**TPB Continuing Professional Education Requirements from 1 July 2022**

The new CPE requirements for registered BAS agents started on 1 July 2022.

* 90 hours of CPE over three years.
* Minimum of 20 hours per year.
* CPE records must be kept for five years.
* More flexibility for those facing exceptional circumstances such as natural disasters or medical crises.
* Option to align CPE period with AAT membership period.
* For new agents registering on or after 1 July 2022, the new CPE requirements will apply from the date of registration.
* For existing agents renewing after 1 July 2022, the new requirements will apply from the date of renewed registration.

**Relevant CPE**

Continuing professional education or development is very broad and may cover areas of development and learning not directly related to BAS services.

If you engage in activities or education for business development purposes, for example, marketing, software training, or communication skills, these CPE hours don’t necessarily count towards the TPB required hours. The key is whether the education or development is related to providing BAS services and the currency of knowledge you must maintain in order to provide those services.

TPB CPE must help you maintain the currency of your knowledge and skills relevant to your services as a registered tax professional.

The definition of CPD for AAT members allows for a wider range of activities than the TPB, so you may need to differentiate between CPE for TPB purposes and AAT membership.

Relevant activities could include:

* Software training that is related to the provision of BAS services
* Cyber security training
* Courses or workshops in specialised areas of GST or payroll
* Webinars explaining new legislation
* Practical application of the Code of Professional Conduct in relation to BAS services
* Technical reading (maximum of 25% of CPE hours)
* Health and wellbeing activities such as learning about stress management or flexible workplace health arrangements (maximum of 10% of CPE hours)

We’d love to hear from you – what topics would you like AAT to offer professional education and development on? This could be either TPB related CPE or general CPD for AAT members. Email us with your suggestions [here](mailto:jo.voight@aat.org.au?subject=CPE%20Suggestions).

[TPB – CPE Requirements for tax and BAS agents from 1 July 2022](https://www.tpb.gov.au/explanatory-paper-tpbep-072021-cpe-requirements-tax-and-bas-agents-1-july-2022)