



Self-assessment questions

Introduction to the 2021 National Standard of Competency for Architects

Participant name: _____ NSW registration no: _____

This session is equivalent to 1.0 hours Formal CPD.

It will introduce participants to the [2021 National Standard of Competency for Architects](#) and will cover:

- Brief history of when and why a competency standard was developed for Australian architects and how the application of the competency standard has evolved over time
- Features of the 2021 NSCA, including new structure, new content and explanatory notes
- How the 2021 NSCA applies to various assessment pathways leading to registration as an architect in Australia
- Changes to NSW CPD requirements from 1 July 2022 to address the 2021 NSCA.

This session delivers learning outcomes related to the following Performance Criterion from the [2021 National Standard of Competency for Architects](#):

- PC 1 Comply with the regulatory requirements and obligations pertaining to practice as an architect, including legislation, professional codes of conduct, obligations for continuing professional development and professional indemnity insurance.**

Certificate of completion

The Board will email you a certificate of completion based on your participation in today's session. You should upload the certificate of completion together with your responses to this self-assessment questionnaire as a single pdf file when you record the activity as Formal CPD in the **My CPD** portal in [My Account](#)

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Self-assessment questionnaire

1. Who owns and maintains the [2021 National Standard of Competency for Architects](#) (2021 NSCA)?

2. What were the ideas driving the 1980s-1990s development of national competency standards for the Australian professions?

3. How has application of the competency standards expanded over time for Australian architects?

4. What two documents comprise the 2021 NSCA?

- i. _____
- ii. _____

5. How is the 2021 NSCA referenced in legislation that regulates NSW Architects?

6. Name the 3 Competency Profiles and describe how they map professional competency at different levels.

- i. _____

- ii. _____

iii. _____

7. (a) What is the purpose of the Performance Criteria (PCs)?

(b) How many PCs are there? _____

(c) How are minimum requirements for each PC described?

8. How can time spent reading the *Explanatory Notes* and engaging with their external resources be counted as CPD?

9. What are the 2 new areas of competency introduced in the 2021 NSCA?

10. What is the change to Formal CPD requirements that applies to NSW architects from 1 July 2022?

