

# GAI CPD Model 2026

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Your guide to attaining and  
maintaining GAI Registered  
Professional status



# CPD in 2026 - What you need to know

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is how GAI Registered Professionals demonstrate ongoing competence and maintain their professional status.

To gain or maintain your Registered Professional status in 2026, you must complete a structured programme of CPD activity and record it online with the GAI.

## Who this applies to?

This CPD model applies to all individuals holding, or working towards, one of the following GAI pathways:

- **RegAI** – Registered Architectural Ironmonger
- **RegDS** – Registered in Door Systems
- **RegAC** – Registered in Electric Hardware & Access Control
- **CertSRA** – Certificated Standards & Regulations Advisor

## What you must complete?

Each calendar year, you must:

- **Achieve 20 CPD points, and**
- **Complete the GAI Core CPD topics required for your Registered Professional pathway**

Once completed, your Registered Professional status is awarded or maintained for the following year.

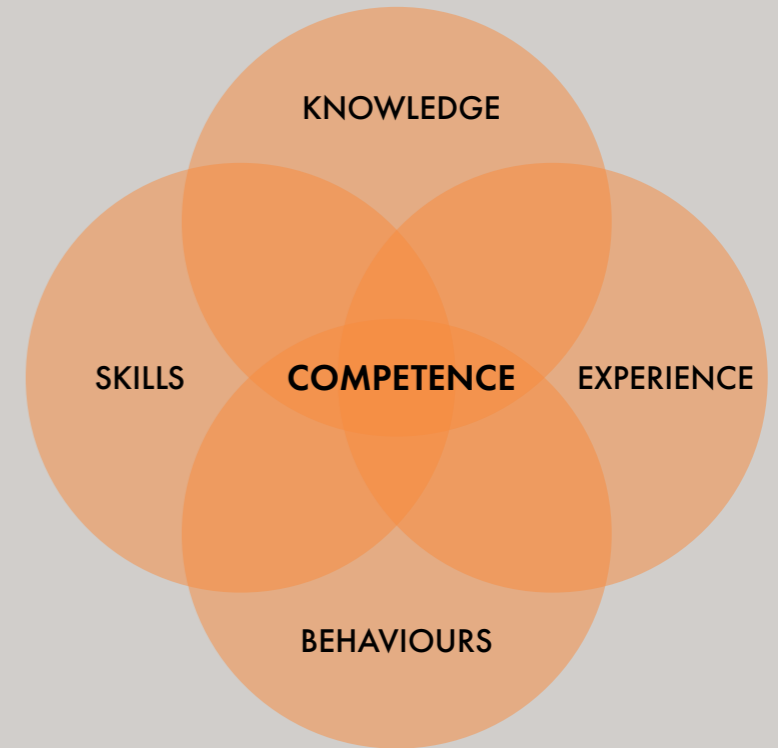
**Deadline for completion is 31 December 2026.**

## What's new for 2026?

Under the UK Building Safety Act 2022, competence is defined as having the appropriate Skills, Knowledge, Experience and Behaviours (SKEB) required to undertake construction work safely and in compliance with regulations.

From 2026, GAI Core CPDs are aligning more closely with national competence requirements. Core CPD now focuses specifically on:

- **Skills** – applying standards correctly in practice
- **Knowledge** – understanding current and emerging standards
- **Behaviours** – professional ethics and conduct



RegAI



RegDS



RegAC



CertSRA

# How to earn CPD points

In order to gain or maintain GAI Registered Professional status in your chosen pathway, you must collect 20 CPD points during 2026. CPD points can be earned through a flexible mix of activities as outlined below:

## 20 CPD POINTS

### Core CPDs

(3 points for each)

- There are 3 Compulsory Core CPDs per Registered Professional pathway (see [page 4](#) for details)
- You are awarded 3 points per Core CPD. This is made up of 1 point for attending the CPD presentation or webinar and 2 points for passing the accompanying coursework assessment. (Pass rate = 80%)

