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## **NOTICE: CPD YEAR 2026 POINTS REQUIREMENTS**

- 1. The following lawyers (including those practising as locum solicitors) will need to fulfil CPD requirements for CPD Year 2026, which runs from 1 January to 31 December 2026:
  - a. Advocates and solicitors of more than 15 years' standing ('Group 3 Lawyers') those admitted to the Singapore Bar on or before 31 December 2010;
  - b. Advocates and solicitors of 5 to 15 years' standing ('Group 2 Lawyers') those admitted to the Singapore Bar between 1 January 2011 and 1 January 2021 (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 2021; and
  - d. Foreign lawyers registered under section 36B of the Legal Profession Act ('s36B Foreign Lawyers').
- 2. As previously announced, pursuant to the recommendations of the Working Group for the Reform of Legal Education, CPD Points requirements for Group 2 Lawyers, Group 3 Lawyers and s36B Foreign Lawyers will be <u>increased in phases</u>, eventually standardising at 16 CPD Points (of which at least 8 must be Public CPD Points) for all lawyers.
- 3. For CPD Year 2026, 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 10* CPD Points. At least 5 must be Public CPD Points.	Will need to obtain 13* CPD Points. At least 6.5 must be Public CPD Points.#	Will need to obtain 16* CPD Points. At least 8 must be Public CPD Points.#	Will need to obtain 13* CPD Points. At least 6.5 must be Public CPD Points.
			#No more than 6.5 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.	Certificate or foreign practitioner	Will need to obtain 5 CPD Points. At least 2.5 must be Public CPD Points.	Will need to obtain 6.5 CPD Points. At least 3.5 must be Public CPD Points.	Will need to obtain 8 CPD Points. At least 4 must be Public CPD Points.	Will need to obtain 6.5 CPD Points. At least 3.5 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.			

- 4. For more information on the phased increased in CPD Points Requirements, as well as the other changes to the CPD Scheme which took effect from CPD Year 2025, please see the infographic linked <a href="here">here</a>.
- 5. Public CPD Points may be obtained by attending activities accredited by the Institute. Accredited CPD activities are listed at the SILE CPD Centre 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 inhouse seminars. Please see <a href="https://silecpdcentre.sg/Lawyer/CPD-Requirement/Private-CPD-">https://silecpdcentre.sg/Lawyer/CPD-Requirement/Private-CPD-</a> <u>Points/</u> 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 <a href="https://www.silecpdcentre.sg/calas/">https://www.silecpdcentre.sg/calas/</a>. Lawyers may use the MEC filter button to view only activities from which MEC Points can be obtained.
- 7. Lawyers with enquiries on the CPD Scheme may write to us using the online enquiry form at <a href="https://www.sile.edu.sg/contact-us/">https://www.sile.edu.sg/contact-us/</a>.

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