PSA member pharmacists - self-recording Group 1 CPD points when attending sessions at the FIP congress.

Sessions at the FIP World Congress can be self-recorded for Group 1 CPD credits to meet the Pharmacy Board of Australia’s annual CPD requirements for renewal of registration. Australian registered pharmacists are required to complete 40 CPD credits for the 12-month CPD period ending 30 September each year.

**What are Group 1 CPD Credits?**

Group 1 CPD credits are attained when accessing information without assessment. Group 1 CPD credits can be accrued by attending presentations and activities with little attendee interaction.

*Group 1 CPD activities qualify for one Pharmacy Board of Australia CPD credit per hour of activity.* 20 out of the 40 required annual CPD credits can be attained from Group 1 activities and the remaining 20 must be attained from Group 2 and/or Group 3 activities.

**CPD plan**

Commitment to professional development and practice improvement is evident through a pharmacist’s approach to lifelong learning. It is important that pharmacists undertake CPD activities that are relevant to their scope of practice and address their needs as documented in a continuing professional development (CPD) plan.

A CPD plan is devised through self-reflection against the National Competency Standards Framework for Pharmacists in Australia, and identification of knowledge gaps that need to be addressed through engaging in CPD activities. A CPD plan is a living document that should be regularly reviewed and amended, for example to include additional needs as they arise, to ensure that professional development needs are being met.

**Self-recording Group 1 CPD credits as a PSA member**

The PSA offers members a personalised CPD experience through the MyPSA portal. PSA CPD activities that members complete are automatically recorded in their CPD Plan.

FIP conference delegates can self-record Group 1 CPD credits for sessions that meet their proposed self-directed learning goals based on their area of practice. Using the MyPSA portal, members can self-record non-PSA CPD activities using the self-record form, and this gets added to their CPD Plan. This is exemplified visually in the instructions below:
1. Log in to your PSA account and navigate to ‘My CPD year’. Select ‘04-Self Record’.

![Self Record your CPD form](image)

2. Fill out the relevant sections in the online form that appears.
To input the 2016 competencies, refer to the National Competency Standards Framework 2016 to assess and record the competency standards relevant to the educational session you are self-recording in your CPD plan. The National Competency Standards Framework 2016 can be accessed at: https://my.psa.org.au/s/article/2016-Competency-Framework

FIP conference delegates will receive a certificate of attendance for each attended FIP session. It is a Board requirement to keep evidence of completion of Group 1 CPD activities for a minimum of three years.

For further information, refer to the Pharmacy Board of Australia- Guidelines on Continuing Professional development - Pharmacy Board of Australia - Codes, Guidelines and Policies or email membership@psa.org.au

References