

AASW Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

CPD Quality Standards

All CPD Activities undergoing the Endorsement and Quality Assurance process (including all AASW hosted CPD Activities, AASW online CPD Activities, and external CPD providers who choose to apply for endorsement) are bound by the following Quality Standards:

1. Content Standards

- 1.1. Content is relevant to Social Workers
- 1.2. Content is based on recognised or evidence-informed practice and / or theory

2. Educational standards

- 2.1. Learning outcomes are explicit
- 2.2. Activity is facilitated by persons with relevant experience and / or qualifications that exceed the content level of the activity
- 2.3. Learners are given opportunity to engage in active learning*
- 2.4. Learning is monitored to determine identified learning objectives are achieved*
- 2.5. Attendees participate in evaluation and feedback of the activity*

3. Ethical standards

- 3.1. When presenting information based on real-world scenarios, care has been taken to de-identify all personal information. Where this is not possible, informed consent has been obtained in writing from all involved.

AASW interactive* CPD Activities and external providers seeking endorsement must meet all Quality Standards.

** The AASW recognises that learning occurs in a multitude of ways. Passive Learning opportunities form a valuable tool in Professional Development, even where they do not fit in with the Educational Standards listed above for Active Learning activities. All programs must be held to appropriate quality standards, allowing Social Workers to locate opportunities that are relevant and appropriate. Lack of fulfilment of QS 2.3, 2.4, and 2.5 will not preclude passive learning opportunities from receiving Quality status.*