

The CPD Program - Acquiring and Reporting of Credits, by Peter Longhi, VP Member Services

On review of the CPD allocation of Points system, found on pages 2, 8 and 9 of the Continuing Professional Development Program overview and outline which can be found on the www.boabc.org web site, please note that at least 20 points must be from Code "A", activities related to technical competency, with the balance from either Code "A" or Code "B", other CPD activities. 30 CPD points are needed over a three-year period.

Code B points will only be counted to a maximum of 10 over the three year period.

Please find a few examples below of how you can achieve your requisite points:

1. Assuming you have the 10 points already from attending the 2007 Code Change seminar, you have three years to acquire 20 more points to satisfy the requirement.
2. The 20 points that need to be accumulated over the remaining three years could possibly be attained by a number of combinations, for example: (Please refer to Code A and Code B activities on page 6 and 7 in the CPD Program overview and outline)
 - a. Attending two of any six BOABC conferences over the next three years;
 - b. Attending one of any six BOABC Conferences and 10 hours worth of Zone meetings over the three years, [i.e. one conference and three zone meetings over three years];
 - c. Volunteer on a technical committee, BOABC related, for ten hours minimum and write two technical papers for the Enews;
 - d. Take a local related technical course, once per year and write one technical paper for the Enews;
 - e. Attend any of the part 9 or part 3 BC Building Code courses over the next three years and, depending on how many you take, top up with related technical studies;
 - f. Present an endorsed technical lecture on behalf of the BOABC in your zone once a year, for two years and attend one conference within the three-year window.

If you exceed the 30 CPD point requirements, you cannot bank or carry these additional points forward towards 2011 or beyond. [See page 2 in the CPD program outline on the website under Points]. Everyone will start from zero again after December 30, 2010 and will have three years to accumulate another 30 points, unless you are new to the organization.

If you are a new member, your date will start at the time you became a member and roll up three years forward from that date. As you can see, there are a number of combinations that can be arrived at to retain/ acquire what is needed for meeting CPD.

Point Accumulation:

If a member lives in a remote area and/or it is not possible to attend any of the formal conferences and seminars put on by the BOABC, it is still very possible, with some initiative, to attain the requisite points towards CPD.

Should a member at any time foresee that they will not be able to attain the required CPD credits within the time frame, due to a scheduled surgery, for example, with a long recovery/rehabilitation period, extended maternity/paternity leave, or otherwise, the member should contact Member Services to advise of the situation so arrangements can be made to establish some alternative means with which to meet the criteria. Alternative solutions will be entertained as long as requests are reasonable and legitimate.

For those few members that were not able to attend a 2007 Code Change seminar, they would be required to attain the 30 points needed over the three years [2008-10]. This still can be achieved working through the Code A and Code B activities diligently.

I trust this helps in sorting out what is needed to meet the requirements. I realize that for some members acquiring sufficient points is a “slam dunk”, for others it is more difficult; but we are here to encourage CPD and coach you towards success.

Attendance at BOABC Conferences, Seminars and Training sessions is recorded towards CPD points when your register and/or sign in for these activities, but the balance of point accumulation, especially for activities outside of the BOABC which you report to the BOABC Head office, is on the honour system and is subject to a random verification audit.

Please be careful to fill out all the forms found on page 8, 9 and 10 of the CPD program overview and accurately fax/mail to the Association offices for confidential input into the database.

Again, for BOABC sponsored and organized activities, in which attendance and/or registration is recorded, CPD points will be automatically registered. For other activities, it is the responsibility of the member to report to the BOABC Head office in writing.

The latest up to date point accumulation status will be printed out on your membership dues renewal form, which is mailed to members in the spring of each year. The accumulated points total for 2008 will be reported in the dues notice in the spring of 2009. If there are any errors or omissions noted, at that time, please follow up with the BOABC Head office to resolve any discrepancies as soon as you become aware of them. Thank you for your cooperation.