

Information

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What does Professional Competence mean to you?

The Minister for Health & Children commenced Part 11 of the Medical Practitioners Act, 2007 – Maintenance of Professional Competence on 1st May 2010. From this date registered medical practitioners have one year to ensure they are registered with and participate in a suitable professional competence scheme.

Professional Competence Schemes

The Postgraduate Training Bodies are working with the Medical Council to develop, establish and operate suitable professional competence schemes. Broadly speaking these schemes will be developed around the following requirements.

CPD Activities:

- 50 minimum credits per year
- 250 minimum credits per five year cycle

Clinical Audit – proposed minimum: one hour per month, one audit per year.

What about confidentiality?

To ensure confidentiality, all records held about a doctor regarding Professional Competence Schemes is held in the strictest of confidence in accordance with the relevant Data Protection & Freedom of Information Legislation.

What's my role?

Maintaining your professional competence on a formal basis is a statutory requirement and has many benefits; it helps to ensure your skills and practice are up to date, you are benefiting from the knowledge and expertise of others working in the profession and provides a quality improvement process that enhances the patient-doctor relationship.