### CPD Presentations

(1 point for each)

- Attendance at GAI Community Hub CPD Presentation
- Attendance at RIBA Approved, or external industry-related CPD presentation or webinar
- Presentation of Company CPD material to architects / industry audience (on a different subject each time)
- Attendance at GAI Community Hub product showcase

### Training

(1 point for each)

- Provision of industry-related training
- Provision of/or attendance at industry-related in-house training seminar or webinar
- Provision of/or attendance at industry-related external training seminar or webinar
- Creation of training material for courses as outlined above

### Personal Development

(1 point for each)

- Attendance at industry-related trade shows or exhibitions where CPD is presented
- Attendance at GAI approved industry-related factory tour
- Reading of industry-related articles in AIJ, subject to online quiz verification
- Writing of industry-related article in publications such as AIJ and Locksmiths Journal

# GAI Core CPD explained

GAI Core CPD ensures all Registered Professionals maintain competence in line with industry expectations and regulatory change. Each year, four GAI Core CPD topics are provided, three of which are compulsory per pathway.

## Core CPD topics for 2026

- **CORE 1** (Skills)  
**Specification of Access Control**  
Skills required to specify access control as part of an integrated ironmongery specification.
- **CORE 2** (Skills)  
**Specification of doors to BS 8214:2026**  
Key changes to the revised British Standard and their impact on door specification.
- **CORE 3** (Knowledge):  
**Industry standards update**  
Overview of new and revised BS and EN standards affecting architectural ironmongery.
- **CORE 4** (Behaviours)  
**Professional ethics and conduct**  
Best practice and competence principles drawn from the BS 8670 series.

## Core CPD by pathway

Core CPD topic	RegAI	RegDS	RegAC	CertSRA
Specification of access control (Skills)	✓	○	✓	○
Specification of doors to BS 8214:2026 (Skills)	○	✓	○	✓
Industry standards update (Knowledge)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Professional ethics and conduct (Behaviours)	✓	✓	✓	✓

✓ = compulsory  
○ = optional

# Frequently Asked Questions

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The following FAQs provide further clarity on how the GAI CPD Model operates in practice and address some of the most common member queries.

For further guidance on CPD requirements or support with logging your CPD, please contact the GAI Education team on +44 (0)1827 934 635 or via email at [education@gai.org.uk](mailto:education@gai.org.uk).

## 1. How do I log my CPD and what evidence is required?

All CPD activity must be logged online via the GAI website. Some activities may require supporting evidence, such as confirmation of attendance, certificates, or completion of assessments.

Where evidence is required, this will be clearly indicated when logging your CPD.

## 2. Do I have to complete all four Core CPDs?

No. Each Registered Professional pathway has three compulsory Core CPDs, depending on your pathway, with the fourth being optional.

You can see which Core CPDs are compulsory for your pathway in the Core CPD by pathway table on [page 4](#).

## 3. Can I earn CPD points from non-GAI activities?

Yes. CPD points can be earned from relevant external activities, such as industry training, CPD presentations, trade shows, or professional development, provided the activity is:

- Relevant to your professional role
- Structured
- Verifiable

Examples of qualifying activities are shown on [page 3](#).

## 4. What if I'm unsure whether an activity counts as CPD?

If you are unsure whether an activity qualifies for CPD points, you are encouraged to contact the GAI Education team before logging it. They can advise whether the activity is appropriate and how it should be recorded.

## 5. Do I need more CPD points if I hold multiple Registered Professional statuses?

No. If you hold more than one Registered Professional status, you only need to complete 20 CPD points per year.

However, you must complete the compulsory Core CPDs for each pathway you are registered under.

## 6. What happens if I don't complete my CPD by the deadline?

To gain or maintain GAI Registered Professional status for 2027, all required CPD must be completed and logged by **31 December 2026**. If the required CPD is not completed by this date, your Registered Professional status may lapse until the requirements are met.