they are registered.

### What is informal CPD?

Informal CPD activities relate to practice as an architect and are additional to activities already undertaken in the normal course of practice or employment; informal CPD does not include any kind of assessment.

Informal points may be attained by activities such as:

1. Self-directed study of practice;
2. AIS iFlex and Equinox events;
3. Notes and professional magazines;
4. Talks and presentations;
5. Visits to buildings and exhibitions;
6. Conferences;
7. Participation in professional committees and advisory groups; and
8. Raising awareness of architecture in primary and secondary schools.

A maximum of two (2) hours only may be allocated to any one (1) activity at a time.

## How can AIS help you deliver formal CPD?

With access to most major architectural practices throughout New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland as well as links in the remaining states and territories, AIS can invite practices to consider presentations.

With the addition to the AIS team of a CPD Assessment Partner who is also an architect, AIS is now uniquely positioned to:

- Assist architects to quickly and conveniently access meaningful CPD training, tailored specifically to current project and professional development needs and delivered directly to their office;
- Assist CPD presenters in meeting specific state and territory registration board requirements
- Assist CPD presenters to consolidate their credentials as industry leaders, field specialists and trusted advisors through the delivery of meaningful CPD training to the exacting needs of architectural professionals; and
- Assist presenters with training and accreditation for their customised presentations.

To explore opportunities to become an AIS accredited CPD presenter, or answer any other queries you may have, contact:

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## References

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- *RAIA – Continuing Professional Development Policy – Royal Australian Institute of Architects – February 2007*
- *Architects Accreditation Council of Australia 'The National Competency Standards in Architecture' – Second Edition 2008*
- *Board of Architects of Queensland: Guide for Architects – CPD Information Sheet 1 – Practising Architects and CPD to commence 1/4/2011*
- *Australian Institute of Architects – Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for Architects – A Quick Guide*

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