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](https://aaca.org.au/national-standard-of-competency-for-architects/2021nsca/) 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](https://aaca.org.au/national-standard-of-competency-for-architects/2021nsca/):

**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](https://www.architects.nsw.gov.au/login)

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## **Self-assessment questionnaire**

1. **Who owns and maintains the** [**2021 National Standard of Competency for Architects**](https://aaca.org.au/national-standard-of-competency-for-architects/2021nsca/) **(2021 NSCA)?**

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

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

1. **What two documents comprise the 2021 NSCA?**
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4. **How is the 2021 NSCA referenced in legislation that regulates NSW Architects?**

1. **Name the 3 Competency Profiles and describe how they map professional competency at different levels.**
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1. **(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?**

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

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

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