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### MHPN webinar professional development recognition

## **Practitioners who participate in an MHPN webinar can claim recognition to credit towards their continuing professional development.**

### **Overview of the national registration and accreditation scheme**

From 1 July 2010, the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme came into effect. A number of health professions are part of the Scheme. Those that participate are represented by a National Board. Each Board's primary responsibility is to protect the public and to set their profession's registration standards. This includes identifying the number of credits, points or hours practitioners must spend each year on continuing professional development (CPD) to maintain registration.

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) is the government body that supports the National Boards. Those that may operate in mental health include:

- > Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia
- > Chinese Medicine Board of Australia
- > Medical Board of Australia
- > Pharmacy Board of Australia
- > Psychology Board of Australia
- > Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
- > Occupational Therapy Board of Australia.

**If you belong to one of the above professions, visit the relevant Board's website to learn more about CPD requirements.**

### **Broad CPD requirements**

Generally speaking, across all professions who are part of the scheme, for a CPD activity to be recognised it must:

- > be relevant to the practitioner's scope of practice and serve to maintain, develop, update and enhance knowledge, skills and performance
- > clearly articulate goals and outcomes.

Practitioners must also:

- > maintain CPD records. Practitioners' records may be subject to random audits (undertaken by the relevant Board).
- > keep a record of attendance at CPD activities, as well as an account of how the activity was relevant to learning goals and outcomes.

### **Did you know...**

**MHPN helps you meet your reporting obligations by providing Certificates of Attendance if you participate in a webinar.**

### **Professions that aren't part of the Scheme**

If your profession isn't part of the Scheme, you will most likely be able to self report MHPN webinar participation to claim CPD recognition.

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### CPD and MHPN webinar participation

MHPN is supported by various colleges and associations, who where relevant work within the AHPRA framework to assist practitioners who participate in MHPN webinars to claim points, credits or hours of self-directed learning as appropriate.

MHPN is an authorised provider of accredited activities under the Royal Australian College General Practitioners (RACGP) Quality Improvement and Continuing Professional Development (QI&CPD) Program. All MHPN live activity webinars in this triennium (2011-2013) are accredited for Category 2 Continuing Professional Development point allocation of two points/hour.

MHPN liaises with the following organisations to determine eligibility for CPD recognition for attending MHPN webinars:

- > Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine
- > Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists
- > Australian College of Mental Health Nurses.

Any CPD endorsements from these organisations will be published on MHPN's website prior to the webinar.

All other professions are encouraged to record their participation in the webinar as they would for any other self-directed learning activity.

### Certificates of Attendance

MHPN helps you meet your reporting obligations by providing Certificates of Attendance within six weeks of your participation. These provide proof of attendance and can help maintain your personal CPD records.

### Need more information? Contact MHPN

#### *Did you know...*

**MHPN webinars cover a range of topical mental health issues.**

Visit [www.mhpn.org.au](http://www.mhpn.org.au) to see what webinars are coming up.