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NOTICE: CPD YEAR 2017 POINTS REQUIREMENTS

1. The Institute thanks all respondents to the Consultation Paper on Phase 3 of the Continuing Professional Development Scheme ('CPD Scheme') for their feedback.
2. The CPD Scheme will enter its third phase with effect from 1 January 2017. The following lawyers (including advocates and solicitors practising as locum solicitors) will need to fulfil CPD requirements for CPD Year 2017, which runs from 1 January to 31 December 2017:
 - a. **Advocates and solicitors of more than 15 years' standing ('Group 3 Lawyers')** – those admitted to the Singapore Bar on or before 31 December 2001;
 - b. **Advocates and solicitors of 5 to 15 years' standing ('Group 2 Lawyers')** – those admitted to the Singapore Bar between 1 January 2002 and 1 January 2012 (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 2012; and
 - d. **Foreign lawyers registered under section 36B of the Legal Profession Act ('s36B Foreign Lawyers').**
3. For CPD Year 2017, the CPD Points requirements are 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 4 CPD Points. At least 2 must be Public CPD Points.	Will need to obtain 8 CPD Points. At least 4 must be Public CPD Points.	Will need to obtain 16 CPD Points. At least 8 must be Public CPD Points.	Will need to obtain 8 CPD Points. At least 4 must be Public CPD Points.
b.	Holding a Practising Certificate or foreign practitioner certificate for more than 5 months up to 8 months		Will need to obtain 4 CPD Points. At least 2 must be Public CPD Points.	Will need to obtain 8 CPD Points. At least 4 must be Public CPD Points.	Will need to obtain 4 CPD Points. At least 2 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. Public CPD Points may only 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 participating in a host of other activities, such as non-accredited learning activities, online learning and in-house seminars.

5. 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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