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Foreword

The Medical Sciences Council of New Zealand (the Council) is pleased to present these continuing professional development (CPD) guidelines for Anaesthetic Technicians working in New Zealand. The relatively late entry (April 2012) of the anaesthetic technology profession into the statutory regulation sector under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 has presented a number of advantages when developing the detailed framework for the regulation of Anaesthetic Technicians. One such advantage for the Council has been the opportunity to review what other regulatory authorities, both here in New Zealand and overseas, have established and refined over the last few years in respect of CPD frameworks. This information has been invaluable in assisting the Council with the development of its CPD framework for Anaesthetic Technicians.

As a registered health professional you have a responsibility to keep your skills and knowledge up-to-date by actively engaging in relevant CPD. CPD is the hallmark of the professional.

As a registered Anaesthetic Technician, the Council requires you to engage in CPD. Renewal of your annual practising certificate is dependent on your engagement in CPD activities. You may be selected to have your CPD audited by the Council - an annual audit of 10% of registered Anaesthetic Technicians will be undertaken by the Council each year.

These guidelines are aimed to help you to:
- Understand the purpose of CPD; and
- To meet the Council's minimum CPD requirements

The guidelines are also available electronically on the Medical Sciences Council website at http://www.mscouncil.org.nz

Any feedback you may have in respect of the guidelines is welcomed and may be addressed to the Council's Registrar:

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Section One:

Introduction
1. Introduction

Anaesthetic Technicians registered with the Medical Sciences Council of New Zealand (the Council) are required to maintain their competence under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (the Act).

The Council is responsible for protecting public health and safety through setting and monitoring the professional competence and fitness to practise standards for all registered Anaesthetic Technicians.

The Council's CPD framework has been developed in alignment with Section 41 of the Act.

1.1 What is CPD?

The ultimate purpose of CPD is to contribute to high-quality patient care.

While the definitions of CPD are many they tend to be based on a number of common themes. The Council considers the following two definitions are reasonable descriptions of the underlying principles for the CPD framework it has adopted for Anaesthetic Technicians:

"Continuing professional development is a range of learning activities through which health professionals maintain and develop throughout their career to ensure that they retain their capacity to practise safely, effectively and legally within their evolving scope of practice"

Health Professions Council (United Kingdom)

"Continuing professional development should be:
- Continuous - professionals should always be looking for ways to improve performance
- The responsibility of the individual to own and manage
- Driven by the learning needs and development of the individual
- Evaluative rather than descriptive of what has taken place
- An essential component of professional life, never an optional extra"

Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (United Kingdom)

1.2 The Value of CPD

CPD will help you to maintain high levels of professional competence through continually upgrading your skills and knowledge. CPD:

- Ultimately benefits patients as it should lead to improved peri-operative services
- Gives the Council, the public, and the health sector confidence that you are continuously improving your skills, knowledge and expertise
- Allows for you to take responsibility for your lifelong learning
- Fosters excellence in the anaesthetic technology profession
- Helps you to be accountable for remaining current in your practice
- Enhances your professional image and ability to work in different areas
- Helps with your future career prospects
- Can be used to plan career changes
1.3 CPD - Recertification - Annual Practising Certificates

Recertification is the term used for the process through which you demonstrate your competence to practise as an Anaesthetic Technician, and for the Council to issue you with an annual practising certificate (APC).

Before the Council issues you with an APC, you must be able to demonstrate that you are participating in CPD.

You are responsible for managing your own CPD so as to demonstrate you are continuing to meet the competencies required to practise as an Anaesthetic Technician.

1.4 CPD and Anaesthetic Technician Competencies

You must meet the minimum competencies and standards that the Council has specified for Anaesthetic Technicians.

