

2019 MLT CPD AUDIT FINAL REPORT OF AUDIT FINDINGS

The 2019 MLT Continuing Professional Development (CPD) audit was conducted by Walker Consulting in a timeframe equivalent to that of previous MLT audits, which spanned the Christmas 2019 and New Year 2020 holiday period.

The selected practitioners were advised eleven weeks in advance of their need to submit relevant information by not later than 15th January 2020.

On 18th December 2019 Walker Consulting sent reminder emails to 6 practitioners who had yet to respond. On 8th January 2020 Walker Consulting sent a final reminder email to 4 practitioners who had yet to respond.

Details of points claimed, and points validated for individual respondents are included in a separate spreadsheet presented to the NZIMLS CPD Coordinator.

A summary of comments arising from this data is as follows:

- A detailed audit advice letter that reiterated the need to present adequate supporting information was sent to practitioners selected for this 2019 audit, to establish a sound basis for comparison with previous and future audits.
- The prompt (less than 24 hours from receipt) review of responses and the immediate provision of feedback was well received by respondents and resulted in the prompt receipt by Walker Consulting of second responses in those instances where this was necessary.
- The overall standard of supporting information provided by MLT respondents was considerably lower than that achieved by participating MLT respondents in previous audits
- Initially only a small number of respondents presented adequate supporting material for category 2 (External Education) claims in particular.

NZIMLS MLT CPD Audit 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019 Statistical Summary

Letters sent	67
Total responses received	62
Responses received by email	16 (25.8%)
Responses received in hard copy	46 (74.2%)
Responses OK first time	39 (62.9%)
Responses needing follow-up	23 (37.1%)
Total points claimed by all respondents:	1523
Total points validated for all respondents:	1540 (101.12% of points claimed)
Average points claimed per respondent:	24.565
Average points validated per respondent:	24.839

Table 1: Summary of reasons for not responding (7)

Retired or No longer practising. (Exempt)	1
Exempt: ACC	1
Non-respondent	2
Incomplete response	3

Table 2: Summary of points validated.

Note: Details of the CPD points categories are as described on the NZIMLS website "Competence and Professional Development".

Category	Points Validated	% of validated points
1 In-house Education	423	27.47%
2 External Education	678	44.03%
3 Self Directed Learning	308	20.00%
4 Scientific Development	17	1.10%
5 Non Scientific Related Courses	61	3.96%
6 Others	53	3.44%
	1540	100%

Final report presented in February 2020.

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