

Continuing Professional Development Scheme

Advisory

Accreditation of Webinars & Extension Waiver for CPD Year 2020: CPD-2020-3

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1. Given that social distancing measures are expected to be in place for some time, the Singapore Institute of Legal Education ('SILE') has extended the accreditation of eligible webinars beyond 30 June 2020. Additionally, an Extension Waiver for CPD Year 2020 will be made available for lawyers who are unable to fulfil their CPD Year 2020 Points requirements by 31 December 2020.

(i) Accreditation of Webinars

2. The accreditation of eligible webinars will be extended to those taking place up until 31 December 2020. Accreditation of webinars may be discontinued at any time before 31 December 2020 in the appropriate circumstances, without prejudice to any webinars which have already been accredited at the point of time at which the practice is discontinued. Any such webinars will remain Accredited CPD Activities.

3. Accredited webinars are listed in the Calendar of Accredited Learning Activities ('CALAS') at <https://www.silecpdcentre.sg/calas/>. If an Accredited CPD Activity is being delivered in a webinar format, the event title will include the descriptor '[WEBINAR]'. CALAS will be updated progressively, as and when webinars are accredited by SILE.

(ii) Extension Waiver for CPD Year 2020

4. As an additional measure to help lawyers deal with the prevailing situation, lawyers who are not able to fulfil their CPD Year 2020 Points requirements by 31 December 2020 will be permitted a 'grace period' to do so ('Extension Waiver'). The period of the Extension Waiver for CPD Year 2020 will commence on 1 January 2021 and end on 31 March 2021 ('extension period').

5. Further information on the Extension Waiver, and instructions on how to rely on it, will be made available at the end of CPD Year 2020. In the meantime, notwithstanding the availability of the Extension Waiver, lawyers are strongly encouraged to try to meet their CPD requirements for CPD Year 2020 by participating in accredited webinars and undertaking non-accredited CPD activities such as eligible online courses and videos.

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