



CHARTERED
SOCIETY OF
DESIGNERS

What counts as CPD for the Pathway to Chartered Designer

There are many activities that count as Continuing Professional Development and each may be undertaken in a 'formal' or 'informal' manner. The following table should assist you in determining the type of CPD required. Whether the CPD is considered 'substantial' or not is a matter for a review panel and will vary depending on the evidence supplied.

Work based CPD activity	Informal	Formal
Learning on the job and able to qualify that learning	✓	
Developing coherent case studies	✓	
Receiving coaching or mentoring from others	✓	
Peer review and critical examination with recorded outcomes		✓
Recruiting and/or supervising staff		✓
Mentoring staff	✓	
Undertaking work related enhancements such as recognised accreditations/quality assurances		✓
Developing practice procedures	✓	
Undertaking structured work CPD programmes		✓
Overseeing work developments, expansion, contraction, moves, mergers, takeovers, etc	✓	
Compiling business, marketing or financial plans	✓	
Developing and overseeing business strategy	✓	

Professional CPD activity		
Acting as a membership assessor for the Society	✓	
Sitting on an Accreditation Panel of the CSD Course Endorsement Programme		✓
Sitting on CSD committees where communications and business skills are developed	✓	
Delivering talks, seminars or workshops to education on your own area of expertise	✓	
Delivering talks, seminars or workshops where you are required to research a specific topic or issue		✓
Presenting papers to an academic institution or conference that are examined or discussed		✓
Authoring reports, articles, papers, publications that are meant to inform design practitioners	✓	
Sitting on academic boards where there is a defined outcome, i.e. validation, external examiner	✓	
Carrying out formal research in or related to your field of practice		✓
Involvement in other professional bodies	✓	
Participating in and sitting on specialist interest groups/committees		✓
Being an expert witness		✓
Networking	✓	
Formal education/training		
Undertaking an academic course related to your field of practice		✓
Undertaking short practice based courses where there is a defined qualification or award		✓
Undertaking individual online modules developing competences as determined by CPSK		✓
Attending conferences, seminars or workshops with a clearly defined learning outcome		✓
Undertaking research		✓
Delivering training		✓
Providing formal training or development for those in your sector enabling them to achieve clearly defined learning outcomes		✓
Self-initiated/directed CPD		
Attending trade or cultural exhibitions	✓	
Practice related or self-development reading	✓	
Reading journals/articles	✓	
Reviewing books, articles	✓	
Conducting a CPD audit and CPD planning	✓	
Attending various for a real or virtual	✓	
Reflective analysis and practice	✓	
Other CPD activities		
Charity work	✓	
Public service	✓	
Undertaking non-practice related courses/training		✓