

## Ongoing Professional Development Policy

**Goal:** To enhance our professional development requirements and opportunities for certified instructors, coaches and pros' in Canada.

Professional Development Requirements (as of January 1, 2008).

Coaching excellence demands that every Canadian tennis instructor/coach/pro (for the remainder of this text the individual will be known as "Coach") pursue professional development opportunities and keep abreast of new trends in the sport.

To be classified as "ACTIVE", a certified coach must:

1. have achieved full certification at a particular level  
and
2. be a member of the "Tennis Professionals Association".

To maintain "ACTIVE" status, a coach must either:

1. Attend a tennis certification course at the level immediately above the level at which he or she is fully certified (note: it can also include taking a new stream of certification). The expiry dates for each certification level will be as follows:
  - Instructor: 4 years expiry
  - Club Pro 1: 3 years expiry
  - CP2, CP3, Coach 2, 3, 4 and 5: 2 years expiry

or
2. Attend one of the following prescribed professional development opportunities (Recertification opportunity).
  - Coaching Conference (endorsed by Tennis Canada or PTO)
  - Professional Development Course (endorsed by Tennis Canada or PTO)
  - Auditing a previously attended certification course (only if the previous course that has been taken has been updated)

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Coaches who do not fulfill the above requirements will be classified "INACTIVE".