

RiskCredits

The increase in claims frequency in Ireland has highlighted the importance of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for dental professionals. Although CPD is not yet mandatory in Ireland, the Dental Council's Code of Practice relating to *Professional Behaviour and Ethical Conduct* states that all dentists have an obligation to maintain and update their knowledge and skills through CPD.

Dental Protection has developed the **RiskCredits** scheme to acknowledge the benefits of CPD – focused on risk management. The idea of the scheme is to provide a discount to those members who engage with Dental Protection qualifying activities.

RiskCredits are awarded for risk management CPD carried out in the previous membership year. Please note you can only use CPD hours to count towards RiskCredits once and CPD must have been carried out in the previous 12 months of membership.

1. **RiskCredits** will be awarded for **every hour** of certificated risk management CPD declared from the list below of Dental Protection recognised events organised by Dental Protection or where Dental Protection has provided a speaker, online and virtual activities. A one-hour lecture from Dental Protection will equal one **RiskCredit**.

Members with no **RiskCredits** = 0% discount.

Members with between 1 and up to 7.5 **RiskCredits** = 7.5% discount.

Members with 7.5 and above **RiskCredits** = 15% discount.

Please record any **RiskCredits** that you have achieved since your last renewal date. Please **DO NOT** submit CPD certificates with your submission form but be aware that you may be asked to provide proof of the declared CPD at some point during the renewal process.

Qualifying activity

Dental Protection – events, lectures, and workshops

- **Virtual workshops** (all titles) – two **RiskCredits** each.
- **Dental Protection webinars** – one **RiskCredit** each.
- **Attendance at other approved Dental Protection risk management lectures** – one **RiskCredit** for each hour of Dental Protection lecture.
- **Dental Protection conferences** – *Young dentist conference* (1-5 years post qualification); *Dental Protection conference* – one **RiskCredit** for each hour of a Dental Protection conference.

Dental Protection – online learning hub

- **Online courses** – Risk management modules, ethics module, and reflective learning module – one **RiskCredit** per hour of online learning completed.

External approved training

- **Completion of 32Co training** – either Starter or Stretch training – five **RiskCredits**

How to apply for RiskCredits

1. Please fill in the form below to let us know what risk management CPD you have achieved in the year since your last renewal date. **RiskCredits** cannot be submitted over the telephone.
2. Your full name and membership number must be completed.
3. Please **DO NOT** submit CPD certificates with this submission form. (You may be asked to provide proof of declared CPD at some point in the renewal process).
4. Return the form by email to member.help@dentalprotection.org or post to our address: Member Operations, Victoria House, 2 Victoria Place, Leeds, LS11 5AE, United Kingdom.
5. Once we receive your form we will calculate any discount to be applied (up to a maximum of 15%) to your subscription and you will be notified.

Name:

Email address:

Phone number:

Dental Protection membership number:

Qualifying online activities	Organiser	RiskCredits available	RiskCredits submitted	Date completed
Online courses – Safer Practice Series, Dental Ethics modules, and Reflective Learning.	Dental Protection online learning hub	One RiskCredit per hour of online activity		
Qualifying events	Organiser	RiskCredits available	Number of RiskCredits submitted	Date completed
Virtual workshops (all titles)	Dental Protection	Two RiskCredits per event		
Dental Protection webinars/lectures	Dental Protection	One RiskCredit per event		
Dental Protection conferences (all titles)	Dental Protection	One RiskCredit for each hour of a Dental Protection conference		
Recording of the Dental Protection conference	Dental Protection	Three RiskCredits per event		
32Co Starter/Stretch training	32Co	Five RiskCredits per event for either Starter or Stretch training course		
Total number of RiskCredits submitted for consideration (maximum of 15)				

I would like the following Dental Protection event or event where Dental Protection has provided a speaker to be considered for qualification for **RiskCredits**. (Please provide full details including date, venue, organiser, name of the speaker, title of event and number of CPD hours obtained).

To discuss your renewal, subscription or **RiskCredits**, please call Member Services on **1800 932 916** or alternatively you can email us at member.help@dentalprotection.org