

# RIBA CPD Providers Network

RIBA Approved CPD Material for the Continuing Professional Development of architects and other specifiers



Continuing Professional Development (CPD) maintains, enhances and increases the knowledge of a professional and continues to gain momentum and influence. These obligations exist to help ensure that these individuals maintain their competence to practice.

At its very basic level, CPD is for consumer protection but it is also a way of ensuring that architects and other key specifiers keep up-to-date within a rapidly changing profession and construction environment. CPD should also enhance an individual's current and future development (professionally, personally and for staff within a business unit).

The **RIBA CPD Providers Network** provides you with an opportunity to contribute to this highly valued CPD learning program. Many Network members opt to do face-to-face seminars with the ability to educate these specifiers about new products and subjects, regulations and innovative ideas.

This is the only CPD material assessed by the RIBA and it carries the prestige, good name and industry respect that a brand with a 175 year heritage, provides.

70%\* of specifiers prefer RIBA approved CPD.

## Access to architectural practices

Why not join the RIBA CPD Providers Network and overcome this common difficulty by offering face-to-face seminars?

## Training requirements for architects

Chartered members of the RIBA are required to undertake 35 hours per year and attain 100 points per year of educational learning. The breakdown of hours is as follows:

- At least 19.5 hours per year from the RIBA's prescribed Core Curriculum for CPD
- At least 15.5 hours of professional development in other subjects relevant to their own CPD needs

CPD Core Curriculum is divided into six main areas, each with a number of subjects:

- Health and safety – everyone is required to undertake at least 2 hours per year

Members can also choose from the following five topics, provided they cover the entire syllabus every five years:

- Professional context – clients' and societies' requirements
- Practice management – managing the business
- Managing projects – the construction process

\* 2007 registration of RIBA Product Selector

- Construction skills – technical, statutory and cross professional knowledge (this is where most manufacturers and suppliers will fit in)
- Personal skills development – training needs

### RIBA CPD Providers Network

Having introduced these training requirements to Architects, RIBA and RIBA Enterprises launched the RIBA CPD Providers Network nearly fifteen years ago. It is an opportunity for a variety of organisations to join, have their CPD material assessed and RIBA approved and then marketed to architects and other key specifiers.

We currently have over 500 members of the RIBA CPD Providers Network offering RIBA-assessed, high-quality CPD material including product manufacturers and suppliers, universities and colleges, training companies, solicitors, advisory organisations, IT companies, trade associations, and other well known organisations such as the BRE.

Network members can offer their CPD material in a variety of formats including seminars, conferences, degrees, courses, books, design guides, CD-ROMs, e-learning and factory tours. The majority of Network members offer their CPD free of charge through one hour lunchtime seminars in specific architectural practices.

### RIBA Skill

A new dimension to the RIBA CPD Providers Network is RIBA Skill, bringing advanced learning from academic providers. The CPD material would need to be at least four days in duration and would lead to an academic qualification relevant to the construction industry.

RIBA Skill Providers receive all the same benefits as a normal CPD Providers Network member.

### RIBA support for your CPD

You will receive the support of RIBA and RIBA Enterprises, including detailed assessment guidelines, a visit from a RIBA assessor and be offered a number of marketing opportunities. You will benefit from some proactive marketing to get your CPD material to specifiers:

- The RIBA CPD Providers Network Directory, which is incorporated into the RIBA Product Selector Volume 3 and [www.ribaproductselector.com](http://www.ribaproductselector.com)
- Entry on the RIBA website [www.architecture.com](http://www.architecture.com)
- PR, editorial placements and advertising in the trade press, including the RIBA Journal
- Quarterly marketing initiatives to RIBA registered

members and our database of other specifiers and influencers

- Opportunity to participate in roadshows and exhibitions

### Product details

- You receive a membership pack, including: membership list, guides, check lists information
- Contract comprising Part 1 – an agreement and Part 2 – a quality code, must be signed
- Registration of all seminars with the RIBA is required
- The material must be submitted for assessment within eight weeks of joining
- Once the material is approved you can deliver it online by subscribing to RIBA Online CPD at [www.ribaonlinecpd.com](http://www.ribaonlinecpd.com)

### Benefits to members

- Only RIBA approved CPD material is awarded a double weighting of points for architects
- You become a member of the RIBA CPD Providers Network
- A helpline is available on 0191 244 5773
- Discounts on room bookings at the RIBA Head Office at 66 Portland Place, London, W1B 1AD
- An e-bulletin once a month and a quarterly newsletter, notifying of events and initiatives
- RIBA approved CPD material can comprise of a seminar, CD-ROM, website, literature, video, site visit, online and open learning
- There are two Network Forums per year where members learn more about providing quality CPD
- We fully cross-reference your entry within RIBA Product Selector and on [ribaproductselector.com](http://ribaproductselector.com)
- You become a member of the RIBA Enterprises Network and receive all the associated benefits
- The RIBA CPD Providers Network is widely embraced by architects and other specifiers and actively promoted to them
- 20% discount on direct mail list provided by RIBAMail
- Use of the RIBA CPD Providers Network logo/seal on promotional material and Assessed Material logos on CPD materials accredited by the RIBA
- Use of the RIBA Core Curriculum logo
- Up to five 1 hour CPD presentations can be submitted for assessment and issued during your first two year membership

