

## Proposals for the Establishment of Continuing Education Credit Schemes

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**Abstract:** *The paper reviews briefly the various types of continuing education courses for engineers and the different formats used in various countries. An examination of the existing systems of measuring and recording both the individual and institutional outputs from such activities is undertaken with particular reference to the Continuing Education Unit (CEU) which has been developed in the U.S.A. as a uniform national standard of measurement for non-credit continuing education. Some of the criticisms of such a system are summarised and proposals are made whereby the concept of the CEU could be expanded to overcome such criticisms. It is concluded that it is both possible and desirable to establish a continuing education credit scheme by combining the CEU with a flexible system of accreditation based on a modular approach to continuing education courses in order to record and measure both the individual and institutional outputs from such activities.*

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