

Revised RICS CPD framework to be implemented January 2026

1.	Members must identify, plan, undertake, and record with RICS, CPD which is relevant, adequate and appropriate, in the context of their practice
2.	Members must undertake, and record with RICS, a minimum of 20 hours of CPD in total per year (SRB keeping this number under review)
3.	A minimum of 10 hours of CPD must be structured learning (meaning up to 10 hours can comprise unstructured learning) ‘Structured’ – e.g. webinars, seminars, conferences, lectures, workshops; not reading or listening to podcasts.
4.	Members must undertake CPD across stipulated mandatory topics each year on a rolling 3-year basis (i.e. 1 topic per year to be covered) Mandatory topics: ▶ Ethics ▶ Sustainability ▶ Data, AI & technology SRB should review this list of mandatory topics at least every 3 years to ensure the topics remain relevant and sufficient Other mandatory topics may also be required by the SRB from time to time should a particular or contemporary risk be identified
5.	SRB should publish recommended CPD topics on an annual basis, in consultation with the Knowledge and Practice Committee and the Professional Group Panels, to supplement the mandatory topics and to support members to find relevant, adequate and appropriate CPD

6.	Members who are retired from practice, on a retired membership concession, automatically receive a full exemption from CPD requirements unless they act as APC assessors, in which case they must comply with the full CPD requirements
7.	Members on an ill-health membership concession automatically receive a full exemption from CPD requirements for the duration of their ill-health
8.	Members on other relevant membership concessions receive a full exemption from CPD requirements for up to 12 months. Relevant concessions are parental or adoption leave, family raising / caring unemployed / seeking work. They then receive a partial exemption (unless discretion is applied by the Head of Regulation to extend the full exemption) On a partial exemption members must complete a minimum of 10 hours of CPD per year (this may be structured or unstructured) and must meet the requirements in respect of mandatory topics.
9.	Members on a non-practising concession may be granted a manual exemption from all or part of the CPD requirements on application depending on the nature of the use of their RICS designation CPD exemptions related to exceptional hardship, academic and dual membership concessions remain unchanged The requirement for those on a part-time concession to undertake full CPD requirements is also unchanged.
10.	CPD must be undertaken within a 12-month cycle (currently January – December) to align with membership subscriptions If in any given 12 month cycle a member undertakes a longer period of training e.g. a Masters programme, up to 10 hours may carry forward to the following year and count towards that following year's CPD requirements. Such hours may be carried forward for a maximum of 24 months i.e. two future 12-month CPD cycles
11.	Members must record the learning outcomes of each CPD activity undertaken
12.	Members must record their reflections on their professional development and learning needs
13.	Members must complete an annual declaration stating that they have undertaken relevant, adequate and appropriate CPD which meets RICS requirements

	Members who are unable to complete such a declaration may be subject to a full CPD review and may receive a regulatory sanction
14.	A percentage of members annually will have their CPD records reviewed in detail to assess whether they meet RICS' CPD requirements
15.	CPD non-compliance may lead to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from membership.