

# CPD Matters - 2017 Quick Guide

Continuing Professional Development ('CPD') is your investment in the continued currency and quality of your practice.

CPD Requirements include

- Obtaining CPD Points to meet the minimum requirements
- Keeping a record and evidence of your participation in CPD Activities
- Verifying your compliance with CPD Requirements if selected for audit

## When does the CPD Year run?

A CPD Year runs from 1 January to 31 December of the corresponding calendar year

## How many CPD Points do I need to obtain?



A **Group 3 Lawyer** is a lawyer admitted to the Singapore Bar on or before **31 December 2001**. For CPD Year 2017, Group 3 Lawyers need to obtain **4 CPD Points**, at least **2** of which must be Public CPD Points.



A **Group 2 Lawyer** is a lawyer admitted to the Singapore Bar between **1 January 2002 and 1 January 2012** (both dates inclusive). For CPD Year 2017, Group 2 Lawyers need to obtain **8 CPD Points**, **4** of which must be Public CPD Points.



A **Group 1 Lawyer** is a lawyer admitted to the Singapore Bar on or after **2 January 2012**. For CPD Year 2017, Group 1 Lawyers need to obtain **16 CPD Points**, **8** of which must be Public CPD Points.



An **s36B Foreign Lawyer** is a foreign lawyer registered under **section 36B** of the **Legal Profession Act**. For CPD Year 2017, s36B Foreign Lawyers need to obtain **8 CPD Points**, **4** of which must be Public CPD Points.

## How do I obtain CPD Points?

How to obtain Public CPD points:



Attend an Accredited CPD Activity – **1 Public CPD Point per hour** (unless otherwise specified). More examples can be found at [www.sileCPDcentre.sg/Lawyer/CPD-Requirement/Public-CPD-Points](http://www.sileCPDcentre.sg/Lawyer/CPD-Requirement/Public-CPD-Points). Refer to **CALAS** at [www.sileCPDcentre.sg/calas/](http://www.sileCPDcentre.sg/calas/) for upcoming Accredited CPD Activities.

Examples on how to obtain Private CPD Points:



Review a multimedia, Internet-based, audio-visual, audio or video programme or material – **0.5 Private CPD Point per half hour**



Attend a non-legal learning activity that enhances your professional skills – **1 Private CPD Point per hour**



Attend an in-house seminar conducted by a law firm – **1 Private CPD Point per hour**



Participate in the pro bono programme for law students – **maximum of 2 Private CPD Points per year**

## What do I need to note for Accredited CPD Activities?



**Before activity** – Indicate that you will be claiming CPD Points when registering for an activity. This is usually done by ticking a relevant checkbox and/or writing your AAS No./s36B FL No. on the activity's registration form.



**During activity** – Comply with the Attendance Policy. This includes signing in on time and signing out only after the end of the activity. Other conditions specific to a particular activity will be set out in its promotional materials.



**After activity** – Keep records and evidence of your participation. These include, but are not limited to, proof of your registration, confirmation of your attendance and a copy of the activity's notes or handouts.

## How do I keep track of my CPD Points?



You have an ePortfolio account through which you can record and monitor the CPD Points you obtain. Your ePortfolio is accessible through the SILE CPD Centre at [www.sileCPDcentre.sg](http://www.sileCPDcentre.sg).

- Public CPD Points obtained are automatically reflected in your ePortfolio within a month
- Private CPD Points must be self-updated in the Learning History page of your ePortfolio
- Ensure that personal details in your ePortfolio are kept current