



CPD and the UK Construction Sector

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This factsheet provides some detail on the CPD requirements for the construction sector in the UK.

Construction is a fast-paced industry with technology continuously developing, and a need to keep the profession up to date on workplace changes and education for all professionals aligned with building and construction. This includes a wide range of professions such as home builders, commercial developers, architects, building merchants, contractors, and suppliers.

Undertaking regular CPD is a requirement for a number of professional bodies. One such body is the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), with their members, required to complete 35 hours of CPD each year. An organisation that can deliver CPD-accredited training is very desirable to ambitious industry professionals in this particular sector.

CPD is an essential tool for maintaining professional competence in all trades of the construction industry, which employs 2.17 million people in the UK. CPD has been long-established within the sector, with all aligned professional bodies having longstanding CPD requirements in place.

Jobs in the construction industry are highly regulated by a number of professional bodies in areas such as building, health and safety and the environment. Professionals in the construction industry must keep their CPD records up-to-date to ensure continuous learning occurs. In this sector, CPD is considered a tool to reduce risk to employers and demonstrate an individual's competence to work safely.



REGULATORS IN THE UK CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

The construction industry has a number of self-regulating bodies, whose remit is to improve knowledge and skills, as well as those of health and safety. Some examples of these bodies include:

- Engineering Council
- Sustainable and Considerate Building Regulators e.g.
- Local Authority Building Control (LABC)
- Trade Specific Industry Regulators e.g. the Chartered Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineering
- Federation of Plastering
- National Access and Scaffolding Confederation
- Architects Registration Board

PROFESSIONAL BODIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

Professional bodies in the construction industry have various CPD policies which require members to engage in CPD to keep their knowledge and skills up to date.

Here are some of the key professional bodies and institutes aligned to the construction sector:

- Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE)
- Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB)
- Chartered Institute of Building Service Engineers (CIBSE)
- Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH)
- Chartered Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineering (CIPHE)
- Institute of Roofing (IOR)
- RIBA Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)
- Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)
- Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI)

In order to maintain membership in the professional body they are aligned to, members must demonstrate that they have engaged in a set number of hours of CPD per year. These educational CPD activities are aimed at improving their knowledge and skills. If members do not adhere to the annual CPD requirements set out by their professional body, they could be removed from the register and lose their membership.

TIP: it is good practice to do some research about your delegates before you deliver your training as they may have certain CPD requirements that they need to meet in order to retain their membership in their professional body. Make it known that you can offer a CPD certificate for their CPD records following attendance to your training.

We hope you have found this factsheet helpful.