These core competencies and standards:

- Contain the minimum clinical, cultural and ethical competencies and standards that Anaesthetic Technicians are expected to maintain and practise.
- Include the attitudes and values that all Anaesthetic Technicians must perform to acceptable ethical, cultural, legal and regulatory standards.
- Inform the New Zealand public of the standards that Anaesthetic Technicians must observe.
- Are used as a basis for the assessment of applications for registration.
- Are a resource for institutions offering the prescribed qualifications in anaesthetic technology or examinations for Anaesthetic Technicians.
- Provide a cross-reference/assessment tool against which to measure overseas applicants' qualifications for registration in New Zealand.
- Provide the standards when carrying out any reviews of professional competence.
- Provide a measurement tool against which to monitor programme delivery in educational institutions.

All Anaesthetic Technician competencies are equally important. They have been broadly described especially as Anaesthetic Technician practice will change over time in response to changing health needs of communities and changing technologies.

You are expected to plan your CPD activities in alignment with the core competencies. A copy of the Competencies for Anaesthetic Technicians can be download a copy of the competencies from the Council's website at www.mscouncil.org.nz
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CPD for Anaesthetic Technicians
2. **CPD for Anaesthetic Technicians**

When deciding on your priorities for CPD you will need to consider what kinds of CPD will be the most effective for developing your practise as an Anaesthetic Technician. This means you will need to continually show that you are improving relevant knowledge and skills in your anaesthetic technology practise.

In this sense CPD is personalised and any activities that you undertake to keep up-to-date with developments in anaesthetic technology and to keep abreast of changes in technology will count as meaningful CPD.

This section outlines the minimum CPD standards set by the Council which you must meet as a registered Anaesthetic Technician.

2.1 **Do I have to engage in CPD?**

In short, yes. CPD is critical to you continuing to not only maintain, but to develop and enhance your competencies as a health professional who has responsibilities for contributing to the provision of safe and effective peri-operative services for users of healthcare services in New Zealand.

Issue of your APC is dependent on you being able to demonstrate to the Council that you are actively engaged in CPD. The Council will undertake an annual audit of 10% of Anaesthetic Technicians on the register to evaluate individual’s compliance with the Council’s standards for CPD. (Section Four provides more detailed information on the Council’s CPD audit process).

2.2 **How much CPD do I need to do?**

As a registered Anaesthetic Technician you are responsible for driving your own CPD activities. Your engagement in CPD should be continuous and ongoing.

However to assist with meeting its responsibilities under the Act, the Council has set a number of minimum standards that you must meet in respect of your CPD activities. We do encourage you to always strive towards engaging in CPD that is more comprehensive than these minimum requirements. Remember, CPD is more than just meeting regulatory requirements - it demonstrates your professionalism and adds value to your professional practise and future career options.

The Council expects that you will be able to demonstrate you are engaged in continuous and ongoing CPD activities that involve a mixture of learning activities. You must also be able to articulate how your CPD activities have impacted on your practise as an Anaesthetic Technician. This can be done by using the professional development cycle as explained in Section Three of these guidelines.

As a minimum you must be able to demonstrate that:

1) You have a documented annual Professional Development Plan; and
2) You have undertaken a minimum of 60 hours of CPD for each three-year CPD period; and

2) Over the three-year CPD period you have undertaken at least one CPD activity in three of the four learning categories defined and approved by the Council; and

3) For each CPD activity undertaken you have supporting documentation as evidence of your participation in that activity.

4) Your CPD records must show how each of the CPD activities have impacted on your everyday clinical practise as an Anaesthetic Technician. (This is commonly referred to as *reflective practice* and more information is provided on this in Section Three of these guidelines.)

### 2.3 How can I plan for my CPD?

There is no "right" or "wrong" way to approaching CPD. However the Council supports taking a structured approach to CPD, that is, tracking your professional development as it takes you through a reflective practice cycle from planning to impact assessment.

The Council therefore recommends that you use the professional development cycle as presented in Section Three of these guidelines as a way of systematically planning your CPD.

### 2.4 What sort of activities count as CPD?

You should select CPD activities that will improve and enhance your practice as an Anaesthetic Technician. You should also select CPD activities that will suit your own style of learning and that allow you to easily recall the information.

