



CPD REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONALS

The CPD Standards Office is a unique organisation and was founded with the vision of understanding and enabling positive and successful CPD and learning experiences. As a highly specialised expert team, our university led research has equipped us with extensive expertise on all things CPD.

Between the work of the Professional Development Consortium and the CPD Standards Office dual CPD research and accreditation activities sharpen our knowledge and expertise. This enables us to work with individual coaches, training providers, employers, and membership organisation's as a collaborative CPD network & community.

CPD Requirements for Construction Professionals

Undertaking regular CPD is a requirement for a number of professional bodies, one such body is the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) and their members must complete 35 hours of continued development each year. An organisation that can deliver CPD accredited training will be very desirable to ambitious industry professionals in this particular sector.

“79% of construction professionals responding to a survey by the Chartered Institute of Building believe that up-to-date Continuing Professional Development can alleviate skills gaps in the industry.”

What are the benefits of CPD for construction professionals?

- The sector is continuously introducing new methods of construction / practise, so training and development are a crucial part in the future of the industry. Therefore all professionals need to be on board and adapt to fast paced changes within their workplace.
- CPD enables employees to increase their skills and understanding of the industry whilst keeping up to date with all the latest regulation changes and any new product developments.
- CPD helps to keep professionals up to date with the latest innovations and products in the market, ensuring that they stay ahead of the competition.



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- It helps individuals to strengthen their relationships with the professional bodies for and by working collaboratively with manufacturers will provide professionals working in the construction industry with additional support and guidance, thus enabling them to update their processes and adapt positively to changes in the workplace.

CPD Online

Online CPD is revolutionising the construction industry. Effective CPD helps to maintain, improve and broaden skills and knowledge. However, there is more to CPD than just keeping updated; the more self-aware people are, the more informed they will be and the more they will be able to reflect on their practice and decisions. Being able to apply these understandings is key to maximising learning, credibility, confidence and success. As technologies develop, the limitations will dramatically reduce and although fairly new at present, the likes of AI / VR and AR will also become effective and efficient ways of learning.

Professional Bodies

There are a large number of professional bodies within the construction industry, below we have listed a few examples:

Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) -

The Institute recommends that chartered members are obliged to undertake CPD hours per annum and these hours must come from the ten topics in the RIBA CPD Core Curriculum (two hours per topic per year). RIBA regularly monitor a random sample of chartered members' records to determine compliance.

Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE) -

Members of CIBSE are required by the Code of Professional Conduct to maintain their professional competence. There are no minimum hours required to undertake but all members need to take ownership of their learning and development needs. Members are encouraged to log/record their CPD activities on a regular basis.

The Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) -

The Institute recommends members a number of CPD hours to complete, but this is not compulsory. They look for evidence that members have gone through a process of further developing their needs to further knowledge. The CIOB has a member's portal which can be used to record CPD hours and can be accessed via the main CIOB website.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) -

All members are required to undertake learning in relation to the Global Professional and Ethical Standards at least once every three years. RICS offers CPD compliance guide where members can continually update their skills and knowledge to remain professionally compliant. All members (AssocRICS, MRICS and FRICS) must record their CPD activities online. RICS specify certain CPD hours that need to be carried out per year, see their website for more details.

The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) -

The IET has guidelines to CPD hours on their website which members should follow. At the IET they want members to embrace CPD on a day-to-day basis and have a career manager which can be used to record all CPD activities.

Construction Magazines

Construction Magazine UK

Construction UK Magazine is a leading trade publication within the construction industry and provides an extensive look into breaking news, analysis, features, projects, product launches, discussions and interviews. The magazine is published on a monthly basis and can be found on their website - <https://constructionmaguk.co.uk/>

The Construction Index

The Construction Index magazine is a monthly magazine for contractors, plant hirers and other companies in the construction supply chain; with a circulation of almost 40,000. The magazine is

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available in print format by an annual subscription. See the website here - <https://www.theconstructionindex.co.uk/media-pack/magazine>

Construction News

Construction News provides the latest updates on the sector, decodes the construction industry and gives the facts that matter to help develop your career and business. There is a subscription package which gives full access to the website, a hard copy of the magazine, mail alerts and event invites and discounts. See the website here - https://www.constructionnews.co.uk/subs-offers?gclid=EAlalQobChMlyp-N-7-X3wIVBLXTCh1sEA0mEAAYASAAEgKBY_D_BwE

Building Design & Construction

Building Design & Construction magazine has information on the fast-moving and dynamic industry with up-to-date news and reaction to the stories affecting the industry today. The news section is packed with current events, interviews with the trade's top professionals, and in-depth case studies on leading businesses. The magazine is a monthly issue and all the previous issues on their website - <https://www.bdcmagazine.com/>

Events in the Construction Industry

London Expo 2019 - BIM & Digital Construction Summit -

London Build features: 500+ speakers across 8 conference theatres, 220+ CPD knowledge sessions, 350+ exhibitors across 9 exhibition zones and a range of exclusive free-to-attend networking events

National Construction Expo -

The key themes for the 2019 conference are: Brexit, foreign direct investment, infrastructural investment, public & private housing and sustainability. For more detail, see the website - <http://www.nationalconstructionexpo.co.uk/>



UK Construction Week -

The UK's largest built environment event, UK Construction Week (UKCW), is FREE to attend and consists of nine shows: Timber Expo, Build Show, Civils Expo, Plant & Machinery Live, Energy 2019, Building Tech Live, Surface & Materials Show and HVAC 2019 running from 8-10 October. - <https://www.ukconstructionweek.com/>

For the latest statistics relating to the construction industry in Great Britain, please visit the Office of National Statistics website at - <https://www.ons.gov.uk/businessindustryandtrade/constructionindustry/articles/constructionstatistics/number192018edition>

We hope you have found this factsheet helpful.

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