

## PSPAWA Professional Support Hours Log

Provisional members are required to submit evidence of obtaining a minimum of **2 hours per month** (24 hours / year) of documented professional support.

Associate members are required to submit evidence of obtaining a minimum of **1 hour per month** (12 hours / year) of documented professional support.

Professional support includes mentoring and/or supervision. It is important to understand the difference between mentoring and supervision to ensure you are accessing the best support for your needs. Speech Pathology Australia's position statement on The Role and Value of Professional Support outlines these differences:

[http://www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au/spaweb/Document\\_Management/Restricted/Supervision.aspx](http://www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au/spaweb/Document_Management/Restricted/Supervision.aspx)

Here are some suggested avenues for obtaining professional support:

- Internal professional support provided by your employer
- [The Speech Pathology Australia Mentoring program](#)
- [The Speech Pathology Australia Supervision Register](#)
- External professional support provided by a PSPAWA member. You can find professional support providers by searching by this criterion on the 'find a speech pathologist' section of the website. Inclusion as a professional support provider is on an opt-in basis, and as such, PSPAWA does not have any involvement in or management over a member's choice to offer professional support, and any details of this arrangement (i.e. any contractual agreements or fees involved).
- External professional support sourced by through alternate methods

### ***What if I work part-time in private practice?***

The total hours of professional support required are not pro rata (i.e. if you only work part-time, you are still required to meet the quota of professional support hours). Regardless of the number of days worked, it's still important to access regular support. If you work part-time in private practice and part-time in another sector (as a speech pathologist), any professional support accessed elsewhere can be included in the hours log, as it all contributes to your clinical development.

### ***What if I receive group or remote supervision?***

Although group supervision is beneficial, only individual supervision will be counted towards the required hours, to recognise the importance of individualised support for newer therapists.

Remote supervision (i.e. through phone and/or Skype type services) can be included and will be counted towards the required hours.

### ***What if I take time off work?***

This will be taken into account when your hours are reviewed. It is essential that you are accessing professional support during any time that you are practising as a Speech Pathologist.

### ***What if I access professional support from a number of people?***

As long as you have listed the name and contact number of each professional support provider, and they have signed off on those hours, you can access support from as many providers as you choose.

### ***What if I have more hours than I need?***

You should continue to log your hours for the full year of your membership, even if this is above the minimum number of hours required.




I confirm that all information contained in this document is accurate and a true record of the professional support I have accessed.

Member signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_