



## AACMA Continuing Professional Development Accreditation Information and Guidelines

Requirements for continuing professional development (CPD) for registered Chinese medicine practitioners has been modified to better meet the specific knowledge and skill needs identified by practitioners for their practice ().

[Recommendations](#) by the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (CMBA) are below:

*“Make sure your planned activities meet the requirements of the CPD standard: (see ‘CPD activities that meet the standard’)*

- *improves patient outcomes*
- *draws on best available evidence including well-established and accepted knowledge supported by research where possible, to inform good practice and decision-making*
- *improves your competence<sup>1</sup> (performance and behaviour) and keeps you up-to-date in your chosen scope<sup>2</sup> & setting of practice*
- *builds on your existing knowledge*
- *includes a minimum of 5 hours in an interactive<sup>3</sup> setting with other practitioners (see CPD in an interactive setting)”*

As practitioners are now wholly responsible for choosing CPD to meet their own learning needs, professional associations such as AACMA do not need to accredit CPD courses unless the presenter or organisation offering the CPD event advertises with AACMA to promote the event.

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<sup>1</sup> Competence means having the qualifications and ability to perform a specific role. It involves a complex interaction and integration of knowledge, skills, professional behaviours and judgement

<sup>2</sup> Scope of practice means the professional role and services that an individual health practitioner is educated and competent to perform

<sup>3</sup> Interactive means learning that involves two-way flow of information and occurs with other practitioners, such as face-to-face or interactive online education