



# The Science Council Continuing Professional Development Standards for Registrants

In order to retain the RSciTech, RSci, CSci and CSciTeach status, all registrants who wish to renew their registration, must make an annual declaration that they comply with the Science Council CPD standard. This statement will normally be captured at the time of renewal and in any case, by 31<sup>st</sup> December each year.

## The 5 Standards for CPD revalidation

### **Standard S1: A registrant must maintain a continuous, up-to-date and accurate record of their CPD activities.**

This standard is met if there is evidence that the registrant has maintained a record of their CPD activities and by completing the online CPD record which includes a brief summary of all the CPD activities they have undertaken.

### **Standard S2: A registrant must demonstrate that their CPD activities are a mixture of learning activities relevant to current or future practice.**

The standard is met if the registrant's CPD includes activities in at least three (exceptionally two) of the following categories and that there is evidence that the registrant's CPD activities are relevant to their current or future practice.

- S2.1. Work based learning (e.g. supervising staff / students, reflective practice)
- S2.2. Professional activity (e.g. involvement in a professional body, mentoring)
- S2.3. Formal / Educational (e.g. writing articles / papers, further education)
- S2.4. Self-directed learning (e.g. reading journals, reviewing books / articles)
- S2.5. Other (e.g. voluntary work, public service)

### **Standard S3: A registrant must seek to ensure that their CPD has contributed to the quality of their practice.**

The standard is met if the registrant's personal statement shows that their CPD activities have improved the quality of their work and this is backed up by evidence or they believe that their CPD might improve the quality of their work, but this had not been the case. The registrant's statement must show that they have considered why this has happened, and what they will do next to make sure their CPD will improve the quality of their work in the future.

### **Standard S4: A registrant must seek to ensure that their CPD benefits the users of the service (employee, customer, student etc).**

The standard is met if the registrant has shown (through evidence provided or an explanation given) how their CPD activities have benefited users of their service, either directly or indirectly.

### **Standard S5: A registrant must maintain a portfolio containing evidence of their CPD upon request.**

The standard is met if the registrant has sent in a complete profile by the deadline.

*Please note that those who do not renew their award annually will be removed from the register after due notice has been given.*