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LEGAL PROFESSION ACT 1966

LEGAL PROFESSION (CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2024

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 10(1) and (2) of the Legal Profession Act 1966, the Board of Directors of the Singapore Institute of Legal Education, after consulting the Minister for Law and the Council of the Law Society of Singapore, makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Legal Profession (Continuing Professional Development) (Amendment) Rules 2024 and come into operation on 1 January 2025.

Amendment of rule 3

2. In the Legal Profession (Continuing Professional Development) Rules 2012 (G.N. No. S 115/2012) (called in these Rules the principal Rules), in rule 3(1)(g) —

- (a) delete “in the case of a solicitor of not less than 5 years’ standing on 1 January in any calendar year,”; and
- (b) delete “, during that calendar year,”.

Amendment of rule 6

3. In the principal Rules, in rule 6(1)(c) —

- (a) after “should be designated as a mandatory CPD activity”, insert “, or any category of CPD activities should be designated as a mandatory category of CPD activities,”; and
- (b) after “designating those mandatory CPD activities”, insert “or mandatory categories of CPD activities”.

Amendment of rule 9**4. In the principal Rules, in rule 9 —**

- (a) in paragraphs (1) and (2), after “first column”, insert “of the applicable Part”;
- (b) in paragraph (1), after “second column”, insert “of the applicable Part”;
- (c) in paragraphs (1)(a) and (2)(a), replace “as the Institute may designate as mandatory CPD activities” with “as are designated by the Institute as mandatory CPD activities, or that fall under categories of activities as are designated by the Institute as mandatory categories of CPD activities,”;
- (d) in paragraph (1)(b)(i), replace “Schedule; and” with “applicable Part of the First Schedule.”;
- (e) in paragraph (1)(b)(ii), replace “Schedule.” with “applicable Part of the First Schedule.”;
- (f) in paragraph (1)(b), after sub-paragraph (ii), insert —
 - “(iii) where the calendar year is 2025 or a subsequent calendar year, from CPD activities that fall under mandatory categories of CPD activities undertaken by him in that calendar year, at least the number of CPD points specified in the fifth column of the applicable Part of the First Schedule; and
 - (iv) where the calendar year is 2025 or a subsequent calendar year, from accredited CPD activities that fall under mandatory categories of CPD activities undertaken by him in that calendar year, at least the number of CPD points specified in the sixth column of the applicable Part of the First Schedule.”;

- (g) in paragraph (2)(b)(i), replace “of the Second Schedule; and” with “of the applicable Part of the Second Schedule;”;
- (h) in paragraph (2)(b)(ii), replace “of the Second Schedule.” with “of the applicable Part of the Second Schedule;”;
- (i) in paragraph (2)(b), after sub-paragraph (ii), insert —
 - “(iii) where the calendar year is 2025 or a subsequent calendar year, from CPD activities that fall under mandatory categories of CPD activities undertaken by the foreign practitioner in that calendar year, at least the number of CPD points specified in the fourth column of the applicable Part of the Second Schedule; and
 - (iv) where the calendar year is 2025 or a subsequent calendar year, from accredited CPD activities that fall under mandatory categories of CPD activities undertaken by the foreign practitioner in that calendar year, at least the number of CPD points specified in the fifth column of the applicable Part of the Second Schedule.”.

Amendment of rule 10

5. In the principal Rules, in rule 10(3)(b), replace “rule 9(1)(b)(i) or (ii) or (2)(b)(i) or (ii)” with “rule 9(1)(b)(i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) or (2)(b)(i), (ii), (iii) or (iv)”.

Amendment of rule 14

6. In the principal Rules, in rule 14(3)(d), after “as a mandatory CPD activity”, insert “, or any category of CPD activities as a mandatory category of CPD activities,”.

Replacement of First Schedule

7. In the principal Rules, replace the First Schedule with —
“FIRST SCHEDULE

Rule 9(1)

PART 1

CPD REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO SOLICITORS IN CALENDAR YEARS 2017 TO 2024

<i>First column</i> <i>Number of years’ standing on 1 January in calendar year</i>	<i>Second column</i> <i>Period in calendar year when practising certificate is in force</i>	<i>Third column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from all CPD activities</i>	<i>Fourth column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from accredited CPD activities</i>
1. Less than 5	(a) more than 8 months	16	8
	(b) more than 5 months up to 8 months	8	4
	(c) 5 months or less	0	0
2. 5 to 15	(a) more than 8 months	8	4
	(b) more than 5 months up to 8 months	4	2
	(c) 5 months or less	0	0
3. More than 15	(a) more than 5 months	4	2
	(b) 5 months or less	0	0

PART 2

CPD REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO SOLICITORS
IN CALENDAR YEAR 2025

<i>First column</i> <i>Number of years' standing on 1 January in calendar year</i>	<i>Second column</i> <i>Period in calendar year when practising certificate is in force</i>	<i>Third column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from all CPD activities</i>	<i>Fourth column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from accredited CPD activities</i>	<i>Fifth column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from CPD activities under mandatory categories of CPD activities</i>	<i>Sixth column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from accredited CPD activities under mandatory categories of CPD activities</i>
1. Less than 5	(a) more than 8 months	16	8	3	1.5
	(b) more than 5 months up to 8 months	8	4	0	0
	(c) 5 months or less	0	0	0	0
2. 5 to 15	(a) more than 8 months	10	5	3	1.5
	(b) more than 5 months up to 8 months	5	2.5	0	0
	(c) 5 months or less	0	0	0	0
3. More than 15	(a) more than 8 months	7	3.5	3	1.5
	(b) more than 5 months up to 8 months	3.5	2	0	0
	(c) 5 months or less	0	0	0	0

