

The Principal

### SACE CPTD points for educators

SchoolNet SA is an approved provider of teacher professional development activities with SACE. Two courses of Eskom Expo for Young Scientists have been endorsed as “Externally Initiated” professional development activities, that forms part of their offerings. A teacher will be entitled to claim 5 professional development points for a 4 hour workshop, which is classified as **TYPE 3**.

In order for a teacher to earn CPTD points related to Eskom Expo for Young Scientists activities, the school must formally adopt Eskom Expo as a school initiated activity. This can be done at a staff meeting and formally noted or can be included in a decision at a senior management team (SMT) meeting or included in the strategic plan of the school. The national office will consider providing the school with a certificate to acknowledge that they have adopted Eskom Expo activities.

The other types of professional development activities for which a teacher can earn additional professional development points are School Initiated and Teacher Initiated activities.

The **school initiated** activities can include school-initiated meetings, workshops (10 points per annum) and projects (20 points per annum). All of these activities must be thoroughly reported in the educator’s professional development portfolio. **TYPE 2**.

**Teacher initiated** activities can include professional reading, watching media, attending meetings, mentoring and coaching , research and development, initiating and leading school and community projects, marking externally, and self-study - all in the interests of professional development. **TYPE 1**.

Here are some suggestions on how you can earn additional professional development points for EXPO-related activities:

- Judges can claim judging time under the school-initiated external marking and assessment (can get an additional 7 points for 1 day of judging).
- EXPO teachers can claim 7 points under school-initiated projects (if the school appoints them to do this) for preparing and accompanying EXPO students to the EXPO in an effort to increase their personal understanding and professional skills as science teachers facilitating the development of Young Scientists. The school would have to launch an initiative to develop young scientists as a distinct project and can reach out to the community in the process.
- Teachers can also claim up to up to 10 points per annum for reading professionally about Science research, scientific method and related issues concerning science projects.
- Teachers can claim up to 5 points per annum for watching the EXPO video and other media about EXPO events.
- Teachers can claim up to 10 points for attending any EXPO interest group meetings, eg. Activities in a science club that focus on EXPO.
- Teacher can claim up to 10 points for mentoring less experienced science teachers to participate in EXPO and coaching EXPO students after hours, eg. EXPO teacher delivering professional development to other teachers as part of the school's structured training programme.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact an Expo representative via the website [www.exposcience.co.za](http://www.exposcience.co.za) or the National Office on 011 894 1365 or email [admin@exposcience.co.za](mailto:admin@exposcience.co.za).

Yours sincerely



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