Your CPD activities should be related to your learning objectives that you set out in your Professional Development Plan.

When selecting your CPD activities you need to remember that the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 requires you to demonstrate that your professional practise includes both cultural competence and ethical conduct. You should aim to provide evidence of this within your CPD activities.

Activities that are a component of your job description are not usually considered as CPD unless you can demonstrate your own learning through critical reflection.

As a rule of thumb, if you are in doubt about whether or not an activity qualifies as CPD ask yourself the following questions:

- What did I learn from this activity?
- How did this activity contribute to my professional development?
- How did it/will it help me to maintain or enhance my competence?
The type and nature of CPD activities to help you improve and broaden your anaesthetic technology knowledge and skills are many and varied. The following examples are offered as suggestions for some of the activities through which you can develop your professionalism. This list is by no means exhaustive and will be updated as we find examples from you and your colleagues of what different health professionals are doing to enhance their professional practices.

The activities in the following table are not presented in any particular order of importance and/or preference.

Remember that you must be able to demonstrate that for each three-year CPD period you have engaged in at least 60-hours of CPD activities AND that those CPD activities include at least three of the four learning categories identified below:

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Reporting and Documentation
3. Reporting and Documentation

You must maintain a continuous, up-to-date and ongoing record of your CPD activities. Your CPD records need to show that you can demonstrate reflection, improvement and positive impact on your practise as an Anaesthetic Technician.

Your CPD should consist of activities that are most relevant to your own professional needs and goals.

The Council recommends that you use the following model\(^1\) to plan, implement and record your CPD activities.

A word of caution - your learning and development will not always follow these steps neatly and in sequence. It is quite appropriate that you address a particular stage of this process when you see it as relevant and timely to your own developmental journey. But at the outset, particularly if you are not experienced at planning CPD, a systematic approach helps.

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\(^1\) Reference Source: Guidelines for your continuing professional development (CPD). Institute for Learning at [www.ifi.ac.uk](http://www.ifi.ac.uk)
3.1 Contextual Analysis

You will need to begin reflecting on the relationship between the competencies for Anaesthetic Technicians and the development of your professional practise.

Think about the context in which you work, what the key priorities are for keeping up-to-date in anaesthetic technology and in approaches to working as a member of the peri-operative team.

3.2 Needs and Goals Analysis

Analyse your priority areas using appropriate forms of evidence such as: feedback from colleagues, patients, supervisors, etc.; impact evaluation; and employment performance appraisals.

Also undertake a critical self-assessment of your needs and goals for the coming year that will address identified areas for development.

3.3 Professional Development Plan

Using your needs and goals analysis, identify professional development activities that you think will address your needs. Think carefully about the type of activity as well as the focus or topics that are most likely to be effective for you.

Create a professional development plan that states:

- Why you want to engage in each activity
- When you expect to achieve each activity
- What you expect to gain from each activity
- How you will measure if the activity has been successful for you

To assist the Council with using a consistent auditing process for evaluating Anaesthetic Technicians CPD, you are expected to use a standardised professional development plan template (see Appendices section). The template can also be downloaded from the Council website at www.mscouncil.org.nz

Please note if you are selected for an audit, you will be required to provide a copy of your Professional Development Plans you have used over the previous three-year CPD period.

3.4 CPD Log and Supporting Evidence

Carry out the activities identified in your plan, keep an account of the activities you complete with dates and the time spent together with your reflections on progress and the difference the activities are making to you, your colleagues and patients.

A CPD Log template is provided in the Appendices for your use. The CPD Log is an ongoing record of all CPD activities you have undertaken.
If called for audit you will be required to provide a copy of your CPD Log as well as copies of supporting documented evidence of your engagement in CPD activities for that three-year period. It is therefore essential that you retain all relevant evidence. You must ensure your supporting documented evidence pertains to you personally.

As you may be called for an audit of your CPD engagement within any one year, the Council requires you to retain your supporting evidence for at least three years. However, for your own personal reference, a longer period is recommended.

