



Let's talk about...

Renewal of Registration: What is the right PD for me?

As a registered hospital play specialist, you can maintain your registration by providing evidence of ongoing professional development hours (PDH). Evidence should show the scope of your learning to include topics with clinical leadership and organisation focus. The Hospital Play Specialist Registration Council (HPSRC) is looking for evidence of professional awareness and growth in the profession.

A Statement of Intent:

It is worthwhile to sit at the beginning of each registration cycle and consider what professional development opportunities you will seek out – what your focus will be and how you will access what you need (linked with your appraisal and the [HPSRC Exemplar of Statement of Intent](#)).

Consider the following:

What is your role? What areas of clinical skills and knowledge would support your work with your current population?

Think about opportunities for:

- Leadership in your service, ward, hospital and professional organisation.
- Are there committees or working groups that you could contribute to?
- What professional development opportunities would support you to be more effective in contributing in a broader sense.
- Think outside of your work with children, [young people](#) and families, are there aspect of working in a multidisciplinary team or clinical setting that you would like to explore?
- How could you strengthen your knowledge or skill set to enhance this aspect of your work or role?

How does the professional development you are seeking or completing fit within the Hospital Play Specialist Association (HPSAANZ) [competencies](#)? Does it all fall into one focus area or does it illustrate the depth and breadth of your continued growth and new skills? You may need to look outside your own organisation to challenge and broaden your perspective.

There are two ways in which PD hours may be gained:

1. **Attendance at relevant workshops and conferences** *calculated by the actual hours of attendance*. Up to 100% of PD hours over the 3-year cycle may be gained in this way.)
Examples of appropriate activities include:
 - Professional development workshops and seminars relevant to HPS practice or current role.
 - Sessions attended at conferences of professions in similar fields, e.g. Australian Child Life Therapists Assn, UK Health Play Specialist Association. (Individual sessions attended must be specified and verified.)
 - Inservice programmes offered by District Health Boards or other employing bodies (other than facility tours and induction/orientation programmes or mandatory training, e.g. Fire and Emergency, CPR)



2. Independent learning.

PD hours for independent learning are *calculated as set out in the chart below*. A maximum of 50% of PD hours within the 3- year PD cycle may be gained in this way. Examples of appropriate activities include:

- Presentations
- Papers passed as part of tertiary qualifications
- Publishing
- Professional service/leadership
- Providing support for HPS internship/preceptorship supervision/guidance
- Service development projects
- Preceptorship
- Post grad study

Please note that the following activities **will not be accepted** for professional development hours:

- Patient care activities
- Meetings
- Networking sessions
- Facility tours and induction/orientation programmes or mandatory training, e.g. Fire and Emergency, CPR\

Further information on PDH that can be claimed and guidance on evidence that can be provided is available within the [HPSRC Registration Handbook](#) Appendix E

Team Leaders, Practice Supervisors or those signing off the Professional Development Record are expected to initial each component after seeing the evidence to confirm the Professional Development and then at the bottom of the form: sign, date, state position and sign for verification of evidence held and submitted for the Professional Development Record.

What the Hospital Play Specialist Registration Council is looking for in evidence of professional development for Renewal of Registration is the professional awareness to make thoughtful choices and access good quality resources that are relevant to your role. [HPSRC Templates for PD](#) are available to assist document the evidence for the PDH being claimed. Paint a picture of a competent hospital play specialist who is self-aware and forward looking.