Society for Education & Training (SET) Membership – Professional Standards

About the Professional Standards

The Professional Standards provide the benchmark for effective practice in FE teaching and training. The standards were introduced in 2014 and updated in 2022.

The purpose of the Professional Standards is fourfold:

1. They set out clear expectations of effective practice in education and training
2. They enable teachers and trainers to identify areas for their own professional development
3. They support initial teacher education and
4. They provide a national reference point that organisations can use to support the development of their staff

They consist of 20 standards, organised into three domains of practice:

Professional Values and Attributes
Seven standards to help you develop your own judgement of what works and does not work in your teaching and training

Professional Knowledge and Understanding
Five standards which highlight the importance of subject knowledge, teaching expertise, knowledge-sharing, supporting learners with educational difficulties, and professional responsibilities

Professional Skills
Eight standards which support you to master planning, motivation, coaching and assessment strategies to enable your learners to make excellent progress

The twenty Professional Standards can be accessed here: https://set.et-foundation.co.uk/your-career/the-professional-standards/the-20-professional-standards-to-enhance-your-practice.

Professional Standards Self-Assessment tool

The online Self-Assessment tool enables you to assess how well you are currently performing against the twenty standards. This will help you to identify the areas that you wish to develop and create a CPD plan for.

The Self-Assessment tool is found on your MySET dashboard under the 'My Self Assessment' tab.

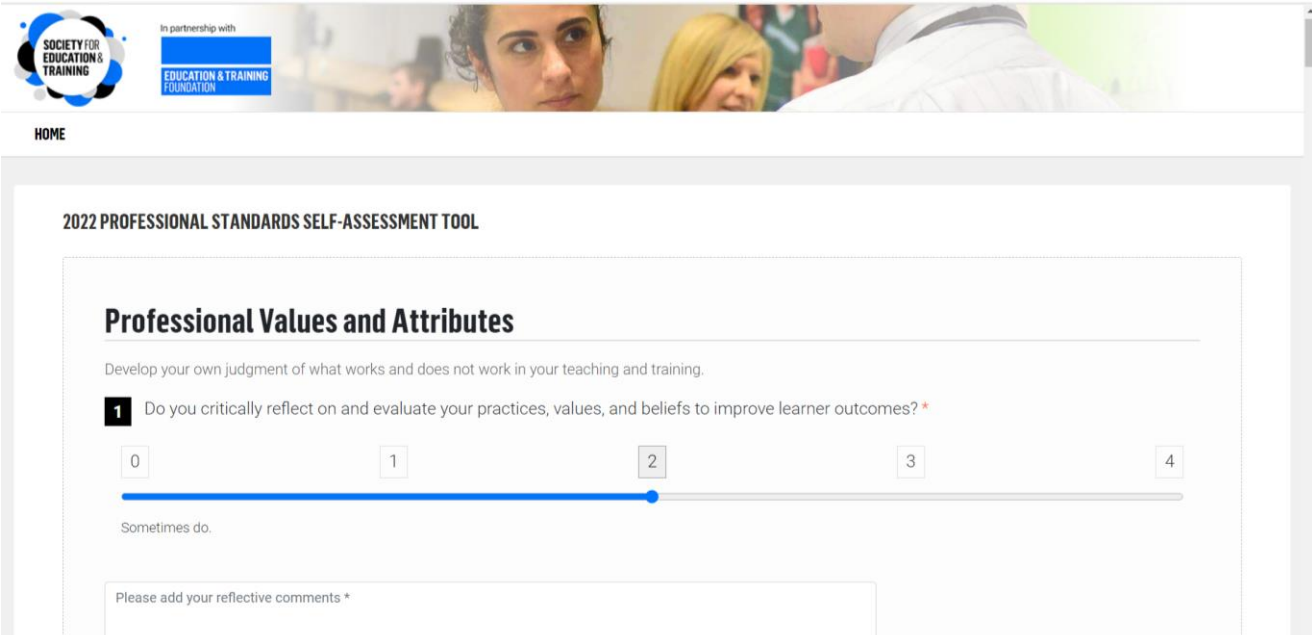Click on 'Self Assessment' to access the form.
Work through, assessing yourself against the twenty Professional Standards,
Once you have completed the Self-Assessment, your results summary is produced and you can also export this as a PDF to save.

Self-Assessment tool: statement example

This is a screenshot example of a Self-Assessment statement. For each statement, you will need to rate yourself by moving the glider to your preferred number (1 - Don't do, 2 - Sometimes do, 3 - Mostly do, 4 - Always do).

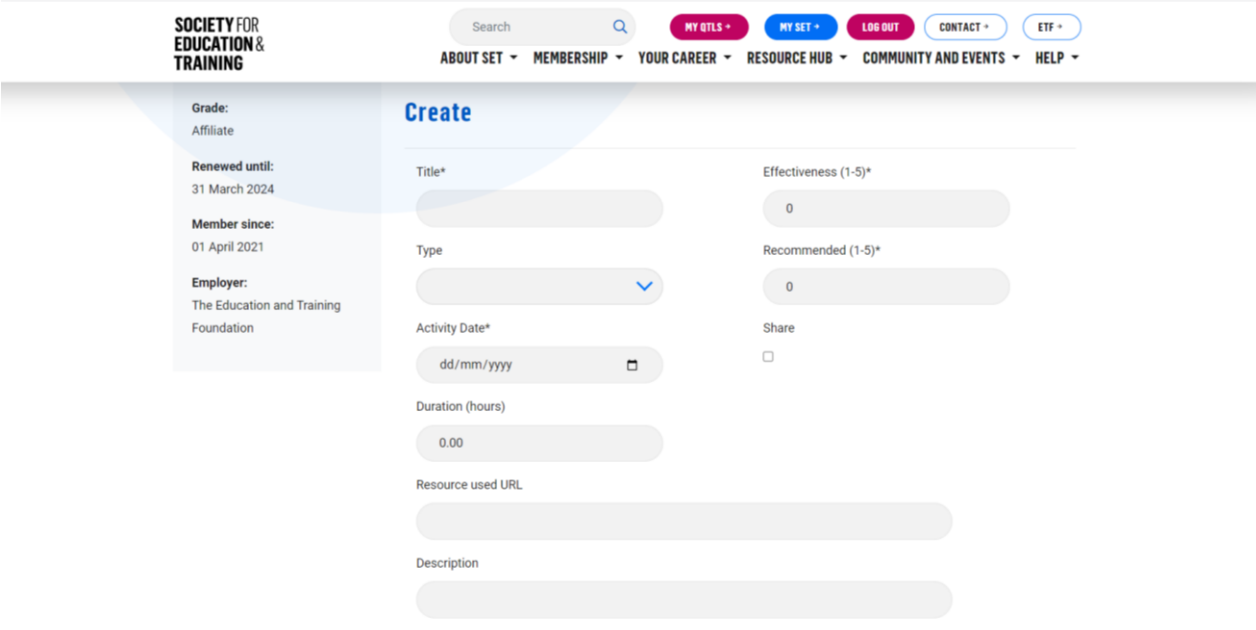As you can see in the example, the rating is at 2 for this statement:

The results summary contains both the rating and commentary from the Self-Assessment tool and charts the results from each of the three domains of practice.

To record your CPD, you need to access your MySET dashboard and click on 'CPD Log'.

Then select 'Create new' to complete the form, inputting information about the CPD. In the last section of the CPD log, you can select which of the 20 Professional Standards to associate with this activity. When completed, click 'Create' and the activity is then saved to your MySET dashboard.

The screenshot below provides an example section of the form: