



# CPD FOR DENTISTS

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## REGULATOR

The Dental Industry is regulated by the General Dental Council (GDC) who set mandatory CPD requirements for the following professions:

Dentists and dental care professionals  
Dental hygienists  
Dental technicians  
Orthodontic therapists

Clinical dental technicians  
Dental nurses  
Dental therapists



## THE MAIN CHANGES

As of January 2018, the GDC has launched a revised CPD scheme for dental professionals.

### Over a five year cycle:

Dentists are now required to do 250 hours (with 75 hours verifiable CPD)

Dental Care Professionals are now required to do 150 hours of CPD (with 50 hours verifiable CPD).

### The GDC defines 'verifiable CPD' as (GDC, 2018):

Verifiable CPD is activity that meets our definition of CPD and for which there is documentary evidence that you have undertaken the CPD and that the CPD has:

- concise educational aims and objectives
- clear anticipated outcomes
- quality controls.

The GDC does not directly approve providers of CPD and instead mandates that individual professionals must decide whether to record a learning activity as verifiable CPD. For CPDSO providers, keep in mind that CPD Standards only accredits verifiable CPD activities.

See the GDC's website for more information: - <https://www.gdc-uk.org/professionals/cpd>

# SUPPLYING CPD TRAINING & RESOURCES

The revised CPD policy by the GDC will generate a renewed focus on CPD for the dental professions. For any providers supplying CPD training, activities or resources there are fresh opportunities for CPDSO providers to deliver into this market.

Under the new CPD scheme, the following learning activities can be recorded:

Courses and lectures	Reading journals
Training days	Peer Review
Conferences	Clinical Audit
E-learning activity	



## WHAT ARE CPD TOPICS OF INTEREST?

In terms of topic areas, the GDC is careful not to be too prescriptive as each individual dentist should determine their own learning goals within their Personal Development Plan, and effectively have full control and autonomy over the CPD topics they choose.

That said, the GDC does strongly recommend the following topics to ensure that dental professionals are up to date with essential information:

Medical Emergencies	Disinfection and Decontamination
Radiography and radiation protection	Legal and ethical issues
Complaints handling	Oral Cancer: Early detection
Safeguarding children and young people	Safeguarding vulnerable adults

Outside of these recommended topics, dental professionals can choose to do technical subjects as part of their CPD, or focus on skills such as management, leadership or project management. Finally, if they are setting up a dental business, they will need generic business skills such as marketing, social media or finance, hence there are many opportunities for CPDSO providers to sell their CPD activities to the dental industry.



# BUILDING YOUR PRESENCE WITHIN THE INDUSTRY

The CPD Standards Office only accredits verifiable CPD activities, which are now of heightened interest to dental professionals. To build your reputation and presence within the dental industry, we recommend the following:

## **Exhibiting or Sponsoring at Industry Events:**

The British Dental Association offers affordable exhibiting and sponsorship opportunities for the various courses and events it runs through the year see:

<https://bda.org/events/Sponsorship/Documents/Exhibition%20and%20Event%20Sponsorship%20prospectus%202018.pdf>

## **Awards Evenings**

FMC Information host a range of awards evenings which have sponsorship opportunities, see; <https://www.fmc.co.uk/product-category/events/awards/>

## **Industry Trade Journals and Magazine**

Popular trade magazines provide opportunities for advertising or editorials and include:

Dentistry Magazine - <https://www.fmc.co.uk/shop/dentistry-magazine/>

The Dentist – <http://www.the-dentist.co.uk/>

Dental Practice Magazine – <https://www.dentalpracticemagazine.co.uk/>

Dentistry Today - <http://www.dentistrytoday.com/>



# PROFESSIONAL BODIES

The professional bodies within this industry also host various events, training sessions and annual conferences, where there can be opportunities to get involved through sponsorship or exhibiting.

We recommend following these organisations on social media to keep abreast of industry news and potential opportunities:

British Dental Association - <https://bda.org/>

British Association of Dental Nurses - <http://badn.org.uk/>

British Association of Dental Therapists - <https://www.badt.org.uk/>

British Orthodontic Society - <https://www.bos.org.uk/>