The following table provides some examples of appropriate supporting evidence within each of the four CPD categories.

### Examples of Supporting Evidence for Each CPD Category

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• Minutes from relevant meetings/project meetings  
• Peer review document (including identification of both parties)  
• Standards/guidelines that include identification of your involvement  
• Letters/forms/questionnaires  
• In-service attendance records | • Minutes from professional meetings including identification of your attendance and contribution to the meeting  
• Record of participation in quality improvement activity  
• Presentations including personal identification  
• Research article or progress report  
• Record of participation as a supervisor - e.g. contract  
• Discussion group subject and list of attendees  
• Record of participation as an assessor/advisor/auditor/mentor  
• Meeting attendance records |

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| • Course certificate  
• Academic transcript  
• Evidence of participation in research  
• Course materials you have produced  
• Articles you produced for publication | • Internet search - search criteria and highlighted article or with a written summary downloaded from website  
• Course assignments  
• Record of observation with personal notes  
• Retained articles with annotated notes  
• Précis or review notes of books/DVDs  
• Critical literature reviews that you have written |

### 3.5 Reflection on Practice and Impact Analysis

Reflecting on the impact of each of your CPD learning activities has had on your professional practise and on your colleagues and patients is a critical aspect of your CPD. Critical reflection will help you when reviewing and setting your ongoing CPD goals.

Critical reflective practice is a core requirement of your engagement in CPD activities. Reflection requires you to question the 'givens', assumptions and sometimes uncertainties of an action. Critical thinking requires you to problem solve and work towards a solution.
When planning or evaluating your CPD, you should think about the possible or actual outcomes from different perspectives including your own, your colleagues, your patients, and from a theoretical viewpoint. For added rigour you could reflect on the outcomes of a CPD activity with a colleague or group of colleagues and ask them to provide constructive critical feedback.

3.5.1 CPD Impact Evaluation Model

You can use the following model to critically reflect on the impact of what you have done. This involves deciding what you want to achieve at the outset of your professional development activity and then measuring how far you have done that.

Reflective Cycle | CPD Impact | Evidence Needed
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Needs and Goals | • What changes would you like to make to your practice?  
• How will you know those changes have made a difference? | Initial Benchmarking  
Who’s involved? Expected completion date? What changes do you want to see? Who will be affected by these changes - e.g. you, colleagues, patients

Plan and Do | • What has gone to plan and what hasn’t?  
• Any surprises, setbacks and/or challenges? | Professional Development Plan  
Reflections on your planned CPD activities.  
Evidence gathered as you went along?

Review and Analysis | • What worked/didn’t work?  
• What would you do differently if you were going to do this again?  
• Is it too late to change anything? | Peer Discussions?  
Revised plan?  
Next steps?

So What? | • What’s changed?  
• What differences have you made?  
• Have you asked the right questions?  
• Where to now? | Evidence of Changes  
• Feedback from patients and colleagues, data, documentation?  
• What have you learnt or gained from using this evaluation model?

2 Reference Source: Guidelines for your continuing professional development (CPD). Institute for Learning at www.ifl.ac.uk
Section Four:

Compliance and Auditing
4. **CPD Compliance**

Compliance with the Council's CPD standards is monitored in two ways.

1. Each year when you apply to have your APC renewed you will be required to sign a self-declaration that you are actively engaged in CPD activities and have met the Council's minimum CPD requirements. Should it be discovered that you have made a false declaration the Council may take further action under Section 172 of the Act.

2. Each year the Council will audit a selection of Anaesthetic Technicians and evaluate their CPD records against a set of standard compliance criteria. Failure to meet the CPD standards may impact on you being issued with an APC for the upcoming renewal year.

4.1 **Annual Audit of CPD Compliance**

Each year the Council will select 10% of all currently practising Anaesthetic Technicians to participate in an audit. If your name is chosen for audit, participation is mandatory.

The audit helps the Council to promote and ensure the ongoing competence of practitioners on its register. The audit provides the Council with information to gauge whether practising Anaesthetic Technicians are using CPD to maintain and demonstrate their competence.

