

2015

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

[PROPOSAL FOR A NEW FORM OF CPD]



PUBLIC CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

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NEW FORM OF CPD SUMMARY

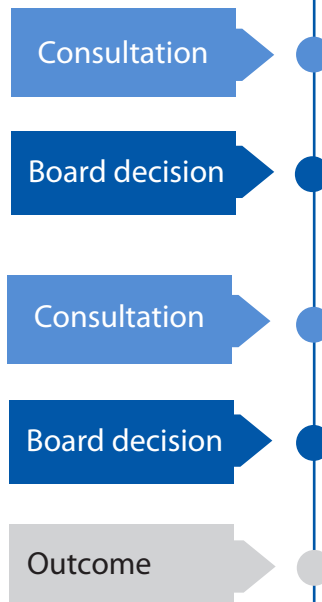
In May 2015 the Board launched a review of registration and licensing requirements. One of the questions asked as part of the initial round of consultation was what changes (if any) should be made to the CPD scheme. The feedback the Board received strongly supported changes to CPD.

The Board, in consultation with a CPD stakeholder reference group, has developed an alternative model for CPD with a view that, if adopted, the Board would implement this new model with effect from 1 April 2016.

During this consultation we would like your views on the proposed model of CPD and on the fee that would be charged for the delivery of it. Once the Board has considered your feedback it will decide whether to proceed or not. If it does proceed then a gazette notice will be adopted implementing the model.

A form for telling us your views is attached to this consultation document. We need your comments by 16 October 2015.

TIMELINE



2015

First round of consultation
20 May to 15 July 2015

Board considers submissions
and settles on options for
further consultation
14/15 September 2015

Second round of consultation
21 September – 16 October 2015

Board considers submissions
and decides whether to proceed.
27 October 2015

Proposed Gazette Notices
December 2015

2016

New CPD commences
1 April 2016



INTRODUCTION

The Board has been carrying out a comprehensive review of the minimum standards, and terms and conditions of the registration and licensing of plumbers, gasfitters and drainlayers.

The Board is consulting with tradespeople and other stakeholders as part of the review and carried out an initial round of consultation during May, June and July 2015.

The minimum standards, and terms and conditions of the registration and licensing of plumbers, gasfitters and drainlayers was last comprehensively reviewed to coincide with the introduction of the current Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Act in 2010. They are contained in the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers (Registration and Licensing) Gazette Notices.

The purpose of the initial consultation was to hear the opinions of tradespeople so that they could be considered early in the process. One of the questions asked during that initial round of consultation was what changes (if any) should be made to the CPD Scheme.

The feedback in relation to that part of the consultation indicated that the majority of submitters thought changes are required to the scheme.

A summary of the submissions that the Board received can be found [here](#).



The Board also commissioned an independent review of the current scheme which identified some areas that could be improved. A copy of that review can be found [here](#).

As a result of the feedback the Board formed a CPD Stakeholder Reference Group made up of people from the industry, The Skills Organisation and CPD providers, to consider options for change. That Stakeholder Reference Group identified a preferred option for change. That group also identified that any change to the scheme should ideally take place from 1 April 2016, rather than wait until 1 April 2017 as originally planned.

The Board is looking to move as quickly as possible, and would like your feedback in relation to the proposed model.

Once the Board has considered your feedback it will finalise its position and then draft proposed new Gazette Notices.



PROPOSED MODEL

- 4 - 6 hours of mandatory training per annum delivered to all licensed practitioners.
- Topics to be developed in conjunction with a stakeholder reference group, consisting of staff, the industry and The Skills Organisation.
- Topics may include, disciplinary concerns/risks, regulatory/legislative changes, health and safety, technical developments and other identified training needs.
- CPD will be delivered initially by a delivery arm of The Skills Organisation because this will give the Board the greatest opportunity to influence quality and control cost.
- There will be both in person and online options available with training days being organised throughout the country.

LIKELY COST



There will need to be a charge for the delivery of the training. This will need to be paid by each licensed practitioner. Currently the Board does not know exactly how much it will cost, but it will endeavor to keep that cost as low as possible by seeking sponsorship.

At this time the Board's best estimate is that the cost, if sponsorship can't be secured, will be approximately \$75 per practitioner. This amount would be paid by the practitioner to the delivery provider directly.

HAVING YOUR SAY



- 1.** You can complete the online form at www.pgdb.co.nz/consultation/current
- 2.** You can send your written comments by email to submissions@pgdb.co.nz
- 3.** You can mail your comments to: The Registrar, PGDB, PO Box 10655, Wellington 6143

If there is not enough room on the form (page 5 & 6), please feel free to attach your response on separate sheets.

SUBMISSION FORM

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NEW FORM OF CPD

1. Do you support the proposal that CPD would be a mandatory course of 4-6 hours for each licensed practitioner? (circle yes or no)

[YES / NO]

Comments

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2. Do you have any topics that you want to suggest could be covered as part of that course?

Comments

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3. Do you have any comment to make about the estimated cost?

Comments

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4. Do you have any other comments to make?

Comments

[Your contact details]

Name:
Registration number (if applicable):
Organisation:
Address:
Email:
Phone:

Thank you for your submission. The Board appreciates the time you have taken to make your comments and can assure you that they will be carefully considered.

Privacy statement

The Board may publish submissions on the Board's website. If you are happy for your personal details to be included, please tick the following box.