

# Guidelines

## Compulsory Professional Development

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In accordance with Rule 95.1 (3) (a), (b), and (c) the Law Society of Yukon establishes the following Guidelines for Compulsory Professional Development.

### Content

In order to satisfy the Compulsory Professional Development requirements a CPD activity must have significant intellectual or practical content with the primary objective of increasing lawyers' professional competence.

For greater certainty the content should deal with any or all of the following:

- i. Substantive legal issues such as Aboriginal Law, Property Law or Torts;
- ii. Procedural issues such as amendments to the Rules of Court, electronic documents protocols, or etiquette;
- iii. Ethical obligations such as trust accounting, professional responsibility, or civility;
- iv. Professional competence such as research, oral advocacy, speaking and presenting or drafting skills;
- v. Practice management such as lawyer wellness, time management, administrative technology, document management.

**Please Note:** The content should be designed primarily for lawyers and not for other professions. Business courses, including leadership skills, project management, marketing skills, profit maximization, etc, as well as content and activities primarily designed for or targeted at attracting clients or prepared and delivered in the ordinary and usual course of practice **will not qualify**.

The Law Society recognizes and encourages the diversity of legal practice and recognizes the difficulties inherent in practicing in a small and remote jurisdiction. Credit hours will be available for content which does not strictly comply with the above criteria if the lawyer can demonstrate that it is directly related to improving professional competence in the lawyer's practice.

## Mode

The following types of activities are accepted modes of undertaking CPD:

Type	Number of Eligible Hours per Year
CLE or in-person course, presentation or seminar (including in-house CLE's and educational components of meetings and conferences)	Unlimited
Webinar – including live streamed courses, presentations or seminars, recorded courses, presentations or seminars streamed over the internet, and web-based courses (including those containing primarily written content)	Unlimited
Teleconference or phone based courses, presentations or seminars	Unlimited
Group study (two or more members)	Unlimited (only hours in actual group study – not preparation time)
Teaching	6 hours maximum, regardless of how many hours are actually taught or how many different courses are taught (see Information for more details).
Writing books and articles for publication or use in educational programs and not as part of regular employment of member (writing of head notes and case reports may be eligible)	6 hours maximum
The following modes of learning <b>do not qualify</b> for CPD credits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Self study, listserves, forums and networking sites</li><li>• Mentoring or acting a principal to an articulated student</li></ul>	

**Please Note:** Hours by any of the acceptable modes must meet the content requirements set out above to qualify for CPD credit.

## Comparable Jurisdictions

As stated in Rule 95.2(1), members required to complete a comparable compulsory professional development requirement of another law society in Canada are exempt from the requirements of the Law Society of Yukon CPD Program.

In accordance with Rule 95.1(3)(a) the Law Societies with comparable CPD regimes are:

- The Law Society British Columbia;
- The Law Society of the Northwest Territories;
- The Law Society of Saskatchewan;
- The Law Society of Manitoba;
- The Law Society of Upper Canada;
- Barreau du Quebec;
- Chambre des notaires du Québec;
- The Law Society of New Brunswick;
- The Law Society of Nova Scotia; and
- The Law Society of Prince Edward Island.

Members who are exempt from the comparable requirement in another jurisdiction, because of their practice status, for example, are required to complete the compulsory professional development requirement of the Law Society of Yukon.