

Continuing Professional Development Scheme

Advisory

Extension Waiver for CPD Year 2021: CPD-2021-5

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For CPD Year 2021, lawyers who have not fulfilled their CPD Year 2021 Points requirements as at 31 December 2021 will be permitted a 'grace period' to do so ('Extension Waiver'). The period of the Extension Waiver for CPD Year 2021 will commence on 1 January 2022 and end on 31 March 2022 ('extension period').

2. During the extension period, lawyers may attend CPD Activities and obtain CPD Points that can be applied towards fulfilling either their CPD Year 2021 or CPD Year 2022 Points requirements. CPD Points obtained from undertaking a single CPD Activity cannot be split up and applied towards fulfilling CPD Points requirements for more than one CPD Year (e.g. for CPD Year 2021 and CPD Year 2022).

3. To be entitled to rely on the Extension Waiver, lawyers **must lodge a formal Extension Waiver Notice** after they have made up the shortfall in their CPD Year 2021 Points requirements. Lawyers must lodge the Extension Waiver Notice before applying for their Singapore Practising Certificates or Foreign Practitioner Certificates in 2022 and, in any event, no later than by 11.55pm on 30 April 2022.

4. To lodge the Extension Waiver Notice, lawyers must log into their ePortfolio accounts at <u>www.sileCPDcentre.sg</u> and complete and submit the electronic form which will be accessible as a link in each lawyer's ePortfolio homepage until 11.55pm on 30 April 2022.

5. Lawyers who rely on the Extension Waiver may be subject to an audit of their compliance with their CPD Requirements in this and subsequent years. The compliance audit is expected to take place from May 2022.

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