



Why record CPD?

There is increasing importance attached to CPD as indicated in the [Guide to Professional Conduct](#) and the [NACWO Guidelines](#). It appears that this will become even more important after the transposition of the EU Directive 2010/63 into UK law in 2013. It is therefore important to have a system that ensures its members are keeping abreast of developments in their respective fields.

The Registration & Accreditation Board has no statutory obligation to create mandatory CPD. However, we must do everything possible to ensure that all members of the profession are aware of the latest developments in their field. As a profession we are obliged to offer the best possible service to animals and science.

Requirements

For Registered Animal Technologists, a copy of the CPD Record Card must be retained for future submission to the Registration & Accreditation Board and as an aid when applying for CPD Awards.

Under new legislation it is likely to be a requirement to maintain mandatory records of Training & Competency including CPD.

How to Record CPD

The initial recording system is based on "TIME".

Time is considered to be the simplest and most effective way to record CPD activities for all registered members, at whatever level of experience and in whatever sphere of activity.

Minimum Acceptable CPD

For Registered Animal Technologists, the minimum time recommended for CPD is 5 days, or 35 hours, per year, whether in full-time or part-time employment.

Distance learning and home study may account for a maximum of 10 hours towards the annual requirement.

When?

The success of CPD self-recording is dependant on the professional integrity of the individual. The Registration & Accreditation Board will monitor the effectiveness of the scheme. This may include review of individual CPD record cards. You should keep your record card safely and update it regularly.

CPD is the personal obligation of all Registered Animal Technicians