The CPD audit may be extended to Anaesthetic Technicians outside of the annual selection criteria. This includes (but is not limited to) Anaesthetic Technicians who:

- Were granted an exemption from a previous audit.
- Did not respond to or participate in a previous audit notification
- Have been flagged by the Council as needing to undergo a further audit due to concerns raised in a previous audit
- Have recently returned to the profession after an absence of more than three years
- Have been directed by the Council to participate in the audit as an outcome of a competence review or following a disciplinary hearing

4.2 **Timing of the Audit**

The Council's CPD framework is a rolling three-year period. This means that for each audit, CPD activities will be evaluated over the practising year in which audit selection occurs and the previous two year period.

The first audit to be undertaken by the Council will be scheduled for 2014. As the Council's CPD framework does not come into effect until January 2013, this means that the first audit will evaluate CPD activity undertaken in the previous one-year period (rather than the usual previous two-year period).
The annual audit will be conducted between September - October of each year. This then allows approximately 5-6 months should you be required to take remedial action to meet your CPD obligations and be issued with an APC for the next year.

You will be notified at least six weeks prior that you have been selected for an audit and informed of what you have to do to meet the Council’s audit requirements.

4.3 Preparing for an Audit

If you have followed the Council’s guidelines for reporting and documenting your CPD, you will be well-prepared if you are selected for an audit, and it should be simply a matter of you taking time to double checking your CPD records before copying them and sending them to the Council by the stated date.

It is important that you do not send your original documents, photocopies are acceptable. Any handwritten documents, such as personal notes, must be legible.

You will be required to provide a copy of your following CPD records

1. Professional Development Plan.

2. CPD Log. You will need to ensure that your CPD Log shows that you have engaged in at least 60 hours of CPD activities over the rolling three-year CPD period and that over that period you have engaged in at least one CPD activity in three of the four learning categories.

3. Supporting documented evidence for the CPD activities as stated on your CPD Log.

   Each piece of evidence must be personalised in some way to verify your involvement in the CPD activity and dated so it can be confirmed that the activity occurred within the audit timeframe

You must forward your CPD information by the date as stated in your notification letter.

4.4 Audit Process

Once your CPD information has been administratively checked, you will be sent an acknowledgment receipt and either advised that it has been forwarded onto a CPD assessor, or you are required to provide further information.

The Council will contract experienced Anaesthetic Technicians to evaluate CPD information, using predetermined criteria. Your CPD information will be sent to one of these assessors who will prepare an audit report for the Council summarising the findings of their evaluation.

At the conclusion of the process you will be advised of your audit result.
4.5 Audit Criteria

Your CPD information will be assessed according to a common set of criteria. A copy of these criteria is provided in the Appendices section of these guidelines. You are able to use these criteria as a way of checking you are continuing to meet your CPD requirements, even in the absence of a formal audit.

4.6 Non-Compliance with the Audit Standards

Non-compliance may occur at one or more levels including:

1) Failure to meet the document requirements of the audit. For example, you were unable to provide evidence to support your CPD activities as stated on your CPD Log.

2) Failure to meet the competence requirements of the audit. For example, you have not recorded sufficient participation in CPD activities relevant to your role as an Anaesthetic Technician.

3) You have not provided a Professional Development Plan.

All instances of non-compliance will be referred to the Council's Anaesthetic Technicians Advisory Committee who will consider each case individually. The Committee may refer the matter to a full Council meeting.

Wherever possible, non-compliance with the Council's CPD audit standards will be managed through a supportive and educative approach. We will work with you to help you to meet the Council's CPD requirements. However, significant and/or persistent non-compliance may result in conditions being placed on your scope of practice.
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Frequently Asked Questions
Q. I only work part-time - will I be required to complete the same amount of CPD as a fulltime Anaesthetic Technician?

