

Circular Memorandum No. 2 / 2016

TOPIC: **Continuing Professional Development Recording**

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All Registered Land Surveyors

On 23 December I wrote to all Registered Land Surveyors advising that Professional Development Directions would be effective from 1 January 2016, following the new requirements that were provided for in the *Surveyors Act 2002* in December 2014.

The Directions may be found on the Department's website at <http://dpipwe.tas.gov.au/land-tasmania/geospatial-infrastructure-surveying/directions-and-circulars/professional-development-directions>.

As we are now half way through the first year in which the Directions apply, I am writing to surveyors to remind them to ensure that they maintain records of activities that comply with Schedule 1 of the Directions.

Applications for re-registration as a Registered Land Surveyor for 2017 will need to be accompanied by a summary of activities undertaken as a pre-requisite for registration for 2017.

In order to make consistent recording and lodgement of continuing professional development (CPD) activities easier for surveyors, my Office is in the process of establishing an electronic format to be embedded within the LIST registration pages that surveyors now use for annual registration applications. This will be in the form of a button to access the CPD form, and will be able to be updated during the year by surveyors after every complying activity. This development should be completed later this calendar year and my Office will advise surveyors when it is ready to use.

In the meantime I encourage surveyors to plan their annual CPD activities so as to avoid being faced with a significant deficit of points close to re-registration time. Whilst the CPD period is a rolling two year cycle, it may be difficult for some surveyors to make up a CPD deficit in the second year if little activity is recorded in year one.

A number of surveyors have recently contacted my Office asking for details on how they should access relevant CPD activities. Whilst it is clear that professional surveyors are responsible for their own ongoing education and development, a number of Institutions in Tasmania provide a range of relevant seminars and forums throughout the year. In particular, the Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute ([SSSI](#)) has a varied annual program, and the Institute of Surveyors Tasmania (IST) provides land surveying candidate related training, as well as mentor and examiner training. It is of course not mandatory to belong to the institutions, attendance at their events being open to both members and non members.

The University of Tasmania presents occasional seminars, including the annual Geography and Spatial Sciences Conference, which may include relevant material. This Office also presents forums on particular topics from time to time and all surveyors will be notified of OSG activities as a matter of course. It is planned that the OSG will be presenting a forum on cadastral surveying topics later this year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Giudici', with a stylized, elongated tail on the final letter.

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