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UPDATE: OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION ON THE CPD SCHEME (PHASE 2)

1. The Institute thanks respondents for the feedback received from the consultation exercise on the recommendations for the second implementation phase ('Phase 2') of the mandatory continuing professional development scheme ('CPD scheme'), which it has considered.
2. Consequently, the Institute expects that, effective 1 January 2015, the CPD scheme as it exists currently will apply with the additional characteristics below:
 - 2.1. Regular and locum solicitors in three lawyer categories will need to fulfil CPD requirements. The lawyer categories are expected to be:
 - 2.1.1. lawyers admitted to the Singapore Bar for less than 5 years ('Newly-qualified Lawyers');
 - 2.1.2. lawyers admitted to the Singapore Bar for 5 to 15 years ('Senior Lawyers');
 - 2.1.3. holders of the Foreign Practitioner Certificate ('FPC Holders').
 - 2.2. Senior Lawyers and FPC Holders may obtain CPD points for conducting CPD activities.
 - 2.3. Lawyers in all lawyer categories may obtain CPD points for approved participation in selected SILE programmes, such as teaching in the Preparatory Course leading to Part B of the Singapore Bar Examinations.
 - 2.4. Lawyers in all lawyer categories may obtain private CPD points for undertaking 'other eligible activities' which may include:
 - 2.4.1. participating in approved committees of the Law Society of Singapore, Singapore Academy of Law and Singapore Institute of Legal Education;
 - 2.4.2. participating in the Pro Bono Programme for Law Students as a supervisor;
 - 2.4.3. attending approved categories of learning activities targeted at improving the work-life skills of lawyers such as office productivity skills, communication skills, time management, financial literacy etc.

3. The indicative CPD points requirements for CPD Year 2015 are as follows:
 - 3.1. Newly-qualified lawyers: 16 CPD points (at least 8 of which must be public CPD points).
 - 3.2. Senior Lawyers and FPC Holders: 8 CPD points (at least 4 of which must be public CPD points).
4. The information set out in this update is indicative only, and subject to the passing of the relevant subsidiary legislation. The Institute will provide updates in due course as information becomes available.
5. For more information on the current CPD scheme, please visit <http://www.silecpdcentre.sg/>.

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