

Continuing Professional Development Scheme

Advisory

Extension Waiver for CPD Year 2019: CPD-2019-6

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For CPD Year 2019, lawyers who have not fulfilled their CPD Year 2019 Points requirements as at 31 December 2019 will be permitted a 'grace period' to do so ('Extension Waiver'). The period of the Extension Waiver for CPD Year 2019 will commence on 1 January 2020 and end on 31 March 2020 ('extension period').

2. During the extension period, lawyers may attend CPD Activities and obtain CPD Points that can be applied towards fulfilling either their CPD Year 2019 or CPD Year 2020 Points requirements. CPD Points obtained from undertaking a single CPD Activity cannot be split up and applied towards fulfilling CPD Points requirements for more than one CPD Year (e.g. for CPD Year 2019 and CPD Year 2020).
3. To be entitled to rely on the Extension Waiver, lawyers **must lodge a formal Extension Waiver Notice** after they have made up the shortfall in their CPD Year 2019 Points requirements. Lawyers must lodge the Extension Waiver Notice before applying for their Singapore Practising Certificates or Foreign Practitioner Certificates in 2020 and, in any event, no later than by 11.55pm on 30 April 2020.
4. To lodge the Extension Waiver Notice, lawyers must log into their ePortfolio accounts at www.sileCPDcentre.sg and complete and submit the electronic form which is accessible as a link in each lawyer's ePortfolio homepage until 11.55pm on 30 April 2020.
5. Lawyers who rely on the Extension Waiver may be subject to an audit of their compliance with their CPD Requirements in this and subsequent years. The compliance audit is expected to take place from May this year.

This advisory is deemed to have taken effect from the 'Effective Date'.

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