



RTPI

Royal Town Planning Institute

The RTPI is committed to lifelong learning, education and professional development for the benefit of its members and the public.



Core CPD Framework

Summary
of principles

Core CPD Framework for members

Your CPD

The RTPI defines Continuing Professional Development (CPD) as “the systematic maintenance, improvement and broadening of knowledge and skill and the development of personal qualities necessary for the execution of professional and technical duties throughout the practitioner’s working life”.

Planners work in an ever-changing environment and need to keep abreast of present and future planning challenges.

The work you do is for – or affects – the public and environment. CPD demonstrates your commitment, competence and professionalism, and sets you apart from non-members.

The RTPI Code of Professional Conduct requires members^[1] to plan, undertake and record 50 hours of CPD in each two-year period.

RTPI commitment to you:

To support you to meet your CPD obligations, the RTPI will:

- Adopt ‘Core CPD Framework’ guidelines for your professional learning.
- Signpost a range of high quality sources of CPD.
- Provide you with tools to plan, record and reflect on your CPD.
- Audit a sample of member records to assess compliance with the RTPI Code.
- Undertake regular reviews of the learning needs of the profession.
- Work with employers and stakeholders to champion the importance and the value of CPD for professional planners.

^[1]except student, affiliate and retired members

Core CPD Framework:

This framework provides RTPI members with an overview of the key topics for CPD and identifies a programme that covers the key professional skills and areas of planning knowledge to meet current and future planning challenges.

Professional Skills

- Championing Planning
- Business Planning & Management
- Diversity, Inclusion & Professional Ethics*
- Digital Planning
- Placemaking & Design

Planning Knowledge

- Development & Infrastructure Planning
- Health & Wellbeing
- Housing
- Climate Change & Environmental Planning*
- Planning Law & Process

Recommended sources of CPD:

Structured CPD	Self-Directed CPD	CPD Role-model
CPD Masterclass or Training course	Reading relevant news articles or research	Deliver a training session
Conference	Podcasts or Blogs	Write or blog about planning
Briefing / Workshop	RTPI policy and research publications	Mentor students or graduates
Seminar / Lecture	The Planner / Planning Theory and Practice journals	Become an APC Assessor
Online learning	RTPI eAcademy	Get involved in your local RTPI group or Network
Secondment or work shadowing	Library or book study	Volunteer for Planning Aid
	Social media posts	Become an RTPI Ambassador

*topic must be considered at least every 12 months

More information about the Core CPD Framework can be found at: www.rtpi.org.uk/cpdframework



What's in it for you?

A structured approach to your own professional development with the RTPI will help you:

- Enhance your professional reputation.
- Learn new skills and keep up to date.
- Improve your performance in your current role.
- Gain a competitive edge and future employment.
- Demonstrate your commitment and competence.



The RTPI Core CPD logo is a quality assurance mark to demonstrate that the CPD offering has clear learning outcomes, measurable results, and covers one or more of the 10 Core CPD Framework topics.

For more information:

Visit: rtpi.org.uk/cpdframework

RTPI Practice Advice Note –
Continuing Professional Development

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