IBMS CPD CATEGORIES
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.
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