

WHAT'S NEW?

Thematic learning activities

We are grouping together articles with the same theme and presenting these as a "Learning Activity" through which 9 - 12 CPD points can be achieved.

Library of articles

Articles relating to "Learning activities", new developments in your specialty or covering topical issues, will be available on your online profile under the heading "Library articles".

Journal club / discussion groups

If you are looking for new ways to do CPD, why not register a Journal Club with us. The "Learning Activities" as well as the articles in the "Library" can then be used for this purpose.

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We aim to present you with relevant, recent, peer-reviewed articles which helps in advancing your knowledge base, and ultimately translates in better patient care. Our MCQs are not designed to trick or make life difficult for you. It serves solely as a way to confirm that the article was read. In the final instance you must decide what and how much you gain from CPD.

A SUMMARY OF THE IMPORTANT CHANGES TO CPD COMPLIANCE

The HPCSA has moved to a system to monitor continuous compliance with Continuous Professional Development (CPD) requirements and has discontinued the random sampling of registered health care providers.

In 2021 the HPCSA introduced a self-service platform on the HPCSA website where practitioners could submit evidence of CPD compliance.

In 2022 the HPCSA introduced bulk uploads by CPD service providers and has approved that the facilitators / providers of CPD activities can submit proof of completion / attendance directly to the HPCSA to update a practitioner's CPD record.

What does this mean for focus on health members?

- **Activities as from the 1st of March 2022**

We will be uploading all CPD activities **completed through Focus on Health** from the 1st of March 2022 onto the HPCSA platform, and no administration fee will be charged for this service.

- **Activities before the 1st of March 2022**

All valid certificates of attendance and completion of self-study activities completed before the 1st of March 2022 should be uploaded onto the HPCSA self-service platform by the practitioner him- or herself.

We will continue to assist in uploading these CPD activities onto the HPCSA's practitioner portal. Should you require our assistance with this matter, kindly note that an additional fee of R150.00 is applicable and you will have to complete our consent form to grant us permission to access your portal:

<https://foh-cpd.co.za/registration/consent-form-hpcs-a-login-credentials/>

The HPCSA's monitoring system

We would like to reiterate the importance that CPD is a **continuous** process, therefore, you need to make sure that you have the 30 or 60 CEU's for the past two years and then complete the required number of CEUs (15 or 30, depending on your profession) **every year**. This will ensure that as some activities lapse, new ones are updated and thus keep your active CEU's at 30 or 60.

But being with Focus on Health should set your mind at ease. It does not matter that much when you complete your activities – we will be there the following year with a new set of activities.

How will focus on health adapt to this change in the monitoring system

Further communication in this regard was emailed to our members and is also available on your online portal. Should you have any more questions kindly contact us.

CPD outside of your scope of practice

The HPCSA has noticed that an increasing number of health care professionals are doing CPD activities that fall outside their scope of practice. This is being taken up with the professional boards, CPD service providers and accreditors.

Please keep this in mind when completing CPD activities from other providers. At Focus on Health, we aim to provide you with a CPD package specifically for your profession to ensure that you complete CPD activities within your scope of practice.

CLIENT SERVICE

Our offices are open daily during weekdays from 08:00 – 16:00. Our landlines have at long last been moved and you can call us on **012 653-2394 / 0133** again. Some staff members continue to work remotely.

CONTACT DETAILS

Answer sheets, proof of payments, certificates, and other queries:

WhatsApp: 074 230 3874

Email: info@foh-cpd.co.za

Focus on Health uses WhatsApp as an alternative communication method and not an instant messaging service. Messages are checked and replied to daily.

Should you require urgent assistance please contact our office.