

It's Finally Here! Online CPD Tracking

At the time of writing, the College was putting the finishing touches on an online Continuing Professional Development (CPD) tracking platform, which is expected to be launched in April. Online tracking of CPD activities will be optional for College members initially, but it is anticipated that all members will use the platform in the next one to two years. This will greatly assist the College in meeting an important aspect of its public-interest mandate: ensuring applied biology professionals remain competent and current in their fields of practice.

The online CPD platform will be hosted in the secure members'-only area of the website. After logging into the website, members will be able to easily add new CPD activities to their record, view, edit, and print previous records. Similar to the Excel-based CPD form, the program is built to limit claimed points to those

permitted in **Schedule 4** of the **College of Applied Biology Rules**. The program will identify surplus points that can be carried forward to future years, and offer flexibility in claiming carried-forward points that are permitted by requiring users to claim them in the desired year. Members can also upload supporting files for any CPD activities entered. While the program is very intuitive in design, a User Manual will be available to assist with getting started.

Post launch, we welcome your feedback on the new online CPD tracking platform. We also always welcome feedback and questions on the College's CPD Program to inform our efforts to continuously improve it. Please contact Rebecca Mersereau, Assistant Registrar with your feedback or questions:

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→ The College will be hosting a webinar this spring to help members get started with the online CPD platform. Notice will be sent out in a future College Notice.

The webinar will be recorded and posted to the College website for those who are unable to participate.

