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THE GENERAL COUNCIL AND REGISTER OF NATUROPATHS (GCRN) CPD ACCREDITATION AND HOSTING FEES

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CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION ACCREDITATION AND HOSTING FEES

1. Introduction

The GCRN is the UK regulator for naturopathic practitioners, enhancing public protection by setting standards for registration. All GCRN registered practitioners have demonstrated that they meet, as minimum, national occupational standards for naturopathy practice, mapped into a core curriculum. All GCRN registered practitioners also adhere to the GCRN Code of Professional Conduct and demonstrate a continued commitment to standards maintenance.

Effective CPD should ensure that practitioners stay up to date on the latest research and advances in healthcare relevant to maintaining safe practise.

GCRN accreditation of a CPD exercise will ensure practitioners that the materials provided have been objectively reviewed by their national regulating body and assessed for quality, appropriateness, and level of academic rigor so they may easily determine which activities will meet their CPD requirements.

This document explains the different fees that the GCRN may apply to CPD Accreditation applications according to what type of materials are submitted, their length, and their intended use. The scenarios and fees outlined serve to set a consistent standard by which application fees for CPD accreditation may be applied.

2. Definitions

- a. GCRN defines **CPD** ‘as a range of learning activities through which professionals grow and develop throughout their careers to ensure that they retain their capacity to practise safely, effectively and legally within their evolving scope of practice’.
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- b. GCRN defines **accreditation** as ‘the action or process of officially recognizing an activity as having adequate status and qualification’.

3. CPD accreditation procedure

Practitioners of various disciplines and educational institutions may submit materials to the GCRN for its review and accreditation. These practitioners may include, but are not limited to:

Medical Doctors
Osteopathic Doctors
Chiropractors
Nurses, Nurse Practitioners
Naturopaths
Registered Nutritional Therapists
Registered Herbalists including Traditional Chinese Medicine
Licensed Mental Health Counselors and Therapists
Homeopaths
Nutritional Therapists

Application materials must be complete, educational materials **must require at least 30 minutes of the practitioners' time**, and each application must be accompanied with a fee for consideration that corresponds to what type of materials are submitted, their length, and their intended use.

(See **THE GENERAL COUNCIL AND REGISTER OF NATUROPATHS (GCRN) ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) ACCREDITATION**)

Application fees are non-refundable if the educational material is deemed inadequate for CPD accreditation. Applicants may resubmit materials once suggested improvements are made without additional fee.

4. Fees and financial agreements

Scenario 1: When the applicant seeks CPD Accreditation for materials intended for a live presentation at a school, college, university, conference event, or other venue that is self-promoted, the following GCRN fees apply according to the length of material:

£50 per one hour of sought CPD

£125 for 3-4 hours

£250 for 5-6 hours

£375 for 7+ hours/ full day events

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Payment is to be submitted along with the application materials by Direct Deposit, PayPay, or Cheque to the GCRN

Scenario 2: When the applicant seeks CPD Accreditation for new materials intended for direct transfer to the British Naturopathic Association (BNA) online library of accredited videos and webinars:

GCRN fees will be drawn directly from the quarterly revenue obtained from sales and “attendance”

- 50% of sales profit will be retained for accreditation, hosting, marketing, and administration for previously unaccredited materials
- Remaining sales profit will be paid to the presenter(s) on a quarterly basis

Scenario 3: When the applicant seeks to add material to the British Naturopathic Association (BNA) online library of accredited videos and webinars that has **previously been accredited** by the GCRN for a different purpose, such as an in-person class or conference event:

BNA fees will be drawn directly from the quarterly revenue obtained from sales and “attendance”

- 25% of sales profit will be retained for hosting, marketing, and administration
- Remaining sales profit will be paid to the presenter on a quarterly basis

For scenarios 2 and 3, presenter sales profits will be provided to presenters by cheque, mailed to the address provided on the CPD Accreditation Application form.