

Provider fees

CPD provider application fees (all GST inclusive)

Fee type	Price
Initial application fee – 28 days before course date	\$150 per course of 3 hours or less
Initial application fee – 28 days before course date	\$750 per course of greater than 3 hours
Urgent application fee – 7–28 days before course date	\$150 in addition to initial fee
Repeat activity fee – within the current CPD year (1 Dec–30 Nov)	\$50 per course independent of duration

Please note

- Late applications will attract an administration fee.
- Retrospective applications will not be reviewed.

Why is there a fee to have CPD accredited?

Prior to the introduction of national registration in 2010, Optometry Australia maintained a CPD accreditation and recording program for all optometrists. Once this component became mandatory in 2010 as part of national registration under AHPRA, we were asked by the Optometry Board of Australia (OBA) to continue this important function at no cost to stakeholders. After activities being submitted for accreditation more than doubled in the period following national registration, the ‘no-cost to CPD providers’ accreditation model became unsustainable for us.

The OBA subsequently launched an open tender process, whereby a number of applicants submitted proposals based on cost recovery models to accredit CPD activities on behalf of the OBA. With significant experience in the area and existing IT infrastructure in place, we were able to submit a very competitive proposal and were awarded the tender in late 2014 (to be administered by our newly created business unit, Eye on CPD).

Fees charged under this cost recovery model are used to fund Eye on CPD’s administrative and operational tasks and for the IT platform which provides up to date points information (separated into the points categories specified by the OBA).

The accreditation fee also contributes to an independent external auditor to review activities nation-wide once they have been conducted (in order to ensure that they meet the high educational standard set by the OBA) along with an independent assessment panel which acts as a secondary reviewer and arbiter in the handling of any complaints throughout the CPD accreditation process.