

## CPD requirements for all NEW APCs issued after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018.

SASC has issued the following guidance to encourage the development of assessment and reporting skills. The requirement for additional SASC authorised CPD detailed below is aimed at better supporting those holding an APC for the first time.

Holders of an APC for the first time should participate in at least

- 5 hours of Authorised CPD **each year** before their first renewal. This CPD would be authorised by SASC and listed through the SASC website

and

- 5 hours CPD, which may not have an assessed element, **each year**.

Additionally, SASC recommends some of this be mentoring so new assessors can have an opportunity for focused work relating to developing their individual assessment and reflective practice. The provider of mentoring must ensure they have systems in place to quality assure their mentors' practice annually.

- a. Therefore, CPD requirements for 1st time APC renewals are for 30 hours altogether:
  - A minimum of 5 hours SASC authorised CPD each year which is assessed, some of which can be mentoring plus
  - A minimum of 5 hours informal CPD each year
- b. For APC renewals beyond the 1st renewal the requirement remains the same:
  - A minimum of 20 hours of CPD over 3 years, 5 hours of which is SASC authorised.

Mentoring is strongly recommended. Mentoring could be SASC authorised and meet some of the above required authorised hours. Mentoring could also be informal and be counted as fulfilling some of the rest of the CPD minimum requirements.

SASC sees it as important that CPD covered in the period should address all 5 areas

- Core 1 (C1) principles of psychometrics, statistics, assessment and underlying theory
- Core 2 (C2) SpLD testing methods, interpretation and test materials
- Supplementary 1 (S1) changes in regulations and legislation relating to SpLDs
- Supplementary 2 (S2) developments in SpLD research
- Supplementary 3 (S3) approaches to teaching and support for SpLD

**For 1<sup>st</sup> time renewals, 10 hours of the SASC authorised element of this CPD should be other than updates on Access Arrangements.**

The overall minimum number of CPD hours for other holders of APCs [i.e. those who have had their 1<sup>st</sup> APC issued before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018] remain a minimum of 20 hours over the 3 year period, 5 of which must be SASC authorised.