

Key differences between current and new MPC Framework

Requirements under the 2011 Maintenance of Professional Competence Framework	Requirements as of the 1st of May 2025 under the 2025 Maintenance of Professional Competence Framework
Doctors are required to enrol in a Professional Competence Scheme	Doctors must enrol in a Scheme within 60 days of commencement of scheme year on 1 May
A registered medical practitioner must engage in 50 CPD credits plus a clinical audit. As noted previously, these requirements were temporarily reduced due to the impact of Covid-19, with requirements for the scheme year 2024/25 being 40 CPD credits and an audit	A registered medical practitioner must engage in 50 hours of CPD which includes a practice review
Professional Development Plan is advised but not mandatory	Professional Development Plan is a mandatory CPD activity requirement
Audit requirement only refers to a clinical or practice audit	A new CPD category called 'Practice Review' has been created to denote engagement in audit, quality improvement and practice evaluation
All registered medical practitioners must complete a clinical or practice audit	Only registered medical practitioners who practise medicine are required to complete 10 hours of practice review activity which includes audit, quality improvement or practice evaluation
CPD requirements set out internal, personal and research/teaching CPD categories	A new CPD category known as Work-based Learning has been created which encompasses aspects of internal, personal and research/teaching CPD
Registered medical practitioners must engage in 20 hours of external continuing education activity	Registered medical practitioners must engage in 20 hours of CPD activity which has been accredited
Registered medical practitioners should refer to the Eight Domains of Good Professional Practice throughout the process of maintaining competence	Registered medical practitioners must cover each of the Eight Domains of Good Professional Practice at least once in a three-year period
Provisions for registered medical practitioners on sick leave and maternity leave in Medical Council policy but not specified in MPC Rules	Pro-rata provisions have been made for registered medical practitioners on sick leave, maternity leave, and other statutory leave in the Maintenance of Professional Competence Rules
Pro-rata CPD activity requirements are not specified	Pro-rata CPD activity requirements are specified
Registered medical practitioners are advised but not obligated to notify their Scheme of any changes to their circumstances	Registered medical practitioners are required to notify their Scheme of any material changes to their circumstances
CPD activity document retention not specified	Registered medical practitioners are required to retain evidence of their CPD activity for 6 years

Figure 1 - Key differences between current and new MPC Framework