

# Continuing Professional Development

CPD Record Card 2011-2012

The College of Law provides a wide range of post-qualification training through its Professional Development Division. Fully accredited by the SRA, the Bar Council and ILEX as a provider of Continuing Professional Development (CPD), we are committed to helping you fulfil your annual requirement in the most effective and convenient way.

## Solicitors

### The requirements

The CPD year runs from 1 November to 31 October. Solicitors and registered European lawyers must complete 16 hours of CPD annually.

### Completing your hours

Up to 75% of the requirement can be met through a wide range of activities. This includes attending accredited or non-accredited courses such as those provided by The College of Law, sole study of College of Law Media programmes, watching and discussing College of Law Media programmes, writing law books and articles, research related to legal topics, undertaking NVQs in business and management and preparation and/or delivery of certain training courses.

At least 25% of the CPD requirement must be met by participating in accredited courses that require attendance for one hour or more. You can achieve this by participating in accredited courses provided by The College of Law, including its College of Law Media programmes.

Please note that participation includes preparing, delivering and/or attending an accredited course. Attendance means attendance at the complete course - part attendance does not count.

Full details of how to fulfil the required hours can be found at [www.sra.org.uk](http://www.sra.org.uk)

## Barristers

### The requirements

The CPD year runs from 1 January to 31 December.

In the first three years of practice, newly-qualified barristers must complete 45 hours of CPD, including at least nine hours of Advocacy training and three hours of Ethics (the 'New Practitioners' Programme').

After the first three years of practice, barristers are required to undertake 12 hours of CPD a year (the 'Established Practitioners' Programme').

Many professional development training courses provided by The College of Law are accredited by the Bar Standards Board for the purposes of CPD. Practitioners can also earn CPD hours by participating in College of Law Media training programmes.

Full details of how to fulfil the required hours can be found at [www.barstandardsboard.org.uk](http://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk)

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