



IBMS CPD CATEGORIES



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We want to provide our members with a CPD scheme that offers a flexible system of recording CPD that is easy to use and meets your requirements for achieving and maintaining your professional registration.

CPD Categories, codes and credits

IBMS CPD categories have replaced our old system of CPD codes and credits.

Benefits of CPD categories

IBMS CPD categories have been designed to reflect HCPC and Science Council CPD categories. This will make it easier for you to use activities recorded in your IBMS CPD ePortfolio as evidence that you have met [HCPC](#) and [Science Council](#) CPD standards.

The use of CPD categories rather than codes and credits will also make it quicker and simpler for you to add CPD activities to your CPD ePortfolio.

How will I achieve a CPD diploma using categories?

In order to gain a CPD diploma, you will need to complete **24 activities** and **reflection** on those activities across **three categories**.

Achieving an IBMS CPD diploma by completing a broad range of activities across different CPD categories will enhance your knowledge and skills and support you in identifying and achieving learning outcomes.

What are the IBMS CPD categories?

The IBMS CPD categories are:

- Work based learning
- Professional activity
- Formal Education
- Self-directed learning



How will I know which IBMS CPD category to use?

As well as reflecting HCPC and Science Council CPD categories, IBMS CPD categories are also related to the old IBMS CPD codes.

We have listed below how the old IBMS CPD codes are linked to the CPD categories used in the IBMS CPD scheme.

However, this is a guide and you can select whichever CPD category that you feel best suits an activity.

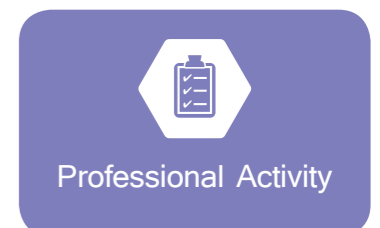
Old IBMS CPD Codes

IBMS CPD Category

IBMS Professional Representatives (IBMS)	
Activity	Code
IBMS Council Member	IBMS-C
Specialist Advisory Panel	
• Specialist Advisor	IBMS-SA
• Deputy Specialist Advisor	IBMS-DSA
• Chief Examiner	IBMS-CE
• Deputy Chief Examiner	IBMS-DCE
• Member	IBMS-SAP
Registration Portfolio Verifier	IBMS-RV
Specialist Diploma Examiner	IBMS-SE
CPD Officer	IBMS-CPD
IBMS Degree Accreditation Panel Member	IBMS-DEG
IBMS Branch or Region Officer	IBMS-BR
Other IBMS Representative	IBMS-REP




Professional and Regulatory Bodies (PRB)	
Activity	Code
Clinical Pathology Accreditation	PRB-CPA
Health and Care Professions Council	PRB-HCPC
Public Health England	PRB-PHE
British Blood Transfusion Society	PRB-BBTS
Academy of Healthcare Science	PRB-AHCS
School of Healthcare Science	PRB-SHCS
British Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics	PRB-BSHI
Other Professional or Regulatory Body	PRB-MISC
Activity credited by alternative professional bodies	PRB-ACPB



Professional Activities (PA)	
Activity	Code
Activity Organiser	PA-MO
Activity Presenter	PA-MP
Activity Attendee	PA-MA
Other Professional Activities	PA-MISC




Old IBMS CPD Codes


 Publications (PUB)

Activity	Code
Research Paper Publication (Primary Author)	PUB-RPP
Research Paper Publication (Co-Author)	PUB-RPC
Poster Publication (Primary Author)	PUB-PPP
Book publication (Primary or Co-Author)	PUB-BK
Peer review of publication	PUB-PEER



IBMS CPD Category


 Professional Activity

 Further Education (FE)

Activity	Code
Formal taught courses	FE-TC
Higher Education Diploma e.g. NVQ, HNC/D, Foundation Degree, Graduate Diploma	FE-HED
Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree	FE-BSC
Master of Science (MSc)	FE-MSC
Postgraduate module	FE-MOD
Postgraduate Certificate	FE-PGC
Postgraduate Diploma	FE-PGD
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	FE-PHD
Professional Doctorate	FE-PD



 Formal Education


 IBMS Qualifications (QUAL)

Activity	Code
Certificate of Achievement Part I	QUAL-COA1
Certificate of Achievement Part II	QUAL-COA2
Certificate of Competence	QUAL-COC
Specialist Diploma	QUAL-SD
Diploma of Specialist Practice	QUAL-DSP
Certificate of Expert Practice	QUAL-CEP
Higher Specialist Diploma	QUAL-HSD
Diploma of Higher Specialist Practice	QUAL-DHSP
Diploma of Expert Practice	QUAL-DEP
Advanced Specialist Diploma	QUAL-ASD



 Formal Education

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 Work Related Activities (WR)

Activity	Code
Reflection on Work related activity	WR-RL

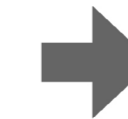


IBMS CPD Category

 Work Based Learning

 IBMS Credited Activities (CA)

Activity	Code
IBMS Congress 2009	GC-BIOSCI09
IBMS Congress 2011	GC-BIOSCI11
IBMS Congress 2013	GC-BIOSCI13
Journal Based learning	CA-JBL
Journal Based reflective learning	CA-JBLRL



 Self Directed Learning

FAQs

“How will I record activities and categories in the IBMS CPD scheme?”

You will be able to select pre-defined activities from a list on the IBMS website or create your own activity and add it to your ePortfolio.

Activities listed on the IBMS website will already have a category allocated. If you create your own activity you can select the category from the drop down list.

“How will I know which CPD category to choose?”

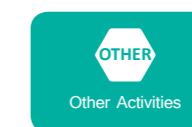
It is up to you to choose the CPD category that you think best fits the activity you are recording.

You may find this listing of CPD activities and categories on the HCPC useful:

<http://www.hcpc-uk.org/registrants/cpd/activities/>

“What if the activity I am recording doesn't fit under the Professional Activity, Formal Education, Work Based Learning or Self-Directed Learning categories?”

You can use our “Other” category.



You can find additional FAQs on the IBMS website at www.ibms.org/learning/cpd/faqs



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