A. Yes. All Anaesthetic Technicians, irrespective of whether they work part-time or fulltime, on a permanent, temporary, or casual basis, are required to meet the minimum CPD standards set by the Council. You are responsible for selecting CPD activities that best suit your learning needs.

Q. I am going on parental leave/extended leave. Will I still have to do CPD while not at work?

A. Some practitioners choose to continue with their professional development activities even when taking a career break (for whatever reason). While the Council does not require you to do this, continuing your CPD activity even when not actively practising anaesthetic technology can assist you when you decide to return to the workforce.

If you are called for an audit when having a career break, you can apply to the Council for an exemption for either the full CPD period or a portion of that CPD period.
Section Six:

Appendices
## Professional Development Plan

### Name:

### Registration Number:

**For Period From** ................................... to .................................

### Planned Outcome:

Where do I want to be by the end of this period? What do I want to be doing? (This may be evolutionary or 'more of the same')

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<td>Be specific - clearly describe what you are planning to learn.</td>
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<td>The costs in time and money</td>
<td>What will you have learned (learning outcomes? This is the measure to show that you have achieved your objectives. This could be a qualification; completion volume or quality of work required (e.g. against key result areas/performance indicators); being able to put new skills into practice; improved management effectiveness</td>
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<td>Check - is this realistic but challenging?</td>
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<td>Whose support do you need to turn this plan into reality - a colleague, manager, mentor, employer, friend, professional body, etc?</td>
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<td>The date by which you intend to have achieved this part of your development plan. Again, be realistic - small successes achieved quickly will provide motivation towards longer term goals.</td>
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### CPD Audit Standards\(^7\)

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<td>1. The Anaesthetic Technician must maintain a continuous, up-to-date and accurate record of their CPD activities</td>
<td>Did not provide evidence that they have kept a record of their CPD activities</td>
<td>There is some evidence of keeping a CPD record</td>
<td>There is evidence that the Anaesthetic Technician has maintained a record of their CPD activities and as part of the supporting evidence has sent in a brief summary of all the CPD they have undertaken</td>
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<td>2. The Anaesthetic Technician must demonstrate their CPD activities are a mixture of learning activities relevant to current or future practice</td>
<td>Has not undertaken any CPD activities Or CPD consists of only one learning category Or CPD is not relevant to their current or future practice</td>
<td>Has undertaken CPD activity within two of the four learning categories but has not explained why they have concentrated on just those Or There is some evidence that their CPD is relevant to current or future work, but this is not made clear</td>
<td>CPD includes activities in all four learning categories And There is evidence that the CPD activities are relevant to their current or future practice through clear reflective statements</td>
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| 3. The Anaesthetic Technician must seek to ensure their CPD has contributed to the quality of their practice and service delivery | There is no evidence that the CPD activities have improved the quality of their work or that they have aimed for their CPD to improve the quality of their work | There is some suggestion that their CPD has improved their work - improvement is hinted at in the information provided but they have not provided any evidence to support this | Reflective statements show that their CPD activities have improved the quality of their work and this is backed up with evidence  
Or  
Has shown how they believed that their CPD might improve the quality of their work and had planned for this, but this had not been realised. Reflective statements show that they have considered why this has happened and what they will do to ensure their CPD will improve the quality of their work in the future |

| 4. The Anaesthetic Technician must seek to ensure that their CPD benefits the service user | Has not provided any information which explained | Limited information provided about how their CPD activity has benefitted service users | Has shown (through supporting evidence and critical reflection) how all CPD activities stated in their Professional Development Record have benefitted service users, either directly or indirectly  
Or  
Has shown how they believed their CPD would benefit service users but this was not the case. Reflective statements show they considered why this happened and what they will do next to make sure their CPD will benefit service users in the future |
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<td>5. The Anaesthetic Technician must, upon request, present all required</td>
<td>Has not returned their CPD information by the required date</td>
<td>Provided CPD information by due date but it was incomplete (e.g. there was no supporting evidence provided for some of the CPD activities as stated on the Professional Development Record)</td>
<td>Provided complete CPD information by the due date</td>
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