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New Facility for Redacting CPD Points Claims

Dear Architects

Recently the profession was advised of a disturbing case involving an architect found to have falsified his CPD points claims and used these claims as evidence to support his five-yearly continuing registration application. Disciplinary proceedings followed and the consequences for the architect were severe.

Since then, the NZRAB has become aware of a second case where CPD points appear to have been claimed falsely.

If, with the benefit of hindsight, you realise that a claim you have made for CPD participation was unwise, you are now able to withdraw this claim on your personal individual CPD web pages. You access this new facility by logging on in the usual way and going to your CPD page. Go to “My Points History” and beside each entry there is a delete function. No record of the original claim or its removal will be retained.

If any of your CPD participation claims are questionable, please get this sorted immediately.

Claiming points to which you’re not entitled, whether it be an individual activity or by partial attendance at a CPD seminar, is incompatible with membership of a profession that is based on ethics. Submitting a print-out with such inaccuracies as part of your continuing registration submission is little short of fraud.

Also, no architect has ever lost his or her registration because he or she didn’t have 1000 CPD points. As professionals, architects should do the CPD or other professional development activities that are interesting and right for them, given the nature of the work they do.

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