

Frequently Asked Questions about Continuing Professional Development

1. Due to change in the regulations what are the requirements I must now fulfill to maintain my standing as an ASET Member?

With the proclamation of new regulations, ASET has become self-regulating with a strengthened role in the province and a heightened mandate to serve the public interest. Part of this mandate is the introduction of a new Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program. Each member will be required to complete their CPD on a yearly basis to maintain membership.

2. What is the focus of the ASET CPD Program?

The focus of the CPD Program is self-directed learning of each member's continuing education goals. We are empowering our members to assess and select their learning goals rather than requiring them to complete a certain number of classroom hours. The program is particularly flexible in that it allows our busy members to identify current job-related activities.

3. Do retired members have to complete the CPD program every year in order to maintain their membership?

Only retired members are exempt from the CPD program.

4. I am unemployed, am I required to complete CPD if I'm not working?

Members who will be on extended leave for more than 9 months should contact the ASET Competency Program Coordinator for instructions on how to comply with the CPD plan.

5. I am self employed how does CPD apply to me?

Any activities to keep up with advancing technology and activities you do to improve your level of practice count as CPD. As a self employed member, keeping up with technology keeps you competitive and in business.

6. How will this new tracking system work?

ASET has created an on-line CPD Program to assist Members in creating and managing their CPD Logbooks in a few easy steps. There are several on-line tools to help determine which of the 4 categories a particular activity will fall into. Logbooks are created and maintained through this web application.

7. Will there be some sort of policing for this program?

Upon request of the ASET Practice Review Board, members will be required to provide their CPD plan(s), and supporting documentation (where appropriate) as proof of compliance with the mandatory CPD Program.

8. I do not have a full understanding of the implications of the CPD program. Starting in 2011, what are the consequences of not meeting the CPD requirements? Do I lose my designation?

Failure to comply (i.e. to complete the annual declaration and/or to produce documentation upon request) will entail a review of the practice of that member and/or the striking of that member from the ASET register of regulated members.

9. Does ASET provide a list of courses or workshops members can take to complete their CPD requirements?

No, it is up to each member to research the area of development he/she may be interested in to fulfil their personal educational goals. However ASET has provided a resource area which links to Educational Institutions and the National Technology Benchmarks to help get you started.

10. How does this CPD Program benefit me as an ASET member?

The CPD Program is not a member benefit. It is a requirement under ASET's new legislation. The benefit of CPD to any professional is maintaining competency in his or her field. The benefit of being registered with ASET and, as part of that registration, completing the CPD program, is that our members demonstrate to the public and their peers in the profession that they are committed to their continuing competence.