



Law Society of Ireland Diploma Programme

CPD Entitlement

We would like to help you get as much value from our courses as possible. Therefore, we have attempted to design our courses to enable you to satisfy as much of your CPD requirement for 2012 CPD cycles as possible.

The CPD requirement for the 2012 CPD cycles is as follows:

Cycle	Overall Minimum CPD Requirement	Minimum Management & Professional Development Skills Requirement	Minimum Regulatory Matters Requirement
2012	13 hours	3 hours of the 13-hour minimum CPD requirement	1 hour of the 13-hour CPD requirement

Time spent attending lectures and workshops in person or completing these via eLearning (i.e. by webcast) as part of your diploma/certificate course can be claimed towards your annual CPD requirement. The number of hours of CPD that you may claim in relation to your diploma/certificate course will depend on the way in which you access each of the individual sessions. Each hour spent attending a lecture or workshop onsite counts as one-hour CPD credit. However, if you opt to complete lectures **via eLearning (i.e. by webcast)**, then in accordance with the CPD Scheme, you may claim **up to a maximum of three hours of all eLearning** completed in that CPD cycle.

Any modules/sessions carried out in 2012 will count towards the 2012 CPD requirement.

Bonus Days for Solicitors - Management & Professional Development Skills Requirement and One-Hour Regulatory Matters Requirement

The Diploma Team is offering a new facility this year to ensure that you get as much value as possible out of our courses. Whilst some courses will have specific lectures with Management & Professional Development Skills content, the Diploma Team will also hold dedicated Management & Professional Development Skills and Regulatory Matters sessions in **November 2012** to which all solicitors attending our courses will be invited.

As you are aware, a minimum of three hours of the minimum CPD requirement in each cycle is required to be spent on education/training in Management & Professional Development Skills relevant to the practice of a solicitor. In addition, one-hour of the minimum CPD requirement in each CPD cycle is required to be spent on education/training in Regulatory Matters. The above sessions will cover the Management & Professional Development Skills requirement & the one-hour Regulatory Matters requirement for the given years. The content of such lectures will not form part of the core syllabus of the diploma/certificate attended but is offered as a means to ensure that you get as much value as possible out of the course. The content of such lectures will cover areas such as financial and business management skills, ethics, practice management skills, professional skills and client related skills.

If you have a CPD query that is not related to our courses please contact the CPD Scheme Unit by email: cpdscheme@lawsociety.ie.