PART 3

CPD REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO SOLICITORS
IN CALENDAR YEAR 2026

<i>First column</i> <i>Number of years' standing on 1 January in calendar year</i>	<i>Second column</i> <i>Period in calendar year when practising certificate is in force</i>	<i>Third column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from all CPD activities</i>	<i>Fourth column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from accredited CPD activities</i>	<i>Fifth column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from CPD activities under mandatory categories of CPD activities</i>	<i>Sixth column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from accredited CPD activities under mandatory categories of CPD activities</i>
1. Less than 5	(a) more than 8 months	16	8	3	1.5
	(b) more than 5 months up to 8 months	8	4	0	0
	(c) 5 months or less	0	0	0	0
2. 5 to 15	(a) more than 8 months	13	6.5	3	1.5
	(b) more than 5 months up to 8 months	6.5	3.5	0	0
	(c) 5 months or less	0	0	0	0
3. More than 15	(a) more than 8 months	10	5	3	1.5
	(b) more than 5 months up to 8 months	5	2.5	0	0
	(c) 5 months or less	0	0	0	0

PART 4

**CPD REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO SOLICITORS
IN CALENDAR YEAR 2027**

<i>First column</i> <i>Number of years' standing on 1 January in calendar year</i>	<i>Second column</i> <i>Period in calendar year when practising certificate is in force</i>	<i>Third column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from all CPD activities</i>	<i>Fourth column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from accredited CPD activities</i>	<i>Fifth column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from CPD activities under mandatory categories of CPD activities</i>	<i>Sixth column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from accredited CPD activities under mandatory categories of CPD activities</i>
1. Less than 5	(a) more than 8 months	16	8	3	1.5
	(b) more than 5 months up to 8 months	8	4	0	0
	(c) 5 months or less	0	0	0	0
2. 5 to 15	(a) more than 8 months	16	8	3	1.5
	(b) more than 5 months up to 8 months	8	4	0	0
	(c) 5 months or less	0	0	0	0
3. More than 15	(a) more than 8 months	13	6.5	3	1.5
	(b) more than 5 months up to 8 months	6.5	3.5	0	0
	(c) 5 months or less	0	0	0	0

PART 5

**CPD REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO SOLICITORS
IN CALENDAR YEAR 2028 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS**

<i>First column</i> <i>Number of years' standing on 1 January in calendar year</i>	<i>Second column</i> <i>Period in calendar year when practising certificate is in force</i>	<i>Third column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from all CPD activities</i>	<i>Fourth column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from accredited CPD activities</i>	<i>Fifth column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from CPD activities under mandatory categories of CPD activities</i>	<i>Sixth column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from accredited CPD activities under mandatory categories of CPD activities</i>
1. Less than 5	(a) more than 8 months	16	8	3	1.5
	(b) more than 5 months up to 8 months	8	4	0	0
	(c) 5 months or less	0	0	0	0
2. 5 to 15	(a) more than 8 months	16	8	3	1.5
	(b) more than 5 months up to 8 months	8	4	0	0
	(c) 5 months or less	0	0	0	0
3. More than 15	(a) more than 8 months	16	8	3	1.5
	(b) more than 5 months up to 8 months	8	4	0	0
	(c) 5 months or less	0	0	0	0

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Replacement of Second Schedule

8. In the principal Rules, replace the Second Schedule with —
“SECOND SCHEDULE

Rule 9(2)

PART 1

CPD REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO FOREIGN PRACTITIONERS IN CALENDAR YEARS 2017 TO 2024

<i>First column</i> <i>Period in calendar year when foreign practitioner certificate is in force</i>	<i>Second column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from all CPD activities</i>	<i>Third column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from accredited CPD activities</i>
1. More than 8 months	8	4
2. More than 5 months up to 8 months	4	2
3. 5 months or less	0	0

PART 2

CPD REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO FOREIGN PRACTITIONERS IN CALENDAR YEAR 2025

<i>First column</i> <i>Period in calendar year when foreign practitioner certificate is in force</i>	<i>Second column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from all CPD activities</i>	<i>Third column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from accredited CPD activities</i>	<i>Fourth column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from CPD activities under mandatory categories of CPD activities</i>	<i>Fifth column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from accredited CPD activities under mandatory categories of CPD activities</i>
1. More than 8 months	10	5	3	1.5
2. More than 5 months up to 8 months	5	2.5	0	0
3. 5 months or less	0	0	0	0

PART 3

CPD REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO
FOREIGN PRACTITIONERS IN CALENDAR YEAR 2026

<i>First column</i> <i>Period in calendar year when foreign practitioner certificate is in force</i>	<i>Second column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from all CPD activities</i>	<i>Third column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from accredited CPD activities</i>	<i>Fourth column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from CPD activities under mandatory categories of CPD activities</i>	<i>Fifth column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from accredited CPD activities under mandatory categories of CPD activities</i>
1. More than 8 months	13	6.5	3	1.5
2. More than 5 months up to 8 months	6.5	3.5	0	0
3. 5 months or less	0	0	0	0

PART 4

CPD REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO
FOREIGN PRACTITIONERS IN CALENDAR YEAR 2027
AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS

<i>First column</i> <i>Period in calendar year when foreign practitioner certificate is in force</i>	<i>Second column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from all CPD activities</i>	<i>Third column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from accredited CPD activities</i>	<i>Fourth column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from CPD activities under mandatory categories of CPD activities</i>	<i>Fifth column</i> <i>Minimum number of CPD points from accredited CPD activities under mandatory categories of CPD activities</i>
1. More than 8 months	16	8	3	1.5
2. More than 5 months up to 8 months	8	4	0	0
3. 5 months or less	0	0	0	0

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