

IOP Institute of Physics

CPD for renewal of Chartered Scientist status

The Chartered Scientist designation is set apart from many other chartered awards in its requirement for registrants to revalidate every five years as an assurance that they are maintaining a high level of competence. This means you will need to submit a return, prior to your revalidation date, demonstrating ongoing maintenance of your professional competence- in short, showing continuous professional development (CPD).

The Institute provides a range of services to assist you in participating in and recording your CPD. The most significant of these is 'MyCPD' an online tool that allows you to input your own development objectives and record activities and tasks against them. Chartered Scientists who use 'MyCPD' to record their development over the course of one calendar year prior to their validation date will be deemed to have met revalidation requirements, provided that:

- They have accumulated 35 'points' over that year (informal development activities provide 1 point per hour, formal development activities provide 2 points per hour)
- The 'reflective analysis' record for each activity is completed, showing what has been learnt and how it contributes to ongoing professional competence.

As an alternative, for those revalidating prior to 1st March 2010, we will accept a CPD report in the following format:

1. Maximum 2 sides of plain A4 paper
2. Type size either 10 or 12 using an easily read font.

The report must contain:

1. Details of at least 5 development activities you have undertaken in the last year.
2. A summary of how at least 3 of these activities have contributed to the maintenance of your professional competence
3. A paragraph summarising your development plan over the next 5 years.
4. Your name and membership number.

The report must be submitted prior to your revalidation date. It will be your responsibility to provide this information- we will not send repeated reminders.

More information about CPD, and the support we provide, is available on the web at <http://www.iop.org/activity/cpd>.

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