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NOTICE: CPD YEAR 2025 POINTS REQUIREMENTS AND CHANGES TO CPD SCHEME

1. The following lawyers (including those practising as locum solicitors) will need to fulfil CPD requirements for CPD Year 2025, which runs from 1 January to 31 December 2025:
 - a. **Advocates and solicitors of more than 15 years' standing ('Group 3 Lawyers')** – those admitted to the Singapore Bar on or before 31 December 2009;
 - b. **Advocates and solicitors of 5 to 15 years' standing ('Group 2 Lawyers')** – those admitted to the Singapore Bar between 1 January 2010 and 1 January 2020 (both dates inclusive);
 - c. **Advocates and solicitors of less than 5 years' standing ('Group 1 Lawyers')** – those admitted to the Singapore Bar on or after 2 January 2020; and
 - d. **Foreign lawyers registered under section 36B of the Legal Profession Act ('s36B Foreign Lawyers')**.

2. As previously announced, the Singapore Institute of Legal Education will be implementing recommendations of the Working Group for the Reform of Legal Education and the Ethics and Professional Standards Committee starting from CPD Year 2025. The changes to the CPD Scheme are summarised below:
 - (a) Mandatory Ethics Component for all lawyers: Lawyers will be required to obtain at least 3 CPD Points from CPD activities on ethics and professional standards ("MEC Points") per CPD Year, and at least 1.5 must be Public MEC Points.
 - (b) Standardisation of CPD Points requirements: The CPD Points requirements for Group 2 Lawyers, Group 3 Lawyers and s36B Foreign Lawyers will be increased in phases, eventually standardising at 16 CPD Points (of which at least 8 must be Public CPD Points) for all lawyers.
 - (c) Changes to CPD Points for teaching: The rate at which lawyers obtain points for teaching (as opposed to participating) will be reduced to 2 CPD Points per hour instead of 3 CPD Points per hour. The number of CPD points which Group 1 Lawyers and Group 2 Lawyers can obtain from teaching activities under rule 3(1)(g) of the Legal Profession (Continuing Professional Development) Rules 2012 will be capped at half of the standard number of CPD points required.

3. A summary of the changes is available at the infographic linked [here](#). The following sections of the Guide to the CPD Scheme 2025 provide further details:
 - (a) Mandatory Ethics Component: paragraphs 4 and 16
 - (b) CPD Points for teaching: paragraphs 15, 18.1 and 18.3

Please refer to the Legal Profession (Continuing Professional Development) Rules 2012, the Legal Profession (Continuing Professional Development)(Amendment) Rules 2024, the CPD Guidelines 2017 and the new Guidelines on Mandatory Category of CPD Activity (Ethics And Professional Standards Activities) 2024 for full details.

4. For CPD Year 2025, the CPD Points requirements are summarised as follows:

	Group 3 Lawyers	Group 2 Lawyers	Group 1 Lawyers	s36B Foreign Lawyers
a. Holding a Practising Certificate or foreign practitioner certificate for more than 8 months	Will need to obtain 7* CPD Points. At least 3.5 must be Public CPD Points.	Will need to obtain 10* CPD Points. At least 5 must be Public CPD Points.#	Will need to obtain 16* CPD Points. At least 8 must be Public CPD Points.#	Will need to obtain 10* CPD Points. At least 5 must be Public CPD Points.
		#No more than 5 CPD Points may be from teaching.	#No more than 8 CPD Points may be from teaching.	
*Must include 3 MEC Points, at least 1.5 of which must be Public MEC Points.				
b. Holding a Practising Certificate or foreign practitioner certificate for more than 5 months up to 8 months	Will need to obtain 3.5 CPD Points. At least 2 must be Public CPD Points.	Will need to obtain 5 CPD Points. At least 2.5 must be Public CPD Points.	Will need to obtain 8 CPD Points. At least 4 must be Public CPD Points.	Will need to obtain 5 CPD Points. At least 2.5 must be Public CPD Points.
c. Holding a Practising Certificate or foreign practitioner certificate for 5 months or less	Do not need to obtain any minimum CPD Points.			

5. Public CPD Points may be obtained by attending activities accredited by the Institute. Accredited CPD activities are listed at the SILE CPD Centre at <https://www.silecpdcentre.sg/calas/>. Private CPD Points may be obtained by undertaking a variety of other activities, such as non-accredited learning activities, online learning and in-house seminars. Please see <https://silecpdcentre.sg/Lawyer/CPD-Requirement/Private-CPD-Points/> for more information on obtaining Private CPD Points.
6. MEC Points may be obtained from undertaking CPD Activities on ethics and professional standards, whether they are standalone activities on this topic, or activities which embed segments on the same. Activities from which lawyers may obtain Public MEC Points are listed at <https://www.silecpdcentre.sg/calas/>. Lawyers may use the MEC filter button to view only activities from which MEC Points can be obtained. A forecast of MEC Activities pending accreditation is available [here](#).
7. Lawyers with enquiries on the CPD Scheme may write to us using the online enquiry form at <https://www.silecpdcentre.sg/contact/>.

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