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This information will provide an overview of the requirement to participate in CPD activities whilst you are under clinical assessment.

PARTICIPATION IN CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As an International Medical Graduate (IMG) on a pathway to Fellowship you have a requirement to participate in CPD activities. The activities required for completion are determined by your period of clinical assessment. Currently all activities must be submitted to the Clinical Director, IMG Assessment & Support for approval. From **1 July 2017**, all activities must be submitted online in the RACS Portfolio by clicking on 'My CPD'. The Portfolio has been designed to work responsively across all platforms (i.e. phone, tablet, desktop) and can be accessed at www.surgeons.org

CPD REQUIREMENTS BY ASSESSMENT PERIOD

The IMG Department set the CPD requirements based on the date you commenced your clinical assessment period in the calendar year.

IMG (12 months)

Category	Name	Requirement
1	Surgical Audit and Peer Review	One peer reviewed surgical audit
2	Clinical Governance & Quality Improvement	10 hours of activities
3	Maintenance of Knowledge and Skills	50 hours of activities
4	Reflective Practice	1. Multisource Feedback 2. One other activity from this category Please note: In 2017 completion of the RACS Operating with Respect eLearning Module is mandatory

IMG (6 months)

Category	Name	Requirement
1	Surgical Audit and Peer Review	One peer reviewed surgical audit
2	Clinical Governance & Quality Improvement	5 hours of activities
3	Maintenance of Knowledge and Skills	25 hours of activities
4	Reflective Practice	1. Multisource Feedback 2. One other activity from this category Please note: In 2017 completion of the RACS Operating with Respect eLearning Module is mandatory

AUTOMATIC UPLOAD OF CPD POINTS

RACS has been working with education providers to develop a process that automatically populates attendance at RACS CPD approved activities into CPD Online.

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You can expect your attendance at activities approved by RACS to be populated in CPD Online within two weeks of attendance. Activities that have been automatically uploaded will also be automatically verified on your behalf, if you have selected for verification.

Any education provider can apply for CPD approval and we would encourage you attending activities that are not approved to ask the provider to contact the Professional Development Department at RACS via email CME.Approvals@surgeons.org

MAINTENANCE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS (MOPS) PROGRAM FOR NON-FELLOWS

You must register for the MOPS program in January of the year following completion of your clinical assessment if you have not attained Fellowship, and remain in that program until you have attained Fellowship or your pathway to Fellowship ceases.

NON-COMPLIANT WITH CPD

If you fail to comply with the CPD Program, or you submit an unsatisfactory report or fail to register for MOPS (when required) you may have your pathway to Fellowship reviewed by a delegated subcommittee of the Board of Surgical Education and Training. The subcommittee may recommend a change to your pathway, including recommending a pathway to Fellowship by completion of the Surgical Education and Training (SET) program.

MEDICAL REGISTRATION

The Medical Board of Australia and the Medical Council of New Zealand requires health practitioners to participate in CPD as an on-going requirement for registration.

CPD ONLINE

The CPD Online will allow you to:

- Access your CPD requirements
- Monitor your CPD progress and compliance
- Upload your supporting documentation

Further information and frequently asked questions about CPD Online can be found on page 24 of the RACS Continuing Professional Guide available at <http://www.surgeons.org/my-page/my-cpd/>