



# ANZCA and FPM CPD Program

## Category 2 Knowledge and skills - criteria

### 1. Purpose

The purpose of these criteria is to define what constitutes a knowledge and skills activity for inclusion in the [ANZCA and FPM Continuing Professional Development \(CPD\) Program](#). This ensures decisions regarding new knowledge and skills activities are made in a consistent and objective manner.

### 2. Knowledge and skills category criteria

The knowledge and skills category aims to develop and/or strengthen knowledge and skills of each CPD participant under the ANZCA and FPM roles in practice.

To be considered a knowledge and skills activity, the following criteria need to be met. For each participant, the selected activity must be relevant to their scope of practice.

1. The activity maintains professional currency and/or broadens participants' knowledge/skills and;
2. Consolidates existing knowledge/skills and/or promotes learning of new knowledge/skills and;
3. Is developed by a healthcare provider, medical college, professional medical organisation, healthcare institution/organisation, or research/educational/regulatory body.

### 3. Evolution of the knowledge and skills category

The knowledge and skills category is foundational to the ANZCA and FPM CPD program. Building from legacy elements of Maintenance of Certification (MOC) and Continuing Medical Education (CME), it supports CPD participants to maintain professional currency and broaden their knowledge and skills.

In 2012, the scope of CPD extended beyond maintenance of knowledge and skills (i.e., CME and quality assurance) to include improving professional attributes and attitudes throughout one's career. It also incorporated the theory and practice of adult learning, self-directed learning, and reflective practice.

The 2014 triennial program added two categories – Practice evaluation and Emergency response. Under the 2014 triennial and credits-based program, fellows and other CPD participants were required to complete 80 Knowledge and skills credits each triennium.

In 2023, the ANZCA and FPM CPD program was updated to meet revised Medical Board of Australia and Medical Council of New Zealand requirements. Under the updated annual, hour-based CPD program, all fellows and other CPD participants, including those practicing without direct patient care, must complete at least 12.5 hours of knowledge and skills activities each year.

## Change control register

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