

ADIA Policy Statement –

Policy	P2 – Dental Professionals (Continuing Professional Development)
Statement	That dental professionals registered with the Dental Board of Australia (DBA) should be required to undergo minimum levels of continuing professional development (CPD). Policy on matters associated with the scope / type and minimum requirements are the responsibility of the relevant association for each profession.
Principles	ADIA supports mandatory CPD for registered dental professionals as it helps keep them up to date with the latest technologies offered by the dental industry. As ADIA is an organisation representing manufacturers and suppliers but not professionals, it is not for ADIA to determine policy on behalf of professional bodies.
Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Since 2010 there has been national registration of dental professionals by the Dental Board of Australia (DBA) that operates under the auspices of the Australian Healthcare Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). ▪ The DBA currently registers dentists, students, dental specialists, dental therapists, dental hygienists, oral health therapists and dental prosthetists. ▪ The DBA has published guidelines on continuing professional development (Last updated 1 July 2014) ▪ There is broad consensus that CPD plays an important role in assisting dental professionals maintain skills currently, something particularly relevant in an environment where the dental industry is releasing on to the Australian market a continuing stream of new and innovative technologies to help professionals deliver dental and oral health care. ▪ ADIA is a business organisation representing manufacturers and suppliers of products and services to dental professionals. ADIA's members are businesses that are, in accordance with the Association's by-laws, prevented from being responsible for the direct delivery of dental and oral healthcare. Matters associated with the scope / type and minimum CPD requirements therefore do not fall within ADIA's remit. ▪ Each of the professional groups has a representative body (e.g. Australian Dental Association, Australian Dental & Oral Health Therapists Association, et cetera) that operates at a state / territory and / or national level. As a general rule, these organisations have individuals as members and it is the role of these groups to determine policy on behalf of their respective professions.
Framework Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ADIA Advocacy Agenda ▪ ADIA Stakeholder Engagement Strategy
Engagement & Advocacy Partner/s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Internal:</u> ADIA-ISC Industry Skills Committee ▪ <u>External:</u> Dental Board of Australia; and associations for professional bodies.
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